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Medical Kidnapping Children in the United States: Massachusetts

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Massachusetts



Boston Hospital Seizes 15 Year Old From Parents Over Medical Treatment Disagreement



Health Impact News Editor Comments:

A 15-year old girl has been held for 9 months at Boston Children's Hospital against her wish, and against the wishes of her parents. Here is yet another case where a child "protection" government agency has abducted a child from loving parents all in the name of proper "medical treatment." She is being held hostage because of a controversial diagnosis of mental illness.

by [Beau Berman](#)
[FoxCT](#)

[Post](#) by [A Miracle for Justina](#).

Excerpts:

After a long history of medical problems, a West Hartford teenager is now "trapped" inside a hospital with seemingly no way out.

Fox CT spent the past few months investigating the emotional case.

It has been a bitter custody battle, and nine months after it started, it's still going on.

In December 2012, Justina Pelletier was an active 15-year-old girl who would go ice skating, laughed and spent time with her family.

But just two months later, her family says their nightmare began.

"[Exhales] It's beyond any wildest nightmare that you could think of," says Justina's father, Lou Pelletier.

Her longtime West Hartford psychologist has also been following the case.

“It’s the most bizarre situation ... I’ve ever been involved with,” says Dean Hokanson, the clinical psychologist who has worked with Justina the past five years.

Justina was diagnosed with mitochondrial disease a few years ago. It’s a genetic disorder that can cause loss of muscle coordination and weakness.

Despite that diagnosis she lived a normal life.

But last February, she also got the flu and was admitted to Boston Children’s Hospital to see her specialist.

Almost immediately, a different team of doctors delivered a different diagnosis, questioning the original diagnosis of mitochondrial disease.

“They came in, and they said we cannot take Justina out of the hospital. They called DCF,” says Linda Pelletier, Justina’s mother.

They said Justina had “somatoform disorder.”

In short, they were saying she suffered from a mental illness, not mitochondrial disease.

Her parents, Lou and Linda Pelletier, were escorted out of the hospital by security, and within four days, they lost custody of Justina.

In addition to working with Justina, Dean Hokanson also testified at one of the court proceedings.

“They were actually being accused of being too active in pursuing healthcare matters for their child,” says Hokanson.

“It is kidnapping,” says Lou Pelletier.

Read the [Full Story Here](#) and watch the video.

Video no longer available.

More on [Justina Pelletier](#)

**Protest Planned for Justina
Pelletier held by Boston
Children's Hospital Against Her
Parents' Will for Nearly 10
months**



Update 12/6/2013

Justina was not released yesterday. She is still being held against her parents' will. See video report below by FOX CT which has done very good investigative reporting on this.

Video no longer available.

Excerpts:

Another custody hearing and another disappointment for Lou and Linda Pelletier.

The West Hartford parents say their daughter Justina transformed from being able to ice skate to being in a wheelchair, all within the last nine months, while she has been in Boston Children's Hospital.

"This can happen to anybody," said Heather Harwood, one of several people who showed up to protest outside the courthouse at Justina's latest custody hearing Thursday morning.

Some, like Harwood, drove from Connecticut, while others drove 3 1/2 hours from Maine to support the family of Justina Pelletier.

Because of a gag order issued by the judge on Nov. 7, the Pelletiers can't discuss the case anymore, but Harwood showed up to voice *her* support.

Holding signs calling it a "kangaroo court," about 12 protesters stood just feet from the courthouse doors, explaining their cause to those who asked what was going on.

“It’s not right ... what’s happening to the Pelletiers,” said Harwood.

Justina was diagnosed with mitochondrial disease three years ago, a condition causing muscle pain and weakness, and was then admitted to Boston Children’s Hospital in February 2013 with the flu.

But her parents say doctors there said Justina had somotoform disorder, not mitochondrial disease, essentially saying her pain was caused by a mental condition, not physical.

When her parents demanded a second opinion, they say they were escorted out by security, and within four days, a judge awarded custody to the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families.

“The doctors think that they know better, and they just take our children from us, and I’m afraid to go to different doctors. I’m afraid to go to the ER. I’m afraid that this could happen to me, too,” said Harwood during the protest.

Read the [Full Story here](#)

PROTEST Boston Children’s Hospital and the Department of Children and Families of Massachusetts

[Facebook Event](#)

Thursday, December 5, 2013

In the past 3 years, and overwhelmingly in the last 12 months, a number of families have sought the help from patient advocacy organizations due to false accusations of medical child abuse, overmedicalization, Munchausen's by Proxy or somatoform disorder placed upon the patient and family by BCH.

Currently, 15 year old Justina from CT has been held at BCH going on 10 months! Her parents and family are only allowed one hour of monitored visitation and 2 20 minute monitored phone calls each week. Shockingly, this family has written proof that every medical action taken by them in their care of Justina was ordered by a physician. Despite this proof, BCH forcibly removed the parents from Justina's care and have since assumed custody of their child indefinitely.

The parents of Justina's next court date is 12/5/13

We hope that Justina will be released to the custody of her parents that day.

Please attend the protest and show your support for the family and all families that have been affected by such poor and unjust decisions.

Physical address: Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street, 3rd Floor Boston, MA 02114 for GPS users.

<https://youtu.be/DufoKkmL6yk>

Original Story:

**Boston Hospital Seizes 15 Year Old From
Parents Over Medical Treatment
Disagreement**

Teen-age Girl Forceably Held by Boston Children's Hospital Might be Transferred Back to Connecticut



Health Impact News Editor

A teen-age girl who has been held at Boston Children's Hospital against her will and the will of her parents for 11 months due to a dispute in medical treatment may be transferred back to Connecticut soon.

These are the reports coming out of the most recent court hearing in Boston. The judge presiding over the case has issued a gag order, so it is difficult to get details. Beau Berman is an investigative reporter that has been covering this story from West Hartford Connecticut, which is where the home of the family is located, and updates the story in the [following video](#):

Video no longer available.

The judge reportedly ruled that the State of Massachusetts will not receive permanent custody of Justina Pelletier, where she has been held in custody in Boston Children's Hospital "Bader 5 psychiatric unit. It appears the judge would like Justina to go back to Connecticut, which is where she was originally being treated until Boston Children's Hospital intervened and kept her detained in their psych ward because of a disagreement over her diagnosis. The family had brought Justina in to Boston Children's Hospital to simply receive treatment for the flu. They have not been allowed to bring her home now for 11 months, as they watch her condition deteriorate, only being allowed to visit her once a week.

Ted Glanzer of the [West Hartford Patch](#) has also been covering this story, and he reports that Kathleen Higgins, a former Boston Children's nurse, wrote a Jan. 8 letter to Olga Roche, commissioner of the Department of Children and Families, stating that the hospital's treatment of Justina in this case was more akin to "torture." She wrote:

From the perspective of the teen whose life has been derailed, she is the ward of a state devoid of compassion and conscience, prohibited from contact with every facet of her life that holds meaning for her. I am submitting this information, which has been made public, in the form of a complaint against Judge Joseph Johnston, Dr. Colleen Ryan and the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families for the emotional and medical abuse Justina Pelletier has suffered for nearly a year.

Glanzer also reports that attorney Barry Pollack, a former federal prosecutor and the longest-tenured member of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Society for the

Prevention of Cruelty to Children, called for the closure of the psychiatric unit of Boston Children's Hospital, which is known as Bader 5.

“Based on [published] reports by several families, there has been a pattern of abuse of children by one or more healthcare providers at the Bader 5 inpatient unit of Children's Hospital,” Pollack wrote. “My clients' case involved the failure of Bader 5 providers to protect a 14-year-old girl, as set forth in the accompanying Complaint. I understand that other cases in which children have been confined in Bader 5 involve(d) controversial diagnoses concerning mitochondrial disorder (such as in the high profile Pelletier case and a less publicized Hilliard case), PANDAS (such as in the Wray case), and Lyme disease.”

Pollack went on to call Bader 5's approach as “anti-parent” that “fails to respect the time-honored importance of the parental relationship, at the expense of children and families.”

“Children in Bader 5 can be blocked from the outside world and even at times daylight,” Pollack wrote. “For those children, like all victimized children, an important step in recovery can be an acknowledgement of wrongdoing by an institution that has failed them. Bader 5 has clearly failed and hurt many of its patients and their families.” ([Source.](#))

Read the background on [the story of Justina Pelletier here.](#)

Unfortunately, Justina's story is not all that unusual. There are many cases very similar to this one, where Child Protection Services or a similar agency, is used by a doctor or hospital to seize children away from their parents when they did not comply to their recommended medical treatments.

We have reported on many of these here at Health Impact News (see links below). In one case we reported on last year, an Amish family fled the U.S. to avoid forced chemotherapy on their 10 year old daughter. The girl had been awarded custody to the hospital, because doctors claimed she only had months to live, but the family took the girl outside the U.S. for alternative cancer therapy, and is today reportedly cancer free. The father of the girl reported that his daughter was part of an experimental cancer drug trial at the hospital that they did not approve of. [Read more of her story.](#)

The only reason we can bring you this story about Justina Pelletier at Boston Children's Hospital, is because local investigative reporters picked up the story and published it. In almost all of these cases the action of removing children from parents are carried out in secrecy with gag orders in place, and are therefore mostly unknown to the public. I am following several similar stories right now based on Facebook postings, but unless a local reporter picks up the story and covers it in the local media, it is very difficult to know enough details to publish a story.

[Beau Berman](#), the local reporter covering the Justina Pelletier story, met a man attending the Justina Pelletier rallies outside the courthouse in Boston who claims the same thing happened to his child, and the hospital ended up killing his 2 year old son who had previously been healthy, and fed only organic food. Here is the video:

From YouTube description: *Testimony of David Silver on how his healthy 2 y.o. son was removed by the MA Dept. of Children & Families with fraudulent mental illness diagnoses on the parents, and how his son was eventually killed in October 2013 after harmful*

forced-medical treatment and psychiatric drugs at three Harvard hospitals: Boston Childrens, Brigham & Women's and Massachusetts General Hospital.

One thing that is crystal clear: children are constantly being seized from their parents due to disagreements over medical treatments all across America.

How Child "Protection" Services is Legally Abducting Children in the U.S.

CPS Assaults Father and Snatches Baby from Mother After Doctor Discharges Baby from Hospital

Newborn Baby Seized by Hospital and Police Because Mother Questioned Vaccine

Police use Assault Weapons and Tank against Home School Mom wanting to protect daughter from Dangerous Medications

More Accusations Emerge Over Boston Children's Hospital's Forced Medical Treatments

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[Beau Berman](#) is an investigative reporter that has been covering the Justina Pelletier story at Boston Children's Hospital, where a teen-age girl is being held against her wish and the wishes of her parents for more than 11 months now, over a disagreement on her medical treatment.

