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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MASON

Scott Paul Turchin, DOB: 10/9/1965, Petitioner, vs. Shawnie Ann Vedder, DOB: 5/31/1967, Respondent	No. 13 2 00281 1 DECLARATION OF SCOTT PAUL TURCHIN

My name is Scott Turchin. I am the Petitioner in this matter and submit this statement based upon personal knowledge.

The Respondent, Shawnie Vedder, and I are the parents of 16-year-old Mildred (Millie) Vedder. In 2001, an Agreed Final Parenting Plan was entered in Kitsap County Superior Court designating Shawnie as Millie's primary residential parent and granting me residential time with Millie.

Prior to the entry of our Final Parenting Plan, I had concerns regarding Shawnie's mental health issues, particularly regarding the below described incidents which occurred in 2000:

> 6/29/2000 – I received a JPEG photograph of what appears to be Shawnie's arm over a sink dripping blood from approximately twenty (20) slices in her arm. The photo is named "forbipolarsupport.jpg". A copy of the photograph is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. Shawnie's arm had (and may still have) scars from this incident.
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> 11/5/2000 – I was gone during this day but came home in the evening and found an email from 8:25 a.m. from Shawnie stating that she was going to kill my daughter Millie and

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her mother Verna. I immediately called Shawnie and when she failed to answer the phone, I called 911 and asked for a welfare check. The Kitsap County Sheriff's Office contacted CPS and someone from both the Sheriff's Office and CPS went to Shawnie's home, which was in Port Orchard at the time. There was a report filed under KCSO Case #00-19451. The email of the responding officer is ebockeli@co.kitsap.wa.us.

By the time the Final Parenting Plan was entered in 2001, it appeared that Shawnie's mental health issues were under control and, based on my belief that Shawnie's issues were resolved, I agreed to the entry of the Parenting Plan.

In 2008, a modified Final Parenting Plan was entered in Kitsap County Superior Court, which increased my School Break and Summer Schedule residential time with Millie. Again, I was still under the impression that Shawnie's mental health issues remained under control when the order was entered. While the Final Parenting Plan grants me residential time for half of the summer, Millie resided with me for most of last summer, by agreement with Shawnie.

Things went well until approximately 1-1/2 years ago, at which time Shawnie began demonstrating serious mental health issues once again. Below is a list of incidents that have occurred since December 2011:

12/18/2011 - At approximately 3:30 a.m. on 12/18/11, I received a call from Millie on her I-pod that Shawnie had thrown her out of the house after a verbal dispute. The Ipod required wi-fi connectivity to make a phone call from. Millie told me that her mom ripped the phones out of the house and disconnected internet connectivity during the dispute. She asked if I would come get her because she feared going home and that her mom would not let her take a coat, current temperature in Shelton that morning was 31 degrees F. She stated that her mom "dared" her to leave but then forced her out of the house. I called Shelton Police via 911 and asked for a Welfare check and asked if it was legal to pick up my daughter or if it would be considered Custodial Interference. The police officer said it was okay for me to pick Millie up so I proceeded to Shelton. I took my daughter back to Shawnie's home the following day so that she could return to school.

During Spring Break, 2012, out of anger, Shawnie picked up a bottle of water and threw it at Millie, striking her in the face. The bottle was frozen and it left a mark on her.

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Things seemed to settle down and Shawnie and I were able to agree on my extended visitation over the summer. I had hoped that the extended period of time would assist in settling things down between Shawnie and Mildred. However, the problems have quickly escalated in the past few months as set forth below:

2/19/2013 – I received a call from Shelton Police Department (PD) about a verbal and physical alteration that had occurred at my daughter's residence. My recollection about this incident is vague.

4/11/2013 – I received phone calls from both Millie and Shawnie about the incident that occurred. Shawnie stated that Millie had spent too long in the shower and that she attempted to shorten the shower after telling Millie to get out of the shower. When Millie did not get out of the shower, Shawnie pulled the shower curtain from the shower rod/stall. The bathroom door was then kicked by Millie after a verbal dispute, according to both Shawnie and Millie. Millie told me that her mother grabbed her arm with both of her hands and threw her into a wall. At that point, when Shawnie did not let go, Millie struck her mother to force her to release her.

4/15/2013 – Millie texted me that her mom was yelling and screaming at her. She was concerned that her mom was going to hurt her, so left the house as it was still daylight. Millie walked to the park with her boyfriend to get away from the situation. I didn't know that Millie had left the house and called Shelton PD to check on things. Shelton PD reported that Shawnie told them that the younger child stepped on something painful and screamed. Millie confirmed that both the violent argument and the incident of the younger child (Millie's younger sister from a different relationship) did occur and were not related.

4/18/2013 – I received a text message from Millie and in the conversation she stated that her mom had slapped her at 4:00 a.m. while she was sleeping, and was attempting to get her iphone from away her. It is my understanding that the Iphone contained photos of bruises that Millie received from a previous incident, but Shawnie claimed she was attempting to take it as a means of punishment for Millie, but I don't know what for. I again called Shelton PD to report the incident after the fact. I don't think that Shelton PD responded.

4/26/2013 – I picked Millie up for a scheduled visitation. She appeared very depressed, very unlike her. I asked what was wrong and she asked me to just get her away from her mother as her mother had been calling her names all day.