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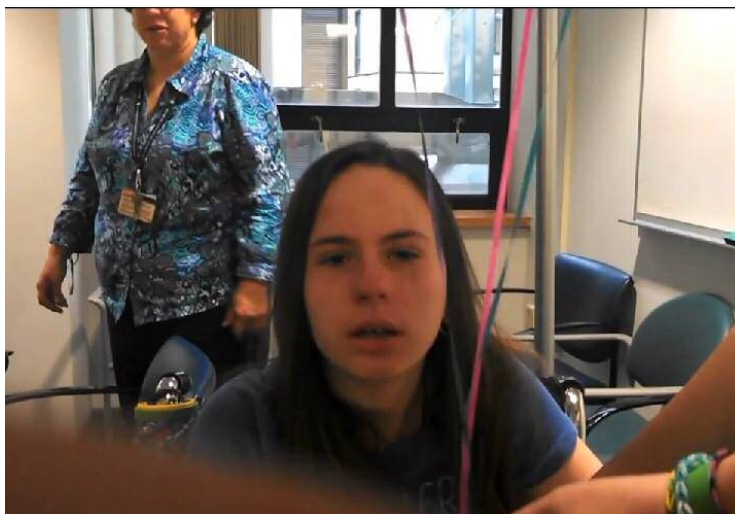
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A follower on Mr. Berman's Facebook Page pointed out another published story from 2008 where a child died while in custody at Boston Children's Hospital, after being removed from her parents over a disagreement on medical treatment. See: [Girl In Medical Dispute Dies](#)

Justina Pelletier Finally Leaves Boston Children's Hospital, but not Returned to Parents



UPDATE 3/25/2014

Judge rules permanent custody of Justina to the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families.

Video no longer available.

UPDATE 3/17/2014

Justina Pelletier's story was carried by Dr. Phil today:

<https://youtu.be/un-fQMTS1xU>

More here: <http://www.drphil.com/shows/show/2193/>

After the court hearing today, the family made the following Press Release:

“At the hearing today, Judge Johnston took under advisement the motions previously submitted by the Pelletiers, but refused to take action about Justina’s care or custody.”

“Despite Justina’s worsening condition, Judge Johnston still has not enforced his ruling to transfer Justina’s medical care to Tufts. Justina remains at the Framingham Foster Facility and has not been seen by a single doctor, apart from an emergency room visit on Saturday, due to her declining medical condition.”

UPDATE 3/2/2014

Justina Pelletier Might be Closer to Going Home

UPDATE 2/26/2014

[The Blaze](#) is reporting that Massachusetts lawmakers are getting involved in the Justina Pelletier case and have begun circulating a resolution asking the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to initiate the process of releasing the teenager to her parents. They are also reporting that Justina Pelletier will [not be transferred to foster care](#) against her parents wishes after the Shared Living Collaborative declined to accept the girl due to the national attention surrounding the case, according the Boston Globe, which cites unnamed sources. [Full Story here.](#)

UPDATE 2/24/2014

The judge ordered Justina to foster care until the next hearing in March. Her mother Linda collapsed at the court house and had to be taken by ambulance to the hospital.

UPDATE 2/21/2014

From [The Blaze](#):

“Children who are Wards of the state may be included in research that presents minimal risk...or greater than minimal risk with a prospect of direct benefit.”

That’s a line from Boston Children’s Hospital’s “[Clinical Investigations Policy and Procedure Manual](#). It’s the same facility that took over the care of 15-year-old Justina Pelletier against her parents’ wishes last year and they continue to wonder why.

[Full Story](#).

UPDATE 2/20/2014

Megyn Kelly of Fox News interviews Lou Pelletier. National exposure of this story is gaining.

<http://youtu.be/Nl-n9VokiXU>

UPDATE 2/19/2014

After his appearance with Glenn Beck (below) The Massachusetts Department of Children and Families (DCF)

filed a motion for Lou Pelletier, the father of 15-year-old Justina Pelletier, to be held in contempt of court. [Story here](#).

UPDATE 2/18/2014

Lou Pelletier, Justina's father was interviewed by Glenn Beck yesterday:

Video no longer available.

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[The Boston Globe](#) and the [West Hartford Patch](#) are reporting that Justina Pelletier has finally left Boston Children's Hospital, where she was held captive against her desire, and the desire of her parents, for almost one year. She has not been returned to her parents, however. She has reportedly been transferred to the Wayside Youth and Family Support Network in Framingham, Massachusetts, and is still under the care of doctors at Boston's Children's hospital.

A judge ruled earlier this month (January 2014) that Boston Children's Hospital could not indefinitely detain Justina in their Children's Bader 5 psychiatric unit, and reportedly ordered that a plan be put into place to transfer her back to Connecticut, which is where her home is and where her parents live. It is also where Tufts Medical Center is located, the facility originally treating Justina before Boston Children's Hospital had the Massachusetts Child Protection Agency seize custody of Justina due to a disagreement over her treatment.

Beau Berman, a local investigative reporter from Fox CT, has covered this story in depth. You can watch all of his reports

put [together in one timeline here](#). In the [video report](#) below, he gives background information regarding Justina's case, showing how Boston Children's Hospital has a history of seizing children from parents.

<https://youtu.be/se56BP6WEkc>

You can also read the [transcript here](#). Some excerpts:

For years Justina had been diagnosed mitochondrial disease, a relatively newly discovered disease, causing muscle pain and weakness.

But her condition was made worse when she caught the flu in February.

So at the recommendation of her doctor at Tufts Medical Center, Mark Korson, she was admitted to Boston Children's Hospital to see her gastro-intestinal specialist, Dr. Alex Flores, who had transferred from Tufts to BCH.

Yet almost immediately after admission, a different set of doctors came in with a different diagnosis, saying Justina had somatoform disorder, a mental problem, not mitochondrial disease.

When her parents, Lou and Linda, disagreed with the diagnosis and asked to discharge their daughter, security blocked the hospital doors.

Lou even called 911 and Boston Police showed up. But it was too late.

"They came in, and they said we cannot take Justina out of the hospital. They called DCF, and they filed a 51A," says

Linda Pelletier.

The 51A form allowed DCF to get custody of Justina.

Internal hospital documents obtained by Fox CT revealed that the hospital accused the Pelletiers of medical child abuse.

Ten months later, Justina is still hospitalized and all along her parents have been fighting for her custody in a Massachusetts courtroom.

Perhaps most troubling is that our continuing investigation has shown the Pelletiers aren't alone.

We found that Massachusetts mother Jessica Hilliard's son, Gabriel, also has been diagnosed with mitochondrial disease and that in 2011, his parents were also accused of medical child abuse by Boston Children's Hospital.

"My husband and I knew what was happening. As soon as we understood that child protection was getting involved, we immediately understood that they were going to try to take custody from us because that was their pattern. By this point I had met several families who had gone through this at Boston Children's," says Hilliard.

Fox CT spoke exclusively with Higgins, a registered nurse who worked at Boston Children's Hospital from 2005 to 2010.

She says she resigned after blowing the whistle on what she says was inappropriate conduct on the psychiatric floor, which is called "Bader 5."

“What I saw was a strong motivation by these very young clinicians to be in total control of a treatment of a child. Once they’re in DCF custody, they no longer have the difficulty of getting the parents on board,” says Higgins. [Read the Full Story Here.](#)

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In this current case with Justina Pelletier, The Boston Globe

is reporting that the judge ordered that Justina should be returned to the jurisdiction of Connecticut, where the parents hope she will be returned to her original doctor and original treatment where they will regain custody. However, the judge reportedly also ruled that the parents will have to follow a “code of conduct” imposed by doctors:

This transitional period will provide time for the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families, which holds custody of the teenager, to discuss possible transfer of her case to their counterparts in Connecticut. It will also be a test for Justina’s parents, who have a long history of clashing with providers over their daughter’s care. In addition to the development of a care plan, the court has requested the establishment of a code of conduct that Justina’s parents, among others, will have to abide by. [Source](#).

While Justina’s case has gained national attention, mainly due to a local investigative reporter from her home town ([Beau Berman](#)), sadly this kind of “medical kidnapping” is happening all across the United States, where medical doctors employed in the pharmaceutical-driven medical care system are deemed by government agencies to have more authority over the medical care of children than the child’s own parents.

Unless a local media source picks up the story, or it happens to someone you know, most Americans are totally unaware that this is happening quite frequently in the United States. Medical tyranny is sadly a reality today in the U.S., and if you disagree with a medical professional over the care of your child, you face losing custody of your child.

Justina’s case is especially bizarre, because the parents were actually following a treatment plan for her that was recommended by doctors in their home town. Their only

“crime” was to disagree with the doctors at Boston Children’s Hospital and want to discharge her and take her back to her original doctors.

Boston Children’s Hospital is part of the Harvard Medical School system, with strong ties to funding from the federal government. Boston Children’s Hospital “is home to the world’s largest research enterprise based at a pediatric hospital. More than 1,100 scientists, including nine members of the National Academy of Sciences, 11 on-staff members of the Institute of Medicine and 9 members of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.” ([Source](#)).

Could it be that Justina is part of a medical research trial? We reported the story of [Sarah Hershberger](#) in 2013, the 10-year-old Amish girl who fled the U.S. with her parents to avoid forced chemotherapy treatments. A court had awarded custody of Sarah to a nurse at Akron Children’s Hospital. Her parents claim that their daughter was part of an experimental chemo drug trial, to which they had not given consent ([story here](#)).

For now, Justina’s parents, who are under a gag order by the judge ruling in this case, seem hopeful that their daughter has left Boston Children’s Hospital and may end up back in Connecticut. It would appear, however, that Boston Children’s Hospital will not give up their custody of Justina so easily, as there are reports that Boston Children’s Hospital and DCF do not plan on giving up custody of Justina until she becomes 18 years old. All concerned parents across America should be asking “why?”

Mother Collapses in Court House After Daughter Put in Foster Care Over Medical Dispute



Picture courtesy of [Fox News Connecticut](#).

Video no longer available.

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Health Impact News Editor Comments

The mother of Justina Pelletier, the 15 year old girl who was seized by Boston Children's Hospital and held for over a year, reportedly collapsed in court Monday when she learned the judge was placing her daughter in foster care.

Lou Pelletier, the father of Justina, had made a round of news and talk show appearances the previous week, telling the story of their daughter which has garnered national media attention. There were high hopes that they might see some positive results from this case that has been going on for over a year, but their daughter was not returned them this time either. She will reportedly be transferred to a foster home until the next court appearance later in March.