5/3/2013 – At approximately 7:00 a.m., I received a text from my daughter that her mother had thrown her shoes out in the yard and she missed her school bus. During this argument, Millie stated that her mom grabbed her arm with both hands and threw her. Millie got her shoes on and left the house and called me. I advised her to go to school and talk to her counselor but she was too upset and that her arm hurt really badly. I advised her to talk to CPS at this point in time. Millie asked me to stay on the phone while she walked approximately 1 mile to the DSHS office as she did not feel safe. Once there, she

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said she felt safe and texted me after the meeting to inform me she was going to go to school. CPS/DSHS advised her to speak to her school counselor. Later that evening, I received a text from my daughter asking if she could come over. Due to the late hour, I asked her to ask her mother and I would pick her up in the morning if her mother agreed. Shawnie agreed.

5/3/13 - I received a text from my daughter that she and her mom and were arguing and her mother grabbed her arm and threw her. She also stated they were out of toilet paper and this may have started the argument. My daughter asked if she could come over for the weekend. I asked her to clear it with her mother as I had a visitation the weekend prior. Shawnie agreed and I picked Millie up Saturday morning.

5/5/2013 – Upon returning my daughter to her residence, Shawnie and I spoke and worked out an agreement as to Millie moving in with me. Everything appeared peaceful so I returned to my house. At approximately 8:00 p.m., Millie texted me stating that there was no toilet paper in the house, and had not been since Wednesday or Thursday of the previous week. She claimed that Shawnie told her to use newspaper instead. I called Millie and overheard Shawnie state something similar to "Newspaper is acceptable". Millie's younger sister had borrowed a roll of toilet paper for Millie from a neighbor when the verbal dispute began. Since Millie was encountering her monthly cycle, she took the toilet paper in her room. Another argument ensued and I overheard much of it on the phone. I tried calling Shawnie on her home phone number but she simply stated "F*** you" and hung up the phone on me. During this dispute, Millie was in her bedroom and up in her bed (a bunk bed). Shawnie grabbed a full-length mirror and walked back and forth along the edge of the bed apparently to prevent Millie from filming her with Millie's Iphone camera. Shawnie then stuffed the mirror into the bed, breaking the mirror and shattering glass on the floor. I have reviewed the video.

Shawnie threatened Millie during an argument which occurred in this time frame that she was going to make a belt out of her pet Bearded Dragon Lizard. Millie was in fear of this occurring and asked me if I would take her pets.

5/7/2013 – I received a text message that Millie was awoken by her mother screaming obscenities about me loud enough so that Millie would overhear. I advised Millie to go back to sleep and ignore this.

Attached to this declaration and incorporated herein by this reference are copies of the most recent text messages that I have received from Millie regarding the problems that she is having with her mother. As relayed in these text messages from Millie, she is being both physically and mentally abused by her mother and she does not feel safe at her mother's home.

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Millie has also confided in me that her mother sometimes will come into her room every hour during the night and wake her up for no reason, making it difficult to sleep, not only because she gets woke up all the time, but she lies in fear of falling to sleep, not knowing what her mom will be doing next.

As stated above, CPS is now involved in the matter. I am filing under seal a letter that I received from Shelton DCFS dated May 6, 2013, regarding the current CPS investigation regarding Millie.

Shawnie has been diagnosed with some sort of mental disorder and is currently receiving Social Security disability for it. I am very concerned that without court intervention, Shawnie is going to seriously harm our daughter.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed at Belfair, Washington, on this 8th day of May, 2013.

SCOTT PAUL TURCHIN

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I, Daniel L. Goodell, of Houle & Goodell Attorneys PLLC, do hereby state and declare as follows:

1.) I am the attorney for the Petitioner, Scott Paul Turchin.

2.) I have examined the Declaration of Scott Paul Turchin to which this page is attached, and it consists of 6 pages, including the signature page and this page, and excluding the declaration pages.

2.) The foregoing document is complete and legible.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

SIGNED this 8 day of May, 2013, at Shelton, Washington.