See the background of this tragic story of medical tyranny here in the United States:

Justina Pelletier Finally Leaves Boston Children's Hospital, but not Returned to Parents

Justina Pelletier Might be Closer to Going Home



A prayer vigil was held Saturday for Justina Pelletier outside the facility where she is currently located.

Source: [Kathleen Svagdis, Christian Defence League](#) posted on [A Miracle for Justina Facebook Page](#)

(For background on this story, please [click here](#).)

On Friday February 28th, the Pelletiers' regularly scheduled visitation with Justina was denied by the Department of Children and Families (DCF).

DCF informed the Pelletiers that contact with their daughter had been cut off because members of the press had independently appeared at the visitation site. Neither the Pelletiers, nor the Free Justina coalition invited the media, yet the Pelletiers were prevented from seeing their daughter.

In the past, parental visits to Justina are heavily supervised, with several DCF officials and state troopers present. (Source – [FoxCT Beau Berman](#))

The same day, [TheBlaze](#) reported that Massachusetts Department of Children & Families, who has maintained custody of 15 year old Justina against the wishes of her parents for over a year, was trying to transfer Justina to Connecticut, so she could be reunited with her family. Glenn Beck of The Blaze has taken a personal interest in this case, and after he interviewed Justina's father who defied a judge's gag order against him, the case received widespread national media coverage.

With the bad publicity over Boston Children's Hospital, who held Justina in their psychiatric ward until just recently, and the Massachusetts Department of Children & Families who seized custody of Justina over a disagreement over her medical treatment, some Massachusetts lawmakers are stepping forward in an attempt to intervene.

Beau Berman of [Fox CT reports](#):

“At today’s Ways & Means hearing, I asked Commissioner Bartlett, MA DPH, about investigation into Boston Childrens Hospital’s Bader 5 psych unit in regards to the decision to remand Justina Pelletier to DCF. I was told that the investigation should be reasonably fast and that we in the legislature can get that report. I will share as soon as I can.”

Mass. Rep. Geoff Diehl (R-Whitman)

(This statement was confirmed by Rep. Diehl’s aide.)

Lou Pelletier, Justina’s father, told [TheBlaze](#), however, that he was not getting his hopes up. “They have thrown more carrots out there over the last 13 months, dangling, teasing us, and that’s the cruelest thing you can do,” he told [TheBlaze](#).

On Saturday March 1st, a [prayer vigil was held](#) for Justina, led by Rev. Patrick Mahoney.

Judge Continues to Refuse to Release 15-Year-Old Girl Held in Psychiatric Care Against Parent's Wish

<https://youtu.be/un-fQMTS1xU>

Health Impact News Editor Comments

While the Justina Pelletier story has gained coverage in the national mainstream media, which has for the most part rallied to the side of the parents, the judge presiding over her case continues to refuse to release the girl to her parents' custody. After the most recent court date on Monday, the family issued the following statement to [Fox CT](#):

Boston, March 17, 2014–

“At the hearing today, Judge Johnston took under advisement the motions previously submitted by the Pelletiers, but refused to take action about Justina’s care or custody.”

“Despite Justina’s worsening condition, Judge Johnston still has not enforced his ruling to transfer Justina’s medical care to Tufts. Justina remains at the Framingham Foster Facility and has not been seen by a single doctor, apart from an emergency room visit on Saturday, due to her declining medical condition.”

Earlier in the day, Justina’s parents were interviewed on the

popular daytime television program [Dr. Phil](#) (video of segment above.) The parents were able to once again explain their story to a national audience and tell how the Massachusetts DCF was used by Boston Children's Hospital to seize custody of their daughter due to a disagreement over treatment. Justina was being treated for mitochondrial disease, but new doctors were reportedly assigned to her case when she was admitted to Boston Children's Hospital (BCH) and they said her diagnosis from Tufts Medical Center in Connecticut was incorrect, and that she was instead suffering from a psychiatric disorder. The parents disagreed and wanted to take her back to her original medical team, but the hospital took custody and locked her up in the psych ward instead. Prior to Justina being admitted to BCH, she was leading a normal life and even had competed in an ice skating event. Today, she is paralyzed from the waist down and her condition is deteriorating.

Since this case has gained such national media exposure, resulting in negative public sentiment against Boston Children's Hospital and Massachusetts DCF, lawmakers from both Justina's home state in Connecticut, as well as Massachusetts, have tried to intervene to return Justina to her parent's custody. But those efforts so far have failed. The most recent effort, submitted last week, was Massachusetts Resolution, which also failed:

A resolution requesting the immediate release of Connecticut teen, Justina Pelletier, written by Rep. Marc Lombardo and Rep. Jim Lyons of Massachusetts, is not moving forward.

"Due to parliamentary procedure, it only takes one objection from the floor to send it to committee where it will ultimately die. Rep David Linsky objected and the resolution was sent to committee where it will not be released," said

Rep. Marc Lombardo. ([Source](#))

For more background on this story see our [previous reports here](#).

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There have to be strong political ties to this hospital that is putting pressure on this judge to not release Justina.

15-Year-Old Girl Awarded Permanent Custody to State of Massachusetts Amidst National Outcry

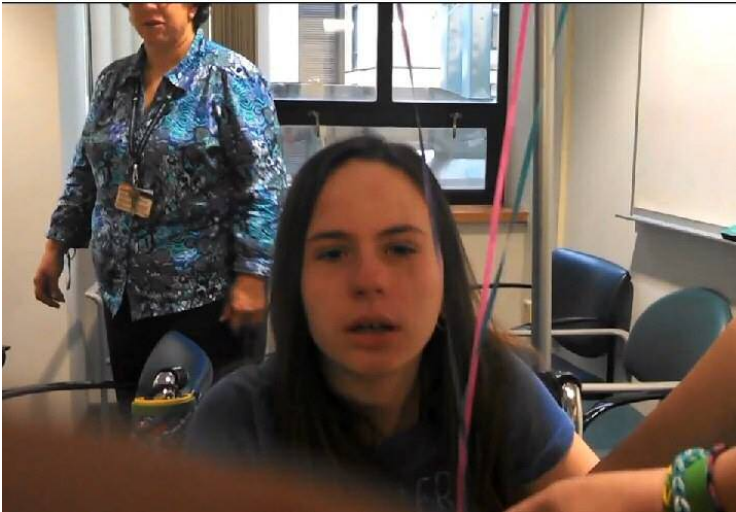


Photo courtesy [FoxCT](#)

Health Impact News Editor Comments:

This week Judge Joseph Johnston of Massachusetts juvenile court awarded permanent custody of 15-year-old Justina Pelletier to the State of Massachusetts against her desires and the desires of her parents, and also amidst great public outcry. The plight of Justina's case has garnered national attention after her father disobeyed a gag order originally imposed by the judge (which has been since removed due to

great public outcry). Justina's story has been covered in several major media outlets, such as [Dr. Phil](#), The Blaze, FoxNews, and many others. For more background information on this story, [please click here](#).

If you are not familiar with this story, or think that it does not affect you, think again. This is a case where one medical institution, more powerful than another one in another state, has abused the power of the state to impose their views of psychiatric care by force against a different medical diagnosis by a different team of doctors. This also violates the right of the parents to choose their own medical treatment for their 15-year-old daughter, who has been removed from her family and kept detained under psychiatric care, away from her family for over a year now, even as her health continues to deteriorate. If this kind of medical tyranny is allowed to continue, even under tremendous negative national media exposure, it will drastically change the direction of forced medical treatment inside the United States and affect everyone.

Justina's father and sister appeared on FoxNews after the judge's recent ruling to award full custody to the State of Massachusetts:

<https://youtu.be/YnNLp9vceyw?t=4>

Father: We Continue the Fight – Case Becomes National Rally Cry for Many Others in the Same Situation of Medical Tyranny

In an 8 minute interview with Beau Berman of FoxCT (the first local reporter in Connecticut to give media attention to this family's story last year that can be [watched here](#)), Justina's father explains that they will continue to fight for

Justina, because their case has become a national rallying cry for so many other families that have come forward all across America who have suffered, and some continuing to suffer, from forced abduction of children for medical reasons. In some cases, these children have died.

Justina was originally brought into Boston Children's Hospital at the recommendation of their doctors at Tufts Medical Center to be treated by a gastrointestinal specialist for her mitochondrial disease. But shortly after she was admitted, a new medical team was assigned to her instead, and she was transferred to the psychiatric ward because they claimed her original diagnosis was incorrect and that her condition was psychological.

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We have reported in the past that [federal funding for "mental health" is increasing under Obamacare](#). Could it be that Justina is part of some drug research going on at Boston Children's Hospital, and that strong political forces aligned with Harvard are putting pressure on this judge? We may never know, but for now, the nation looks on in horror at what is happening in Massachusetts, and begins to learn just how widespread the practice of medical tyranny is in the United States today.

Justina Pelletier Released - Speaks out from Home



Health Impact News Editor Comments:

Beau Berman of FoxCT, the reporter who first broke the story of Justina Pelletier being held in a psychiatric ward at Boston Children's hospital against her will and against the will of her family, sat down and interviewed Justina today in her own home. [Berman reports:](#)

For the first time, the world is hearing Justina's take on the

custody battle that all began because of differing opinions about her medical condition.

But now, she's at home in her parents' custody without any strings attached and she's literally "home free".

Judge Joseph Johnston, the same judge who took Justina's custody away from her parents in February 2013, released her this week after much scrutiny and criticism from national media sources.

The Massachusetts DCF was used by Boston Children's Hospital to seize custody of Justina when she was 15 years old, due to a disagreement over treatment. Justina was being treated for mitochondrial disease, but new doctors were reportedly assigned to her case when she was admitted to Boston Children's Hospital (BCH) and they said her diagnosis from Tufts Medical Center in Connecticut was incorrect, and that she was instead suffering from a psychiatric disorder. The parents disagreed and wanted to take her back to her original medical team, but the hospital took custody and locked her up in the psychiatric ward instead. Prior to Justina being admitted to BCH, she was leading a normal life and had even competed in an ice skating event. But under the care of Boston Children's Hospital, separated from her family, her situation deteriorated quickly. Today, she is paralyzed from the waist down and will need significant rehabilitation.

More on [Justina Pelletier](#).

“Justina’s Law” Seeks to End Experimental Medical Research on Children Seized by Child Protection Services



Congresswoman Nancy Schaefer talking about the Criminality of CPS, before she was found murdered in her home.