Daniel L. Goodell, WSBA No. 14790
Attorney for Petitioner

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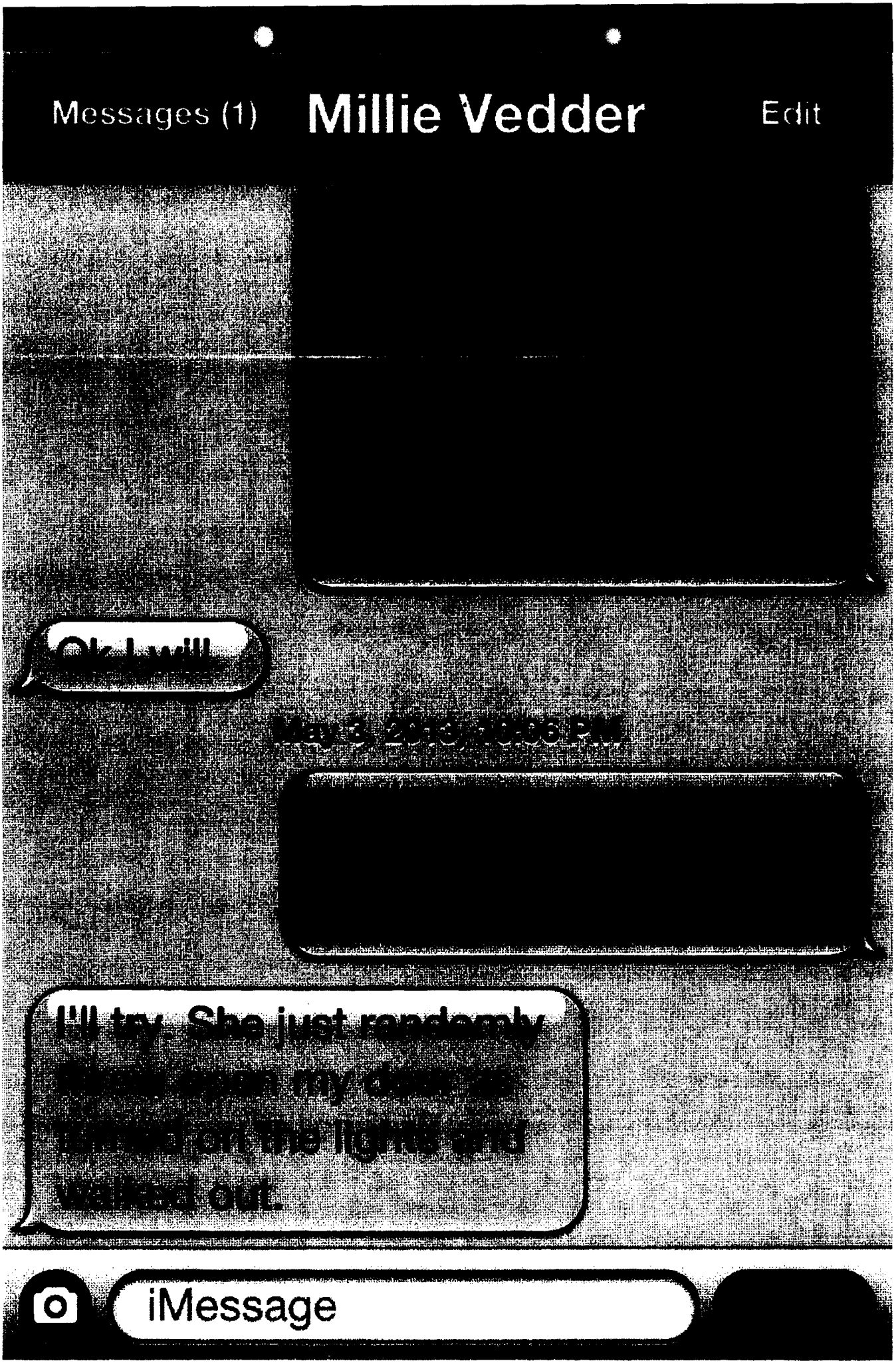
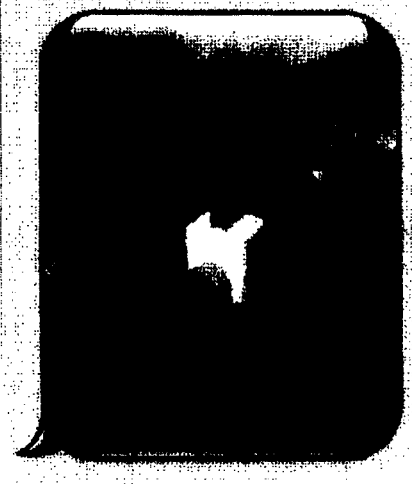

Messages (1)
Millie Vedder
Edit
Ok I will
May 3, 20[illegible] 10:06 PM
I'll try. She just randomly
[illegible]
walked out.
iMessage

Messages (1) **Millie Vedder** Edit

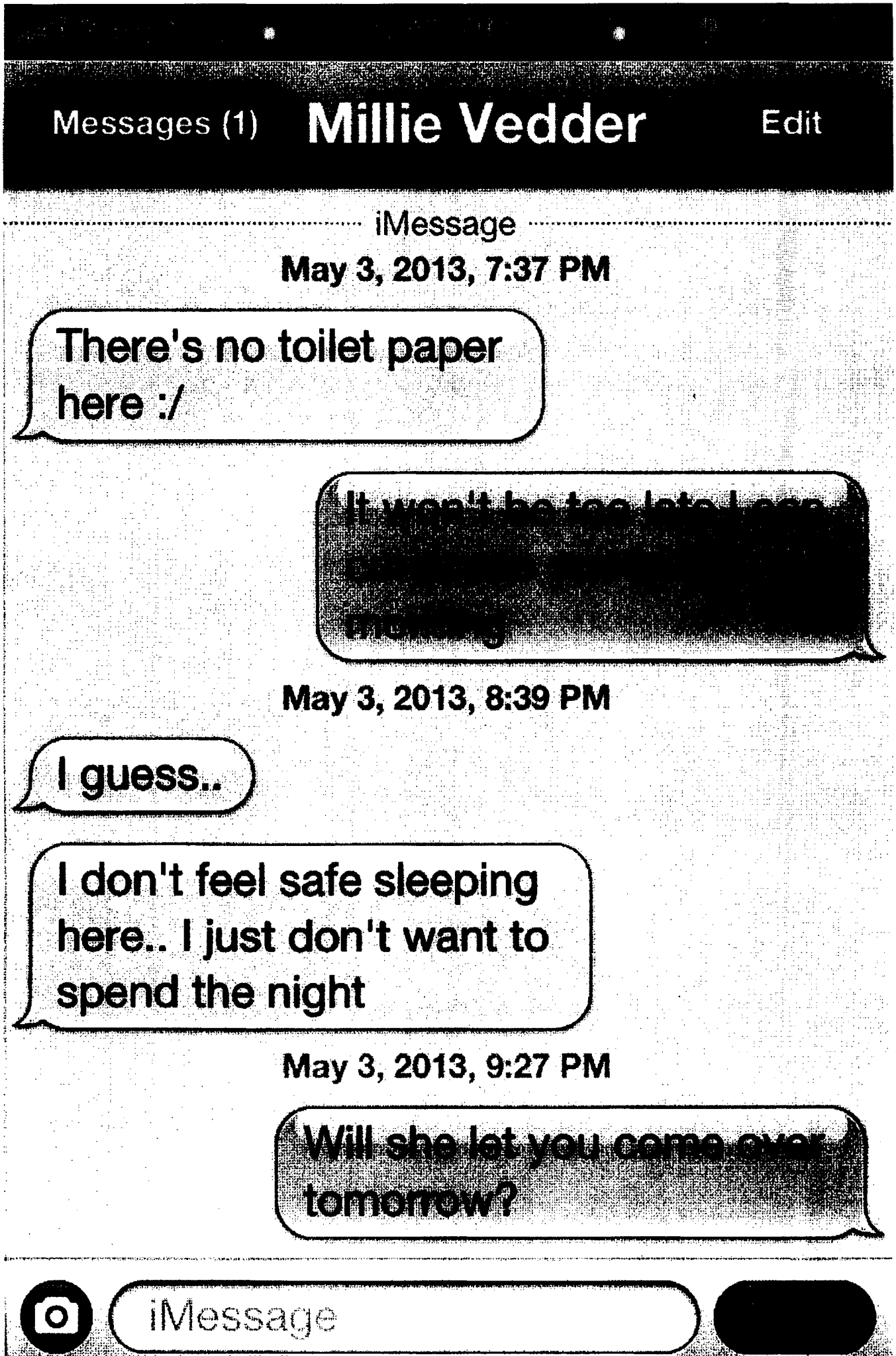
[redacted]