Health Impact News Editor Comments

Now that the tragic abduction of [Justina Pelletier](#) by Boston Children’s Hospital has been resolved after a national outcry, a bipartisan group of Congressional representatives are introducing new legislation to prevent the kind of

medical abuses that led to Justina's forced confinement for more than 16 months. Justina's situation is not unique, but representative of a larger problem with Child Protection Services and hospitals all across the U.S. that use the foster care system to legally abduct children for medical research. Justina's case received national media attention from talk show hosts such as Dr. Phil, Glenn Beck, Mike Huckabee and many others, due to her parents refusal to obey a court gag order on her case.

Others in the past have attempted to expose this corrupt system, such as Congresswoman Nancy Schaefer from Georgia. Congresswoman Schaefer lost her Senate seat in Georgia as a result of her speaking out, but states it was something "worth losing" for standing up for the rights of parents who were having their children kidnapped by CPS. She and her husband were found murdered in their home in 2010. You can read her report on CPS from 2007 here: <http://fightcps.com/pdf/TheCorruptBusinessOfChildProtectiveServices.pdf> Below is a recorded video from before her death.

Video no longer available.

Reps. Bachmann, Bass, Marino, and McDermott Introduce "Justina's Law"

House.gov

Washington, D.C. — Rep. Michele Bachmann (R-MN) joined with Reps. Karen Bass (D-CA), Tom Marino (R-PA), and Jim McDermott (D-WA), the co-chairs of the Foster Youth Caucus, to introduce bipartisan legislation that prohibits federal funding for medical experimentation on a ward of the State.

The bill, [H.R. 4989](#), nicknamed “Justina’s Law”, is a response to the recent case of 16-year-old Justina Pelletier, who was finally released from Boston Children’s Hospital (BCH) back to the care of her family after a 16-month custody battle between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Justina’s parents.

BCH and many other hospitals have an internal policy that allows for children who are deemed “wards of the State”, including foster children, to receive treatment or be involved in research that presents great risk even if there is no prospect of any benefit to the child.

“Whether it is one child or thousands, it is our duty to guarantee that children are kept safe from harm while in the custody of their respective states. Not all these children have families like the Pelletiers willing or able to advocate on their behalf. Sixteen months ago, Justina was a figure skater. Today, she cannot stand, sit, or walk on her own. It is unconscionable what happened to Justina, and we must do all we can to prevent it from ever happening again. Removing federal funding from such experimentation is an important first step.” – **Rep. Michele Bachmann (MN-06)**

“Children need to be loved and cared for, not treated as something to be experimented on. Foster children are particularly vulnerable because they may not have parents to advocate for them. This bill will make it clear that children are blessings, not guinea pigs.” – **Rep. Karen Bass (CA-37)**

“The bonds between children and parents is sacred. The closeness and level of intimate understanding between them transcends our societal constructs. In Justina’s case, she was kept from her loved ones and essentially detained by the hospital and the state. She was lucky to have parents that fought for her and leveraged the support of the media and

public officials. Yet too many children do not have parents to speak for them and look out for their health and best interests during times of physical and emotional vulnerability. That fact saddens me. It would sadden any person who knows the power of love and affection. That is why I am proud to support Reps. Bachmann, Bass, and McDermott on this legislation because no child, with parents or not, should be subject to medical experimentation under the legal designation as ward of the state.” – **Rep. Tom Marino (PA-10)**

“The strength and bravery that Justina Pelletier and her family have shown in the face of incredible hardship is a guidestar for us all. We must act to protect and cherish children in the care of a state and make sure that they are not the subject of risky medical experimentation. I look forward to working with Reps Bachman, Bass, Marino and countless other colleagues from both sides of the aisle to pass Justina’s law as quickly as possible.” – **Rep. Jim McDermott (WA-07)**

[Click here](#) to view the full text of H.R. 4989.

[Full Press Release](#).

Federal Lawsuit: Massachusetts Wrongly Took Child 2 Days After Birth Because Mother was Disabled



Image from [Facebook Page](#)

By [Associated Press](#)
[Boston Herald](#)

Excerpts:

She was 19, a brand-new mother with a developmental disability. Two days after giving birth to her daughter, the state took the infant away and placed her in foster care. Massachusetts child welfare officials contend the young woman couldn't properly care for a newborn and insist they acted in the child's best interests. But the federal government disagrees: It says the state violated her civil rights by discriminating against her because of her disability.

In a new report, the Justice Department and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services say the state Department of Children and Families — which has moved to terminate the mother's parental rights — needs to compensate her and give her a chance to prove she can care for her daughter, or it could face a federal lawsuit.

The National Council on Disability, an independent federal agency advising the White House and Congress, says the case points up a growing problem: states needlessly taking custody of the children of disabled parents.

“Parents with disabilities are suffering significant discrimination,” said Robyn Powell, an attorney for the council. “What happened to this mother is very common ... States are removing these children for the sole reason of their parents having a disability.”

Now 21, and identified in the federal report only by the pseudonym “Sara Gordon,” the young woman's ordeal began as she was still recovering from childbirth in November 2012.

The National Council on Disability has documented similar cases across the country, including a Kansas City, Missouri, couple who had their daughter taken into state custody because they were both blind, and a quadriplegic mother in Chicago who waged a lengthy legal battle to keep custody of her son.

“This mother has good supports. There are no issues of substance abuse or domestic violence,” said Mark Watkins, a lawyer for the mother. “I have complete confidence in the ability of this family to parent this child safely.”

Read the [full article here](#).

Another Medical Kidnapping at Boston Children's Hospital: Baby Seized Over Formula Disagreement



Baby Bella taken over infant formula. Source: [Fight for Bella Facebook page](#).

UPDATE 6/12/2015

From the [Fight For Bella Facebook Page](#):

BABY BELLA SET TO GO UP FOR ADOPTION!!!

Sound the alarm! Continue calling until justice is served and Baby Bella is back home where she belongs!

Call the Governor and request Baby Bella go home NOW. DCF is LYING to the Governor's office and this is happening to more families than just Baby Bella's!

Governor Baker – 617.725.4005 if you can't wait, and want to leave message,

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OR call Springfield office: 413.784.1200

Fax: 617.727.9725

TTY: 617.727.3666

also: 888.870.7770 (in state)

Washington, D.C. office phone goes right to voicemail, so leave a message there too! 202.624.7713

SEND a Fax: 202.624.7714

STOP THESE ATROCITIES!!!

The carnage of children and families via state sanctioned kidnapping continues, uninterrupted to date, but in MASSACHUSETTS, they are under a new governor's watch. HOPEFULLY the new Governor will be the difference! The last one took 16 months to FREE JUSTINA, after maintaining it was "in the courts". Think for a moment – How do these cases get there? The TAX PAYER FUNDED agencies run and overseen by the executive branch of the state put these cases and families there, AFTER taking their children!

by **Health Impact News and MedicalKidnap.com** staff

It is an all-too-familiar cascade of events that happens all across the world, but for baby Bella's family, their fairly typical scenario has resulted in their baby being taken from her loving parents. Now Massachusetts DCF allegedly wants to adopt this beautiful baby out, permanently severing Christina and Jonathon Hinote's parental rights to their daughter, who wasn't even born in Massachusetts. As reported by [A Miracle for US](#), the family is devastated.

The couple were in the process of relocating from their home in Massachusetts to Alabama, to be near Jonathon's family. Complications from the pregnancy made it necessary for them to stay where they were in Alabama. Annabella Grace made her appearance 6 weeks early, on January 17, 2014, near Mobile, Alabama.

Because she was premature, she spent time in the NICU. Like many moms, Christina tried to pump her breastmilk to be given to Bella. This scenario is challenging at best, and through no fault of their own, many mothers find it difficult to develop an adequate milk supply, and switch to formula feeding. However, Bella had a severe case of reflux from the beginning.

For her first 72 hours of life, she was unable to hold down any fluids, and was fed intravenously. After discharge from the NICU, the quest to find the right formula that Bella could keep down continued. There were several hospitalizations due to the severity of the reflux. They finally found that Bella could tolerate Similac Total Comfort, and she began gaining weight. They took baby Bella home in Alabama.



Bella with her mommy. Source: [Fight for Bella Facebook page](#).

Meanwhile, the Hinotes traveled back home to Massachusetts to get more of their belongings and spend some time with Christina's family. They could not find the formula there that Bella was thriving on, and thus switched to Gentlease, which she was also able to tolerate. Then, they visited the WIC office and a pediatrician in Massachusetts

who decided to switch to Nutramigen formula. He allegedly told them that the other formula could upset her GI tract and constipate her. This change resulted in an increase in the reflux, as well as a “great decline” in her weight.

Medical Arrogance and False Accusations

When Bella’s parents pleaded with the pediatrician to switch her back to the Gentlease, he refused. He allegedly told them that “he was the one who held a medical degree, and she was a first-time mother.” However, they report that Bella continued to decline.

The Hinotes didn’t know that the doctor had contacted DCF, allegedly saying that he had grave concerns about Bella’s weight. It would later come out that he told DCF that he believed that the parents meant well, but were simply “not feeding their child,” leaving out the part about his actions in prescribing a formula she couldn’t tolerate.

The couple were also having problems with neighbors in their complex. They later found out that the neighbors had filed false reports against them, accusing them of having 4 dogs, 6 cats, and animal feces all over the house. The Hinotes had no pets at the time. They also made an allegation that Christina would leave her baby for weeks at a time – an accusation which the Hinotes say they were easily able to prove false.

Back to Sweet Home Alabama

Not surprisingly, Christina and Jonathon decided to complete the relocation to Alabama, where they had the support of Jon’s parents, as well as a pediatrician willing to prescribe a formula that Bella could tolerate.

But Massachusetts DCF decided to chase them down.

They allegedly contacted Alabama DHR to check on the family. A social worker came out and saw a baby who was growing and cleared the Alabama home in a home study.

Unsatisfied, Kellie Perrault, an investigator for Massachusetts DCF, allegedly contacted the Hinotes, stating that they were concerned about Bella's declining weight. Despite the fact that they were almost 1500 miles away, the investigator demanded that they meet with her to "clear the air." Using a tactic that tends to be quite effective with innocent people, she insisted that "if they have nothing to hide," they should have no problem meeting with her.



Bella with her parents at a visit. Source: [Fight for Bella Facebook page](#).

She then allegedly threatened them, saying that if they refused to meet, criminal charges would be filed against them.

The frightened parents felt that they had no choice, and made the long trek back to Massachusetts.

Caseworker and Hospital Clear Bella

While Bella was left in the care of Christina's mother, Christina and Jonathon met with the investigator in a different county. A Salem caseworker was sent to "put eyes on the baby." The caseworker recommended that the case be closed and stated her findings to family members:

"Bella is understandably small due to prematurity, but her color is good and there is no concern for her well-being."

This was apparently not good enough for Perrault, who reportedly demanded that Bella be brought to the emergency room for medical clearance. They took her to Beverly Hospital, where the formula was switched back to Gentlease, and switched from Zantac to Prilosec for the reflux, resulting in immediate improvement. Tests were performed, and the diagnosis was Failure to Thrive due to lack of calories. She gained 3 ounces in the first 24 hours after switching back to the formula that she could tolerate, and she was medically cleared by Beverly Hospital.

DCF Demands Transfer to Boston Children's Hospital

Undeterred by the good reports, DCF allegedly demanded that Bella be transferred to Boston Children's Hospital for "further testing," instead of discharge.

When the parents requested Tufts hospital instead, they were again threatened with removal if they did not comply with the DCF demands. Bella was sent to Boston Children's Hospital, the same hospital that was holding Justina Pelletier

at the time. (See: [Boston Hospital Seizes 15 Year Old From Parents Over Medical Treatment Disagreement.](#))

Unreasonable Demands and Sleep Deprivation

It was a new hospital with a new plan, one which appears to be designed for failure. Though other family members were allowed to visit, Christina was to be exclusively responsible for all of Bella's care. No one else was even allowed to touch or pick up their tiniest family member.



Source: [Fight for Bella Facebook page.](#)

Bella was on a strict feeding schedule of round-the-clock feedings every three hours. The formula was not left in the room, but had to be prepared in a “milk lab.” She was to have her diaper changed before and after every feeding. After each feeding and burp, Christina was instructed to place Bella upright in the bassinet, and left still, because of the reflux. She was not allowed to play with her or have physical contact during that hour, so that she wouldn’t vomit. Naturally, Bella would fall asleep during this time.

This grueling schedule made sleep for Christina very difficult. She couldn’t leave the room to shower or get food. She ended up often eating only once a day. During one 48 hour period, she drank 17 cups of coffee and got no sleep in her attempt to fully comply with the hospital demands.

Playtime was very limited, due to the requirements of the schedule, and what playtime did happen often occurred when no one else was around, leading to an accusation by the hospital that they were “not bonding.”

Mixed Messages

Christina was permitted to leave the hospital twice, briefly. Once it was for a shower and a nap at a nearby relative’s home, and the other time it was to visit another family member who was hospitalized while they were there. Those visits would come back to haunt her, when she was accused of leaving her baby twice, though nurses were supposed to be watching her and had told her she could leave.

One time, a nurse arrived 10 minutes ahead of time with a bottle for Christina to feed Bella. She was very kind, and told the exhausted mom that she would leave a note to ensure that the formula was delivered early to avoid any late

feedings. Any late feedings resulted in chastisement for Christina.

Either the next nurse didn't see it the same way, or there was a failure to communicate between the nurses, which, according to Christina, "it fell back on me." When the formula still hadn't arrived 10 minutes past the time for the feeding, Christina called the nurses station. She was rebuked for not doing her job as a mother in calling ahead for the bottle.

Sabotage

Despite all this, Bella continued to thrive, because she was receiving a formula that agreed with her. Then, Christina overheard a social worker condemning her when she went to get someone to get a bottle for feeding time. (The nursing station had not responded to her calls.) The social worker was allegedly in the hallway telling a nurse that the baby was gaining weight, but that "she foresaw a great decline if she was to be discharged home with her mother."

Not a single test was performed on Bella at Boston Children's Hospital.

DCF Seizes Bella

It was later that very day that the hospital team informed her that they were concerned, and that DCF was on their way to take Bella. They changed the diagnosis to failure to thrive with no medical cause, even though she was rapidly gaining weight. It was May 2, 2014. Bella was 3 1/2 months old.

This was the day after Reverend Patrick Mahoney led a national prayer meeting for Justina Pelletier, and just weeks

before Chuck Norris wrote his powerful *Townhall* piece:

Who Owns Our Kids Anyway?

While the eyes of the nation focused on Boston Children's Hospital and Justina, the hospital had once again conspired to take another child from her parents, punishing them for their baby's reflux and sensitivity to formula. The world saw Justina, but hundreds more children, like Bella, were hidden from the public eye as their lives were devastated. In the words of this heartbroken mother:

"As a first time mother, I was robbed of one of the most critical, irreplaceable times in my daughter's life. These are days I will never get back. ... You choose to take MY daughter, who was loved, fed and clothed. A PREEMIE who needed nothing more than a higher calorie formula – which she was put on and thriving before you stole her from my arms with security outside that meeting room – as if I were some kind of criminal! ... That's my baby, my entire world."



Bella – the light of Christina’s life. Source: [Fight for Bella Facebook page](#).

Adoption Plan

Christina says that she has seen her baby girl for a grand total of about 40 hours since that horrible day. Jonathon’s visits are even more limited. He writes:

“I remember the first breath she took, the first cry she made. ... I thought to myself, I can’t believe she’s here, I can’t believe I get to meet the little girl I’ve spent the last few months talking to inside my wife’s womb, the little girl I sang

to on a nightly basis before we went to bed, no matter how early I had to get up for work. ... Now I get to see my baby girl in pictures, short videos, for 2 hours each month, 4 hours if I'm lucky and DCF doesn't have an excuse why I can't. ... 2 hours a month doesn't exactly give her time to know who her father is. That kills me."



Bella and her daddy. Source: [Fight for Bella Facebook page](#).

Lack of bonding continues to be an allegation against the parents by DCF, even though their actions directly inhibit bonding. Bella has been placed with relatives, but it isn't the same. The sadness can be seen in her eyes in some of the

photos. Babies know that they belong with their mommies. It is inherent in human nature to want biological mom.

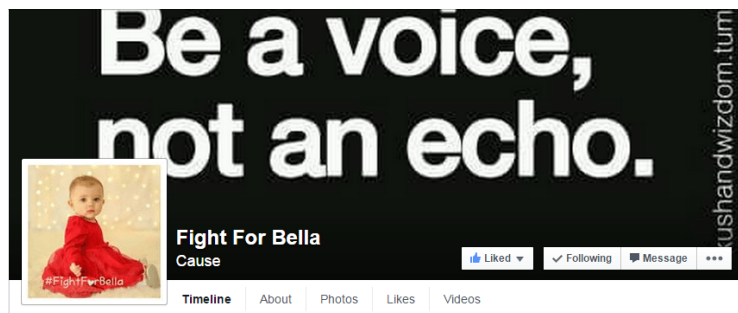
Though Christina and Jonathon have done everything they can do to comply with the demands of DCF, the state of Massachusetts continues to keep them away from their baby. They have been blamed for not participating in services, services which DCF stopped, not them. At one point, they were told that they must admit to allegations, accusations that they insist are false, if they were to have hope of getting Bella back.

On April 6, DCF announced that the plan has changed from reunification to adoption.

The couple is expecting another baby soon. They are hoping and praying that this baby will be safe.

How You Can Help

There is a [petition](#) for baby Bella at Change.org, as well as a Facebook page called [Fight for Bella](#), set up by supporters to follow their story.



Supporters ask that the Governor of Massachusetts be called, asking that Bella be returned home immediately. Governor

Charlie Baker may be reached at (617)727-3666, or contacted [here](#).

The Senator for their district in Massachusetts is Senator Joan Lovely. She may be reached at (617)722-1410, or contacted [here](#).

The district is represented by Representative Paul Tucker. He may be reached at (617)722-2400, or contacted [here](#).

Alabama's DHR acted appropriately in this matter, and is to be commended. However, Massachusetts DCF chased the Hinotes all the way into the southern state. Alabama's Governor is Robert Bentley. Alabama legislature currently has a parental rights bill before it, in which they could vote to secure Fundamental Parental Rights. Governor Bentley may be reached at (334)242-7100, or contacted [here](#), and asked to advocate on baby Bella's behalf, a baby born in Alabama, but held captive in Massachusetts.

Feds Order Baby Returned After Massachusetts Kidnaps Baby Due to Mother's Disability



Image from MyFoxBoston.com

Feds order baby returned after DCF takes custody due to mother's disability

by MyFoxBoston.com

Excerpts:

In an unprecedented move, the federal government has ordered the Department of Children and Families to return a child to her mother. And on Tuesday, we are hearing for the first time directly from the child's family about their 2-year battle with the department.

FOX25's Investigative Reporter Kerry Kavanaugh examines allegations the state discriminated against this young mother because of her disability. A newborn girl had yet to leave the hospital when DCF decided the 19-year-old mother, with an intellectual disability, was incapable of caring for her. The mother is publicly known by the pseudonym, Sara Gordon. Her battle to get her baby back is now seen as a victory for people with disabilities.

Read the full article at [MyFoxBoston.com](https://www.myfoxboston.com)

Same Doctor Behind Two Wrongly Convicted Shaken Baby Cases in Massachusetts



Image [from video at WCVB](#).

Health Impact News Editor Comments

Dr. Alice Newton, the Medical Director of the Massachusetts General Hospital Child Protection Program, is back in the news. Dr. Newton gained attention in the media in 2014 during the [Justina Pelletier](#) medical kidnapping case when she used the designation of “medical child abuse” to take Justina away from her parents. Justina’s parents were not happy with the treatment of Justina, and had sought a second opinion, more consistent with their regular doctor.

In this report from WCVB in Boston, two people who were accused of “Shaken Baby Syndrome” by Dr. Alice Newton have allegedly had their charges dropped after being wrongly

convicted on false evidence. Dr. Newton is part of a recently created pediatric specialty that looks for medical child abuse. Some would say that these specialists must find medical abuse to justify their positions, and that they often are quick to make judgments without considering other evidence. (See: [Are New Pediatric “Child Abuse Specialists” Causing an Increase in Medical Kidnappings?](#))

5 Investigates: Same expert behind two dropped shaken baby cases

By [Kathy Curran](#)
[WCVB.com](#)

Excerpts:

Aisling Brady McCarthy spent more than two years behind bars while charged with murder in the death of 1-year-old Rehma Sabir, but 5 Investigates has found it's not the first shaken baby allegation by the Middlesex District Attorney's Office that was dropped in the past year.

Geoffrey Wilson of Malden was accused in 2010 of shaking his 6-month-old son, Nathan, to death. But defense experts found Wilson's son had a rare genetic defect that may have played a role in his death.

Last year the Medical Examiner's Office changed the manner of death from “homicide” to “cannot be determined” and — more than four years after being charged — the case against him was dropped.