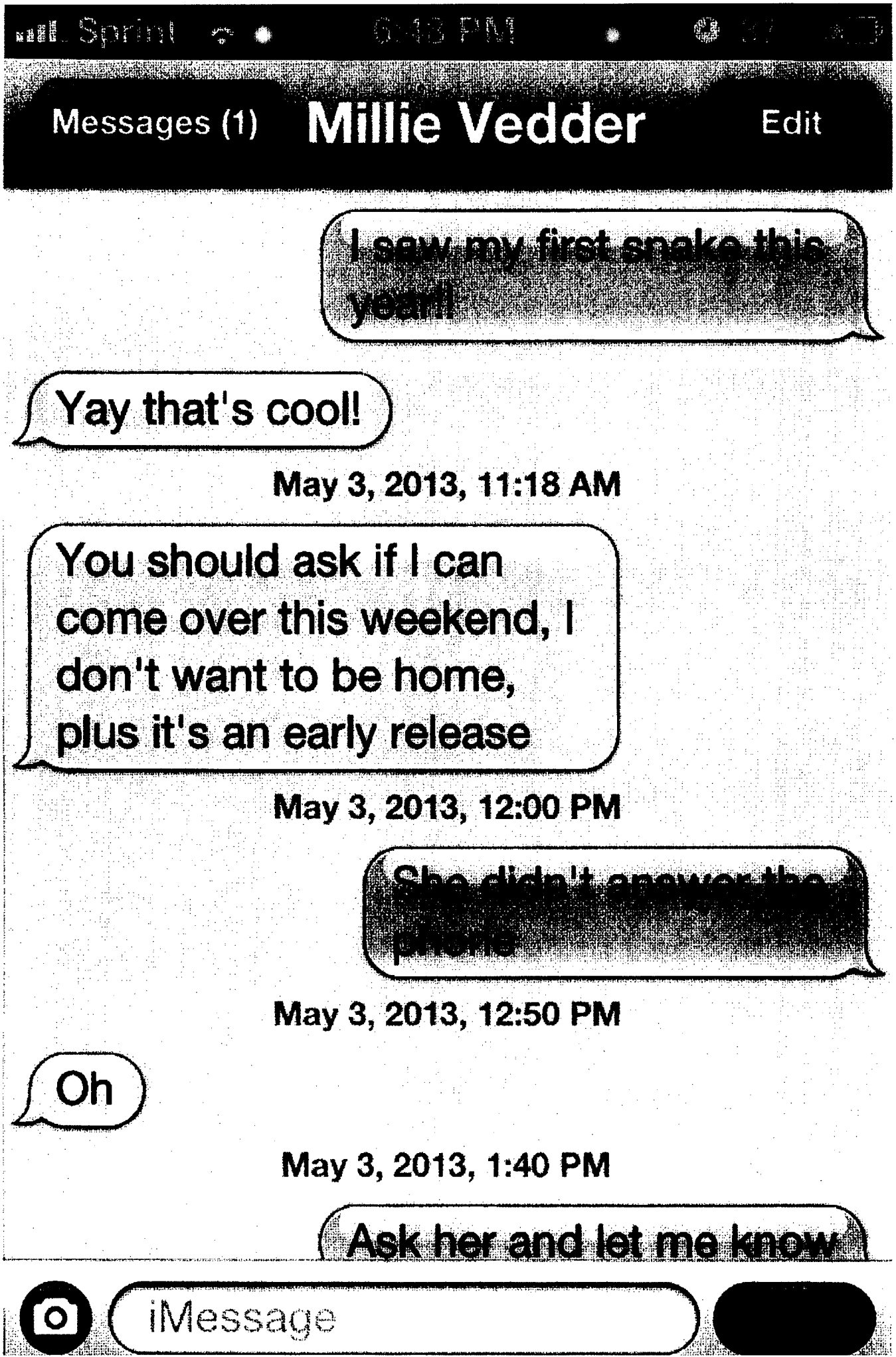
No this one

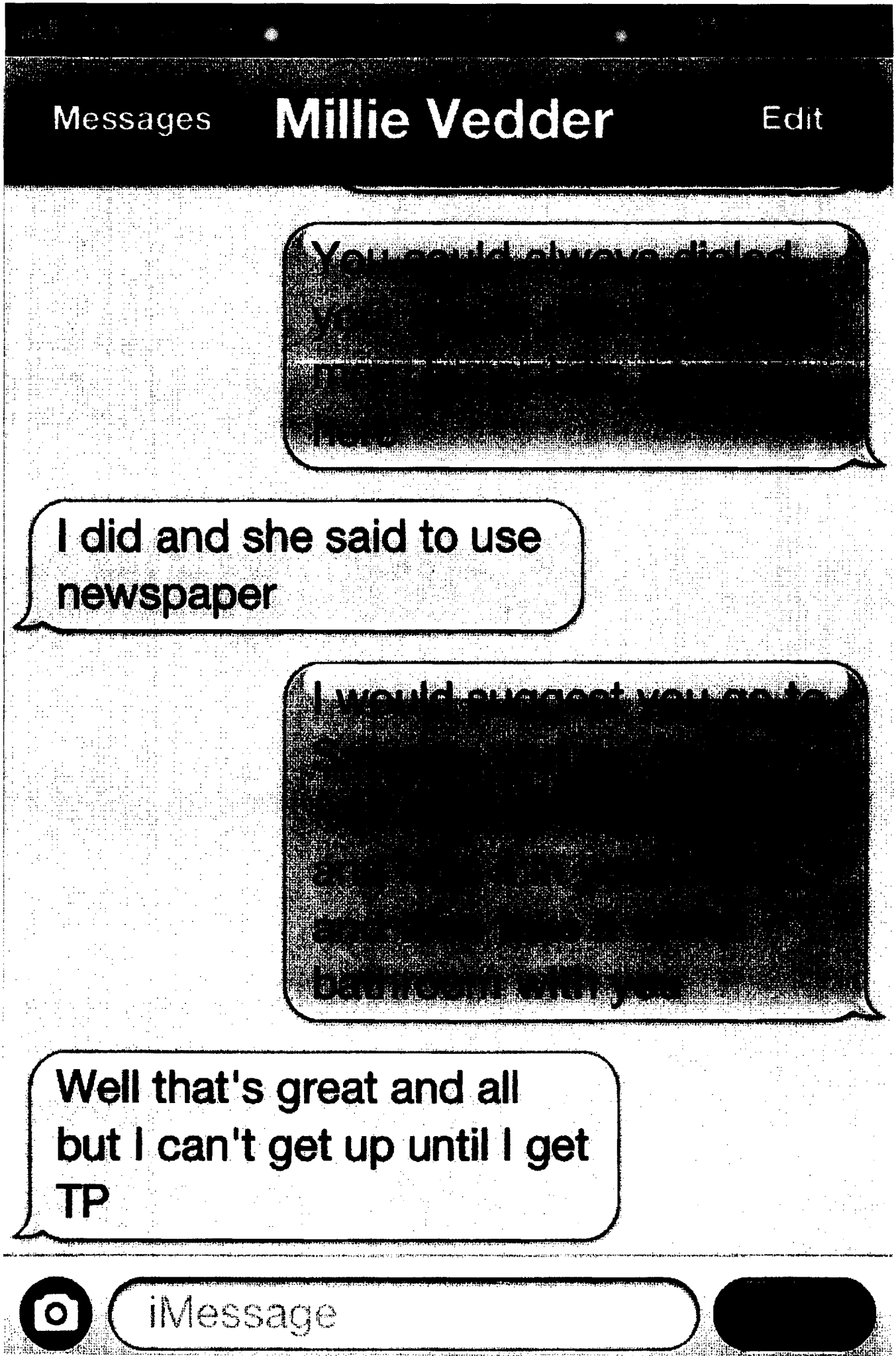


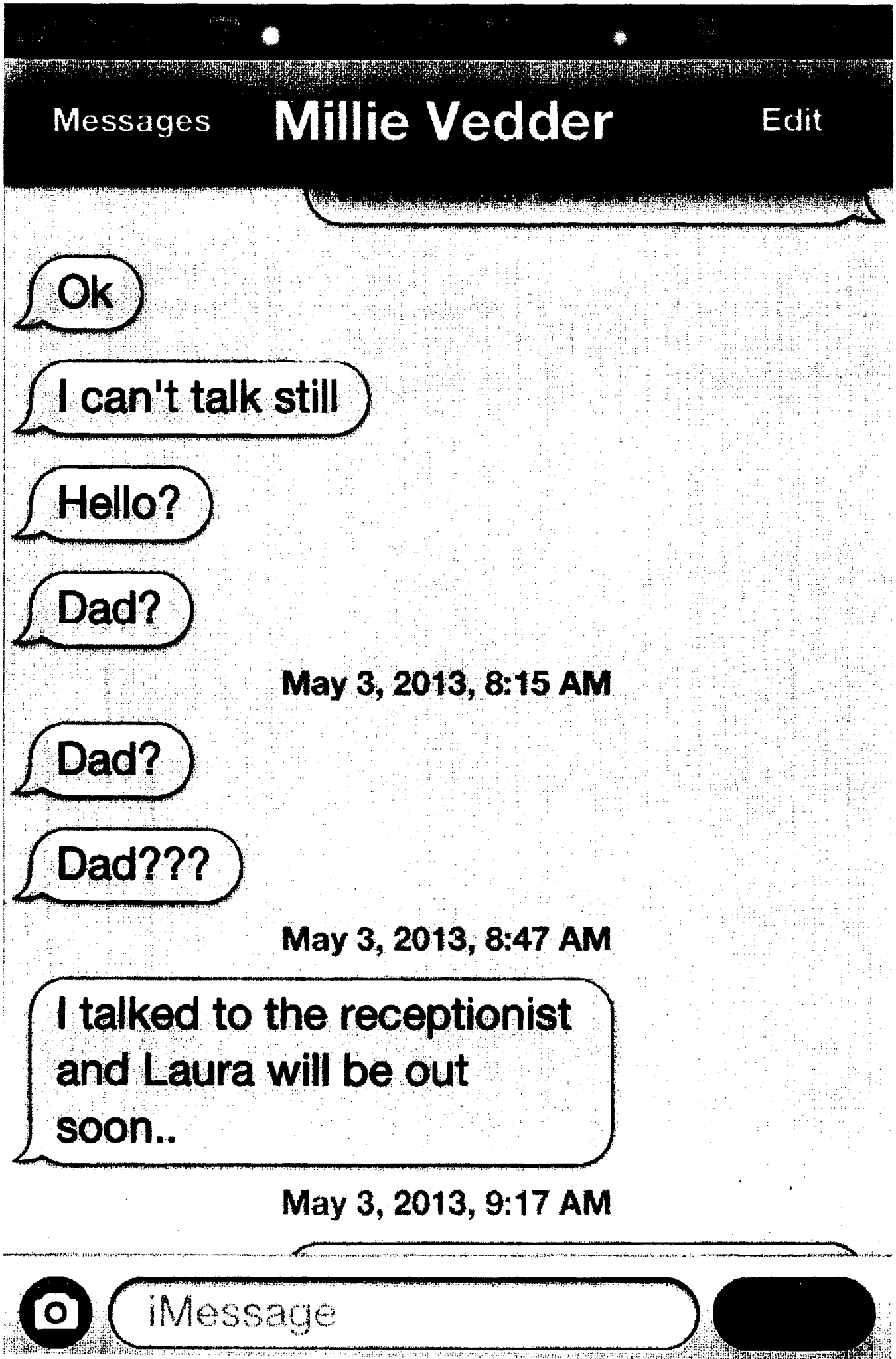
My mom said " tell the (insert lots of rude words about you) to give me the f[redacted]paperwork so I can f[redacted]sign it right now"

iMessage


Messages (1)
Millie Vedder
Edit
iMessage
May 3, 2013, 7:37 PM
There's no toilet paper here :/
May 3, 2013, 8:39 PM
I guess..
I don't feel safe sleeping here.. I just don't want to spend the night