Alice Whittier (Alice) Newton, MD Medical Director, Child Protection Program

The prosecution's medical expert at the center of both cases was Dr. Alice Newton.

Wilson's attorney, J.W. Carney, said the case against his client was a "rush to judgment."

"Geoff Wilson was arrested at the hospital two hours after his child was taken off life support," Carney said.

The science behind shaken baby diagnoses are being questioned and in some cases thrown out across the country.

"So many questions are being raised about shaken baby syndrome that there are more dismissals of pending cases than there are of new indictments," Carney said.

Read the [full story at wcvb.com](http://wcvb.com)

Will Massachusetts Doctor Send Another Innocent Parent to Prison Over Shaken Baby Syndrome Accusation?



Daniel Green with his son. Source: Green family

by **Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff**

A Massachusetts father faces up to 15 years in prison after

being convicted of Shaken Baby Syndrome. Sentencing is set to occur on September 24. The testimony of child abuse specialist, Dr. Alice Newton, played a major role in his conviction. She is the same doctor who accused Justina Pelletier's parents of medical child abuse so that the state could medically kidnap Justina. Her testimony was behind 2 other cases of parents spending time in jail for Shaken Baby Syndrome – cases which were later overturned and dropped.

See:

Same Doctor Behind Two Wrongly Convicted Shaken Baby Cases in Massachusetts

The concept of Shaken Baby Syndrome itself has been widely criticized in recent years, and called “junk science” by a number of experts.

Mainstream Media Finally Exposing Shaken Baby Syndrome as False Diagnosis – How Many Innocent Parents Have Suffered?

New Film Exposes Shaken Baby Syndrome Myth – Opponents Want to Silence it at Film Festivals

Daniel Green has already spent 2 years in the Middleton jail, and 2 years away from his young son Brandon. He says that there have been many lies presented in his case, and he has expert opinion from physicians to back him up.

Mr. Green's mother recently contacted Health Impact News, reporting that a family history of hydrocephalus and BESS (benign enlargement of the subarachnoid space in infancy) was ignored, yet Brandon had it. She alleges that Dr. Newton lied on the stand about the case:

I need help in stopping Alice Newton, she committed perjury during this trial. My son was therefore found guilty. I am attempting to get a mistrial called in his case and also trying to get custody of my grandson.



[Alice Whittier \(Alice\) Newton, MD Medical Director, Child Protection Program](#)

Are New Pediatric “Child Abuse Specialists” Causing an Increase in Medical Kidnappings?

Daniel Green recently presented his side of the story to [A Miracle for Us](#), and we are sharing it here.

... This message is to update my true friends and family about what’s going on with this nightmare, that I call a life.

So I’m sure most of you have read the newspaper. I never in my life realize that a newspaper can literally lie about you. Not just stretch the truth. I will admit that it’s the DA that is

lying in the paper is just favoring the prosecution. So the bottom line is the Salem newspaper lied and took things out of context. I did not read all the articles, but I was told a lot of it was bullshit! As I said before my true friends can tell what's true and what's not.

Okay, so I'll start by saying this is not an easy thing for me to explain only because I do not know what happened to Brandon. I was not at home with him the day of 11/27/2012. He was with his mother and maternal grandmother most of the day in Gloucester. I was working on my jeep at the shop in Salem all day. Around 4 PM I got a call from Samantha saying that Brandon saw his pediatrician and got a prescription for a nebulizer and that a guy is going to drop it off at our hotel. I asked how he was feeling and she started crying and saying she doesn't know and that I "leave everything up to her." And that I "need to help with the kids more." I told her that I'm trying to fix the Jeep so we can sell it and move out of the hotel. She said she was almost at the shop and to be ready to leave when she got there. I asked what was the hurry? She said she wants to bring Brandon to Beverly Hospital because he's "coughing and wheezing" a lot. She said she won't bring him alone because they keep sending her home. I said, "why don't we give him his nebulizer treatment?" She said NO she won't sleep with him having trouble breathing. I said, I agree. She picked me up and we went home. She asked if I would watch Brandon while she went to get milk and filled the prescription for Brandon's nebulizer. I said I need to shower because I have car grease all over me. She got mad and put Brandon's car seat down and said she was leaving! That she would be back soon and that the guy with the nebulizer would be by anytime now. I picked up Brandon and said he seems to be breathing just fine. She said "NO! He's Not! He keeps wheezing". I asked if he needed a bottle. She said "no let him sleep". I said okay.

She left, I put Brandon in his crib. He was sound asleep so I jumped in the shower. After my shower I was on the computer talking to a friend of mine from San Diego. There was a knock on the door and I answered it. It was the Guy who was dropping off the Nebulizer for Brandon. He said his name was Stephen and he was looking for Samantha Green, he had a Nebulizing machine for her. I let him know Samantha was my wife that she should be home soon. Stephen asked me if I had ever used a Nebulizer previously. I told him I had, that my oldest child approximately a year ago needed to use one for a while. Stephen stated that's good, we won't have to wake up the little guy. He looked around at the hotel room and asked why we're in a shelter. I told him how we got evicted in Rockport and we're trying to get a new place but I was out of work and behind in my child support payments. Stephen said he "knows how that is". I was embarrassed because Sam had not done any cleaning and there were clothes and Barbie dolls everywhere. I talked with Stephen for a while just being friendly and shooting the shit about cars and stuff. Brandon started to fuss a little, so I picked him up and held him against my chest and patted his back, and he fell back asleep. Stephen commented on how he was a cute kid. After that he said he had to go and good luck. Stephen left the Nebulizing machine on the bed and then left. About two minutes later Samantha and Lexi came in with some bags from Walgreens. I told her the guy brought the nebulizer and she said "I know I saw him in the lobby". I asked Samantha what she wanted to do because I was tired. She said, "I want to bring him to the ER. He hasn't been breathing well for days and I want him to be on the O2 monitor to see if his O2 drops again."

Brandon had problems with his O2 levels a few times, so I agreed. We got ready and left for Beverly ER. I think he had a bottle before we left. Or maybe it was in the waiting room at the ER. I can't really remember. Anyway, we waited like a

half hour and then the doctor checked him head to toe. The Doctor listened to his chest and said he had some coarse breaths from bronchiolitis. I explained how my wife had been to the ER four times in two weeks and that she keeps being told he's okay and to just take him home and watch his breathing!!! I told her how Brandon had his O₂ levels drop when he was in the NICU back when he was only a week or two old and that it happened again on 11/23/2012 when he was here at Beverly Hospital. I told her that my wife is very stressed about his breathing! I think it was after this conversation that the Doctor finally agreed to admit Brandon overnight to monitor his O₂ levels. (see ER report from 11/27/2012)

Keep in mind this was his condition. The last time he was in our physical care. By this point in time on this date Brandon has had two VERY complete head to toe physical exams! He had one in the late afternoon by DR. Stockman in Gloucester, who ordered the Nebulizer for Brandon. The Second one by DR Becker at 6:37 in the Emergency room of Beverly Hospital!!!

The report clearly states that besides the cough and bronchiolitis and a rash in his left armpit (this rash that he had a prescribed cream for would later be twisted by the DA into being a "bruise"). Dr. Stockman clearly explained to the judge during trial, that this was a rash and could never be mistaken for a bruise the DA as well as Dr. Newton told the court that Brandon was "covered in bruises," to include his thigh, his flank and his abdomen. However, there were no pictures of these bruises and I certainly never saw them. Plus the two doctors and numerous nurses who cared for him on 11/27 did not report that he had bruises. In fact, the report says his skin was "clear" except for the rash in his armpit. Now, one would think that if a three-month-old baby were to be seen and examined by his pediatrician, and found to have bruises on him. His pediatrician would note this in his

report and immediately call DCF. Right? Yes, I think so! But there were no bruises on Brandon and Dr. Becker even said he was “fine to take home”. She would not have said this about a baby with bruises. But, of course, if the ADA says the baby had bruises then you can bet your life on it that the reporter from the Salem News is going to report just what the ADA tells her word for word!!! And the Salem News will report whatever their reporters write up!!!



Source: Green family

Look, it's clear as day when Brandon arrived at Beverly Hospital. He was physically perfect except for a rash under his arm. Isn't that why they date/ type reports?

If you look on the emergency room report, page 2 of 2, at the end of the report, on the left side, you'll see typed DD:

11/27/2012. DD stands for date dictated. You will also see below that TD: 18:37 P, this stands for time dictated and 18:37 P is equivalent to 6:37 PM. This is important to note because the DA as well as the paper lied and stated the report was from 11/28/2012 and you can clearly see it also says DT: 11/28/2012 (date transcribed). My point is 2 things. If it was a report from 6:37 PM on the 28th, it would not say he was a "well appearing baby", because by the 28th he was far from well. Now why would they lie about that? Simple, because if we brought Brandon to the ER at 6:37 on the 27th, that put me outside of Dr. Newton's timeline. She said Brandon's injury had occurred a half-hour to 3 or 4 hours before Brandon's 1st seizure activity, which was at or around midnight on 11/28. So of Dr. Newton is correct. Brandon was injured between 10:30PM and 2:00 am on 11/27. I left Brandon and Samantha at Beverly ER at 6:37 PM on 11/27. So again, the DA lied and claimed we brought him to the ER at 11 PM on 11/27/2012. Even though the hospital record show us at Beverly ER at 6:37 PM. I guess Judge Ames chose to ignore this clear and convincing evidence! So does that mean I'm saying the staff at Beverly hurt Brandon? No. I'm saying what I've always said I don't fucking know! But if you go by Dr. Newton's timeline. Then she is saying his injury occurred at Beverly Hospital. Personally, I doubt the staff would hurt him, but I'm just going by the timeline. Dr. Newton and the DA swore to under oath.

I heard the paper said my lawyer blamed hospital staff. Well, another exaggeration and quite obviously taken way out of context. Again I'll say it "I do not know the cause of Brandon's injuries". All I know is I was 100% not the cause. I have my guesses but I don't think an accusation like this should be thrown around.

Besides the problem with the ADA's Timeline there are other holes in the ADA's case. One of those is the fact that Brandon was born with a condition known as B.E.S.S a condition that

caused cerebral-spinal fluid to collect and build up around his brain. This can cause the same symptoms as shaking can with one exception. If a child is shaken he will have a whiplash injury always. But Brandon did not. At the end of the trial, the DA changed her story and claimed he did. This supposed injury did not exist. And this is clear in his MRIs and x-rays. There was never any report by any doctor of the neck injury of any kind. Judge Ames took this as evidence on the DAs word, not at all legal!! Brandon showed no signs of external injuries. No signs of intentional abuse!