May 3, 2013, 9:27 PM
Will she let you come over tomorrow?
iMessage

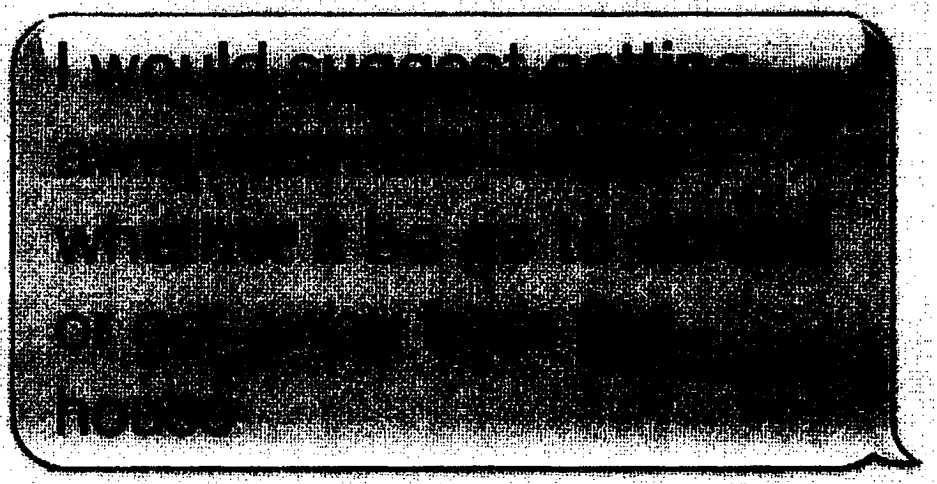

Sprint
6:48 PM
Messages (1)
Millie Vedder
Edit
I saw my first snake this year!!
Yay that's cool!
May 3, 2013, 11:18 AM
You should ask if I can come over this weekend, I don't want to be home, plus it's an early release
May 3, 2013, 12:00 PM
She didn't answer the phone
May 3, 2013, 12:50 PM
Oh
May 3, 2013, 1:40 PM
Ask her and let me know
iMessage


Messages
Millie Vedder
Edit
I did and she said to use newspaper
Well that's great and all but I can't get up until I get TP
iMessage


Messages
Millie Vedder
Edit
Ok
I can't talk still
Hello?
Dad?
May 3, 2013, 8:15 AM
Dad?
Dad???
May 3, 2013, 8:47 AM
I talked to the receptionist and Laura will be out soon..
May 3, 2013, 9:17 AM
iMessage

Messages **Millie Vedder** Edit

Ok.. I don't know what do do, I can't stop crying

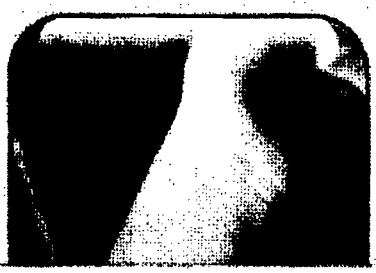


I screamed let me go when she grabbed me and it was like what you're supposed to do when someone grabs you because they know it attracts attention they don't want, and she let go but my arm hurts

iMessage

Messages (1) **Millie Vedder** Edit

I've wanted to kill myself for years now, I hate living here, she gave me my shoes back and darted screaming so I threw something of hers and she grabbed me and wouldn't let me go, I just barely dragged her out the door and screamed "let go of me" VERY loudly and she let go.. Please come get me, I can't even stop crying long enough to do anything, please



iMessage

Messages **Millie Vedder** Edit

Ok sweet dreams

Sweet dreams, love you!!

Love you too

May 5, 2013, 11:47 PM

She just opened mydoor

What is she doing?

I don't know. I think she's waiting until I'm asleep so she can steal my phone

iMessage

Sprint 7:1[illegible] PM

Messages **Millie Vedder** Edit

Can you please call her?

I did call and left her a [illegible] work until 8 AM

Ok

I can't talk still

Hello?

Dad?

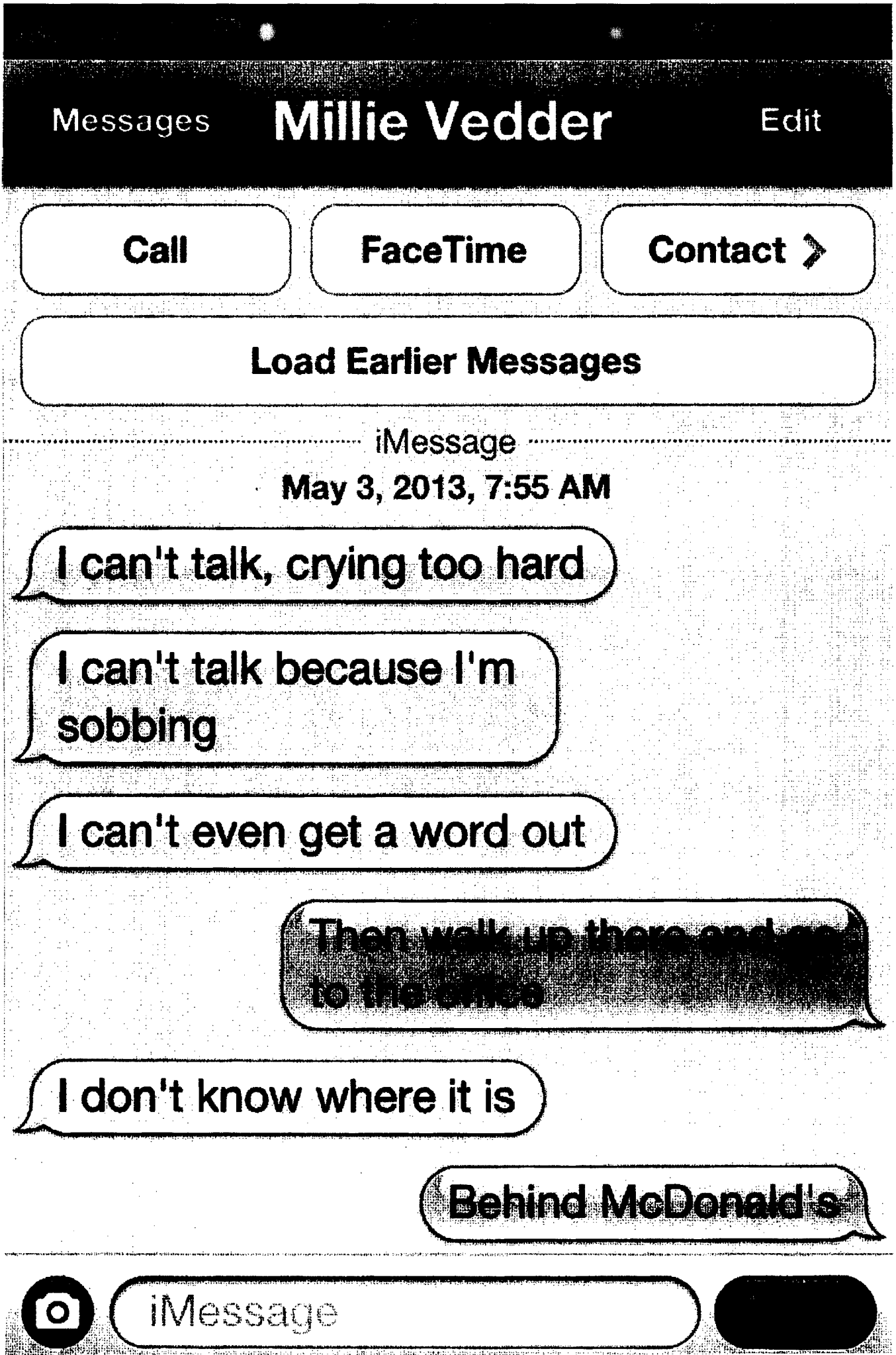
May 3, 2013, 8:15 AM

Dad?