My expert at trial, Dr. Scheller is one of the top child neurologists in the country. He reviewed all of Brandon's medical records since birth. These were his findings. (See 2nd report). The findings in this report were explained in great detail in court with moving MRI images and it was obvious that Brandon had B.E.S.S. and ended up showing the symptoms of that disease. That is a very big coincidence. That is what I am closest to believing.

The only other option is that Samantha did something. I don't like this option but I will say her action since Brandon's injuries have not helped her. Let's not get into all of it, but it really sucks that she has not helped me with this. She knows 100% that I did nothing but she lets me take all the heat and doesn't even seem to care what the real source of his injury is? Doesn't she care? Or want to know? Why did she not try to get custody of him? All she had to do was to do a simple service plan. She just doesn't try it all. Then gets knocked up? WTF! You can't just replace a child! I don't know. It just doesn't look right. The bottom line is she had Brandon all day long on the 27th. All day! I had him for like 30 minutes tops while she was at Walgreens and I get blamed? How's that work? Sam told me she wanted to take him to the ER long before I had him! So how did I get found guilty? They can't even prove if someone did do anything to Brandon on

purpose, and if someone did, why me and not Samantha? Samantha actually does have a lengthy history and record with Cape Ann DCF for the neglect and abuse of Lexi, her oldest child. (An issue I didn't know about until after this event) And I'm the one that gets convicted! It makes no sense! I have no record what so ever with DCF or any agency of ever causing harm or neglecting a child, EVER!!!

I do have a minor history with district court but no felonies!!! And any record I had with the district court would have zero relevance in this case. Samantha was Brandon's caregiver all day. She was the stay-at-home parent. She was allegedly responsible for his safety. She picked me up from work and told me he was sick, that I had to leave and go to the hospital with them!! Someone tells me my son is sick and needs to go to the hospital well, then that is where I am going to take him. And that is what I did. And believe me the last thing on my mind would be that someone would accuse me of hurting my son because I have taken him to the hospital and insisted that they treat him, instead of sending us home again with a very sick baby!!! But that is exactly what happened. That was one of the questions that Judge asked my Lawyer when he was closing my case. She wanted to know why I insisted that the hospital admit Brandon from the E.R. My Lawyer failed to tell the Judge that the reason I insisted was that my MUM said I should and that if they didn't then I should give her a call back and she would come down and raise holy hell with the hospital. As soon as the decision was made that Brandon was being admitted I called my mum and let her know.

This case and verdict is just so INSANE to me!!!! I lost trial because I got a judge who was not fair. She found me guilty because the ADA said I cheated on my wife and was behind in my child support and had a minor court history. Oh and let's not forget why State Police Officer Ulrich said I was the only one who could have hurt Brandon. His reasoning was

not based on an actual police investigation. NO his reasoning was, I am the man. Whenever there is a man in the house that is who is responsible, and that is who they charge. WTF kind of reasoning is that??? In the DA's closing statement she made statements that were outright lies, based on the lies of Dr. Newton and the character assassination and perjury of the DCF social worker Maria Delany. However, none of what was said ever proved or even came close to even implicating that I would ever harm any of my children. (And any one that truly knows me knows I would NEVER harm or allow someone else to harm a child in my presence, whether that child would be mine or someone else's). All that the DA presented in her closing statement was slander and hearsay. There is nothing in her case that met the legal basis of beyond a reasonable doubt!

There was ZERO evidence that a crime was ever committed, the only evidence that was presented and supported by the medical records and test done on Brandon, was that Brandon had a very serious medical condition that was initially undiagnosed by Beverly Hospital. And unbeknownst to either me or my family this medical condition was finally discovered, diagnosed, and treated at Boston Children's Hospital under emergency then urgent conditions. (This information was kept from me and my family until just recently when we received Dr. Scheller report for his testimony in my case). And I will add that my son, Brandon is in fact a VERY HEALTHY NORMAL 3 Year Old Boy!!! So now that I have been found guilty for a crime that never happened and that I most certainly would never commit the only hope I have left is that on the 24th when my attorney presents to the judge a motion to stay the sentencing, have the verdict set aside and a mistrial declared. Or hope when my appeal is before the appellate court they see the miscarriage of justice and I am then allowed a new trial. Otherwise I could do up to 15 years for something I didn't do! If anyone has any

questions, feel free to message me. It will get to me. All my friends that never doubted me and supported me. I love you and thank you! Hopefully this wrong will be righted so I can have my life back!

Thanks Danny

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These findings argue against Brandon's being a victim of child abuse.

-When Brandon was seen by the pediatrician and then admitted to Beverly hospital on 11/27 he did not appear ill to the medical professionals who cared for him. He did not develop serious symptoms until early in the AM on 11/28. It is not clear why his caregivers prior to his visit to the pediatrician are being accused, and the medical professionals who dealt with Brandon throughout the day of 11/27 are not.

If I can be of further assistance please let me know.

Sincerely

Joseph Scheller, MD

Expert testimony. Courtesy – Green family.

Massachusetts Prosecutors Withheld Exculpatory Evidence in Shaken Baby Case



Aisling Brady McCarthy. Image [from video at WCVB](#).

By [Radley Balko](#)
[Washington Post](#)

Excerpts:

[In the Boston Globe](#), columnist Yvonne Abraham writes about how prosecutors in the Middlesex County, Mass., district attorney's office withheld exculpatory evidence in the Shaken Baby Syndrome case against Irish nanny Aisling Brady McCarthy.

Let's also not forget that it was Middlesex County that put the [now much disputed](#) Shaken Baby Syndrome on the map in the [1997 prosecution of Louise Woodward](#), a British au pair

accused of killing 8-month-old Matthew Eappen. The state's expert witness in that case [has since said](#) that he would not give today the testimony that he gave then, explaining that we now know that a number of medical conditions can produce the symptoms that experts once claimed could only have come from shaking. It's just another example of the problems with asking judges to be the gatekeepers of what science does and doesn't get into the courtroom. Dozens, perhaps hundreds, of people were convicted based on expert testimony that we now know was at best grossly overstated, and at worst was simply false.

But these prosecutors didn't just rely on bad science; they actively suppressed evidence that not only should have informed that their theories about these cases were flawed, but was ultimately the evidence that led to the accused getting freed. A just system would sanction them. If they aren't punished, there's little disincentive to do it again, or for other prosecutors who might be tempted to shortchange a suspect's rights.

Read the full article at [The Washington Post](#).

Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts Opens the Legal Door to Retry All Shaken Baby Syndrome Convictions



Dr. Alice Newton, Medical Director of the [Child Protection Program at Massachusetts General Hospital](#). Her testimony has wrongly convicted parents of Child Abuse. As these types of convictions are over-turned across the country, will doctors be held accountable for destroying families? [Image Source](#).

Comments by Brian Shilhavy
Editor of Health Impact News

As the medical profession continues to debate the merits of “Shaken baby syndrome” (SBS), the American judicial system is increasingly determining that the evidence against SBS is strong enough to prevent convictions in a court of law,

where the standard is “reasonable doubt.”

As Christina England reports in the story below, Chief Justice Ralph Gants from the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts just ruled this month that another SBS case in Massachusetts must be re-tried, because evidence contrary to the supposed “science” behind SBS was not presented at the trial. Judge Gants even went beyond just issuing a ruling to provide legal advice to attorneys seeking to represent their clients against SBS claims.

Since starting MedicalKidnap.com almost two years ago, where we provide a platform for families to tell their side of the story in cases where they disagree with medical professionals and have their children taken away by the State, many of the cases we have reported revolved around parents being accused by medical professionals of child abuse, such as SBS.

In many of the family stories we report, children are taken away from parents with no due process of law. The parents are accused by medical professionals or social workers of child abuse, but no charges are ever brought against the parents in a court of law.

In these situations, terrorists, murderers, rapists, etc., all have more rights than parents, because they enter into the legal system where charges are brought against them, and they have their Constitutional rights to face charges, and defend themselves in a court of law.

This generally does not happen in family courts across the United States. (For more info, see: [Does the State Ever Have a “Right” to Remove Children from a Home?](#))

With SBS charges, however, many parents have been charged by District Attorneys with crimes, and entered into the judicial system. As [we have reported](#), a new pediatric sub-specialty, *child abuse pediatrics*, with the corresponding title of “Child Abuse Specialist,” came out around 2010. There are now over 300 of these doctors serving mostly in children’s hospitals across the country, functioning more like law enforcement officials than actual medical doctors, as their sole purpose is to find “child abuse” based on medical records.

Should doctors be given this much authority? Are they really trained in forensic evidence and criminal behavior?

It would seem that the courts are increasingly saying “no,” since so much contradictory medical evidence exists, showing that there are legitimate medical conditions that can be misinterpreted as “child abuse,” and more and more of it is coming to light in the court room.

So now the question remains: if these parents have had their children removed illegally, and many of these parents have wrongly been convicted and incarcerated, should doctors who are responsible for these injustices be tried in a court of law for their crimes?

An [important case](#) was heard last year in the Ninth Circuit Court, which ruled that Dr. Claudia Wang, the medical director of UCLA’s Suspected Child Abuse and Negligence (SCAN) team, does not have immunity from civil lawsuits, may have set an important legal precedent. ([Story here.](#))

Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts Calls for a New Trial in Shaken Baby Case

by Christina England
Health Impact News

The late [Archie Kalokerinos, M.D.](#), once stated:

I have no doubt that this ‘shaken baby’ business will eventually be recorded as one of the worst pages in the history of paediatrics. And the saddest part of it all concerns the fact that, while important doctors are busy collecting ‘evidence’ for the prosecution, vital issues that can save many lives are being not only ignored but destroyed with intense hostility.

Sadly, Dr. Kalokerinos died in 2012, however, four years later, courts from around the world have at last begun to recognize that the diagnosis of *Shaken baby syndrome* is indeed “seriously flawed” and claim that the diagnosis needs to be investigated in more depth.

One of the latest cases to be re-examined is the case of Oswelt Millien, a young father, who in 2015 was jailed for 4-5 years for causing permanent injuries to his six-month old daughter, Jahanna.

According to the [official court report](#), Mr. Millien claimed that his daughter had, earlier that evening, accidentally fallen backwards from the couch where she had been sitting and landed on a wooden floor. However, the prosecution’s

expert witness, Dr. Alice Newton, disagreed and stated that such injuries could not have been caused by a short fall injury alone. During her evidence she stated:

The only injury . . . that could possibly be related to a short fall was the skull fracture, but that this was ‘very unlikely,’ because short falls are more likely to result in linear, rather than comminuted, fractures.