Dad???

May 3, 2013, 8:47 AM

iMessage


Messages
Millie Vedder
Edit
Call
FaceTime
Contact
Load Earlier Messages
iMessage
May 3, 2013, 7:55 AM
I can't talk, crying too hard
I can't talk because I'm sobbing
I can't even get a word out
Then walk up there and
to the office
I don't know where it is
Behind McDonald's
iMessage

Messages **Millie Vedder** Edit

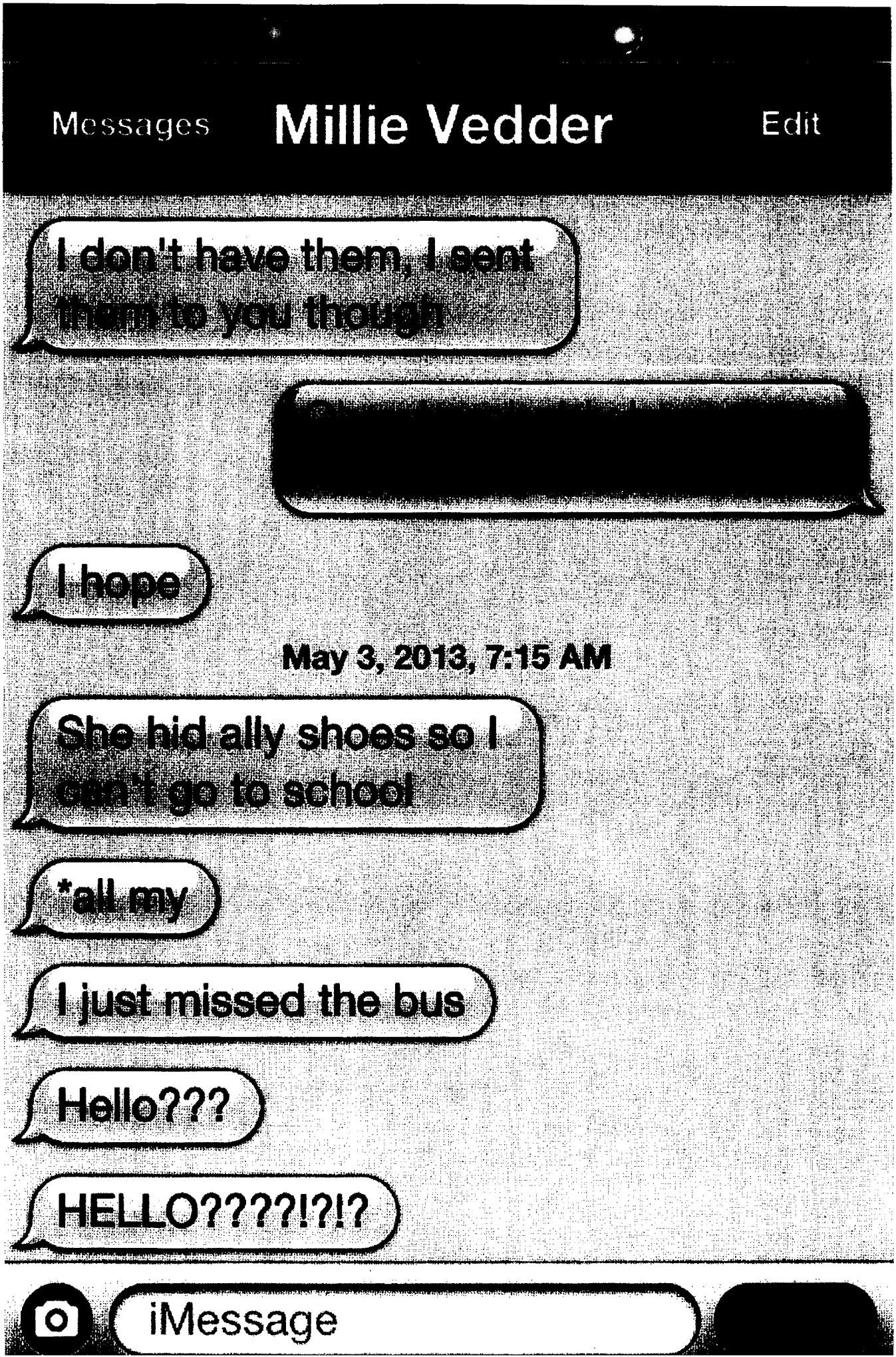
I don't have shoes to get then with??

[redacted]

I guess but she's being horrible I just don't even want to try. I just want to kill myself

I asked annice to get them for me

iMessage


Messages
Millie Vedder
Edit
I don't have them, I sent them to you though
I hope
May 3, 2013, 7:15 AM
She hid ally shoes so I can't go to school
*all my
I just missed the bus
Hello???
HELLO????!?!?
iMessage