Dr. Newton testified that the skull fracture had required “some type of blow,” such as “slamming the child against something.” She stated that one could not determine when a skull fracture had occurred simply by looking at the CT scan because it would heal in the same way as vertebrae.

Knowing that he was innocent and believing that Dr. Newton’s evidence was incorrect, the defendant, Mr. Millien, decided to file a motion for a new trial on the grounds of ineffective assistance of counsel. He claimed that his counsel was ineffective because they had failed to either consult or call an expert on the science of Shaken baby syndrome and that in failing to do so they had denied him a substantial ground of defense.

Mr. Millien is not the first to question the ‘so called’ expertise of Dr. Alice Newton. In fact, her evidence has been questioned in several cases including the cases of [Daniel Green](#), [Aisling Brady McCarthy](#), [Justina Pelletier](#) and [Geoffrey Wilson](#).

Chief Justice Ralph Gants Orders a New Trial



Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Court, Ralph Gants. [Image Source](#).

Millien's motion was carried and on June 4, 2016, the [Boston Herald](#) reported that Chief Justice Ralph Gants from the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts had ordered a new trial.

The Herald stated:

The jury is still out on shaken baby syndrome, but the Supreme Judicial Court made one thing clear yesterday — the controversial diagnosis has flaws that any competent attorney should be able to pick apart.

They continued:

'In ordering a new trial for Oswelt Millien yesterday, the

unanimous court didn't throw out the science or chastise those doctors who stand by the embattled diagnosis. Instead, it told defense attorneys that there is a road map to reasonable doubt lined with experts, articles and scholarly treatises.

By vacating the defendant's convictions in this case and ordering a new trial, we do not claim to have resolved the ongoing medical controversy as to how often the triad of symptoms of abusive head trauma are caused by accidental short falls or other medical causes,' SJC Chief Justice Ralph Gants wrote. 'We are simply recognizing that there is a vigorous debate on this subject.'

They concluded that in Millien's case, Gants had gone the extra mile, giving attorneys a wealth of extra information that they could use in future cases and stated:

In one footnote alone, Gants spent 400 words describing numerous scholarly articles that cast doubt on the diagnosis.

'A defense expert could have assisted a competent defense attorney in mounting a significant challenge at trial on cross-examination by identifying the methodological shortcomings of the studies they cited,'

Gants wrote.

'Other attorneys who have successfully staved off a shaken-baby conviction saw the ruling as significant.'

'The fact that the court is saying that there is a huge debate in the medical and legal communities on this theory of shaken baby syndrome is important,' said Melinda

Thompson, one of McCarthy's attorneys.

'And the debate is far from over.'

This case is yet another example of the many cases currently being re-examined.

Shaken Baby Syndrome is Being Re-Examined

In June 2015, [Iceland on Review](#) published an article stating:

The Icelandic Ministry of the Interior's Appeal Committee has determined on Friday that the case of Sigurður Guðmundsson, who in 2003 was convicted for having caused an infant's death by shaking him violently, is to be reopened.

In July 2015, [Michigan Radio](#) announced:

Lawyers with the Michigan Innocence Clinic say they believe at least two people have been wrongfully imprisoned for child abuse because they say medical experts misdiagnosed shaken baby syndrome.

The clinic's attorneys are representing [Joshua Burns of Brighton](#), and [Terry Lee Caesor of St. Clair County](#). Juries have convicted both men of child abuse.

Lawyers say they'll likely take on a third case this summer and are considering an additional three cases as well, though they won't yet discuss the details publicly.

In September 2015, [The University of Utah](#) stated:

September 15, 2015, Professor Carissa Hessick was interviewed by Fox13 News about the controversy surrounding the changing diagnosis of shaken baby syndrome and the impacts on prosecutions.

‘Shaken Baby Syndrome has become very controversial in the legal field,’ said Carissa Byrne Hassick, a law professor at the University of Utah.

‘There’s no doubt that child abuse is a real problem in this country,’ Hassick explained. ‘But it’s also pretty clear, however, the experts who were originally being advised, they’ve since come to the conclusion that there’s a lot more at play here than originally thought.’ [sic]

And in May, 2016 the [West Virginia University](#) reported that:

Hampshire County, West Virginia, native Jeremiah Mongold is a free man today after serving 11 years of a 40-year sentence for the death of his stepdaughter thanks to the [West Virginia Innocence Project](#) at the [West Virginia University College of Law](#).

It appears that at last, professionals from around the world, are realizing that not all cases involving the “[triad of injuries](#),” previously thought to be a definite diagnosis of Shaken baby syndrome, are necessarily caused by the parent or care-giver and are, at long last investigating the syndrome in more depth.

Cyber Attacker on Hunger Strike in Prison for Protesting Medical Kidnapping of Justina Pelletier



Marty Gottesfeld

Comments by Brian Shilhavy
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The medical kidnapping of Justina Pelletier in 2013 by Boston Children's Hospital made national news, and brought the issue of "medical kidnapping" to the attention of the American public. Justina's story was picked up by national TV personalities such as Dr. Phil, Mike Huckabee, Glenn Beck, and others.

Justina's family, from Connecticut, was referred by their doctor to specialists at Boston Children's Hospital for her diagnosed condition of "mitochondrial disease." But once she was admitted, a different group of physicians decided she did not have mitochondrial disease, and put her into the psychiatric ward instead. When her parents (and doctors back home) objected, Massachusetts took custody of Justina, effectively making her a prisoner and victim of medical kidnapping.

To learn more about Justina's story, see [previous articles on Health Impact News](#).

One part of Justina's story which has attracted recent media coverage is regarding the actions of Marty Gottesfeld, who allegedly hacked Boston Children's Hospital's website disrupting a fundraiser event, in protest of the injustice that was at that time being carried out against Justina. Marty was arrested earlier this year over his actions, and is now on a hunger strike in prison.

While Health Impact News does not support the breaking of laws or the publication of threats in protesting social injustice, we believe Marty's story should be heard. His wife, Dana, has asked us to publish her editorial regarding Marty's

actions, and the cause he is now willing to die for in order to raise public awareness of the medical kidnapping issue.

The Successful Hospital Cyber Attack That Hurt No One And Helped Save This Girl

by Dana Gottesfeld
Health Impact News

When is a “cyber attack” on a children’s hospital a good and necessary thing? How about when it isn’t what’s normally referred to by the politically charged term “cyber attack” at all? When it leaves the critical components typically expected priority targets of such a frightful offensive—medical devices, electrical systems, telephone lines, etc. untouched and instead exacts a financial toll in order to protect a young girl from potentially deadly malpractice, negligence, and cruelty. How about when the hacker isn’t the bad guy one expects, and not one patient was intended nor suffered any harm? Does all this sounds like it qualifies as a “cyber attack on a children’s hospital,” or does it sound like something else?

It’s easy and convenient for a hospital facing online actions over its [maiming](#) of a child to distract from its culpability by taking advantage of public deep seated fears and labeling itself the victim of a “cyber attack.” It’s also dishonest and inflationary. This disingenuous tactic exploits the understandable tendency for people who hear “cyber attack” and “hospital” in the same sentence to immediately assume the worst. Ironically, it takes advantage of society’s collective decency to mask the truly obscene and is disrespectful to the victims of actual hospital attacks, like those against Doctors Without Borders not too long ago, in which children did actually die. It’s also easy, dishonest, and

disrespectful for a [notorious](#) federal prosecutor who failed to lift a finger when a young girl's life was at stake, to follow suit and attempt to indemnify her political allies from the financial impact of her deplorable actions.

The hospital in question is Boston Children's. The infamous prosecutor is [Carmen Ortiz](#), and the girl who lost all feeling below her hips and whose name Ortiz [doesn't dare utter](#), is Justina Pelletier. A longer more detailed first-person account is available in a previous HuffPost [exclusive](#), and in-depth [human rights analysis](#) of Justina's suffering has been submitted to the U.S. Department of Justice as well as the United Nations. And following her despicable treatment of prominent internet activist and pioneer Aaron Swartz, culminating in his 2013 suicide, Carmen Ortiz's disgraceful conduct has been memorialized forever by no less than [60,000 concerned citizens](#).

Justina's mistreatment at Boston Children's and the simultaneous marked decline in her health began when an [unlicensed resident](#), seven months out of medical training, and a non-MD psychologist challenged her mitochondrial disease diagnosis and therapies. These practitioners, who had only just met Justina and her family, preferred a mental health theory under which her symptoms were [psychosomatic](#) and had no physical causes. In contrast, Justina's mitochondrial disease, or "mito" diagnosis had been carefully arrived at by a leading medical expert following relevant biopsies. For over a year, this renowned professional had been successfully treating both Justina and her older sister for this usually genetic condition known to run in families.

When the new and comparatively inexperienced staff asked Justina's parents for approval to stop various essential mito therapies, they fearfully refused and tried to bring her to her

normal specialist at a competing hospital across the city. However, Boston Children's wouldn't take no for an answer and reported Justina's family to state authorities for "medical child abuse," starting a controversial legal process some of the hospital staff refer to as a "parentectomy." They told the commonwealth of Massachusetts, which is accustomed to deferring to word renowned Boston Children's Hospital on medical matters, that Justina's mito treatments were unnecessary, invasive, harmful, and therefore abusive. Even though they spoke to her diagnosing physician across town, Boston Children's doctors were quoted on a sworn affidavit saying they, "do not know where the parents picked up [mito] diagnosis..." They also expressed concerns about Justina's feeding tube and cecostomy button, but almost immediately after the courts stripped her parents of custody based on this misleading information, the hospital determined both to be medically necessary.

From there, Justina's painkillers, heart medications, even prescriptions for her brain and multi-vitamins were stopped, she was left in agony, locked in an allegedly abusive psych ward, and only allowed brief, supervised, and censored contact with her family. Without her vital therapies, her condition declined over the next sixteen months; her gums receded, her hair fell out, her legs swelled, and she lost all feeling below her hips. As the normal judicial and political processes failed to protect her, many people began to fear for her life. Now more than two years later, she is still in a wheelchair, and her family has filed a lengthy civil suit for malpractice, gross negligence, and civil rights violations.

Returning to the so-called "cyber attack" though, here is what actually happened, directly from the mouth of the alleged coordinator of the "massive" hack as well as the sworn testimony of FBI special agent Jeffrey Williams, and

Chief of the Boston U.S. Attorney's Office Cybercrime division, Adam J. Bookbinder, who succeeded [Steve Heyman](#) following the Aaron Swartz case.

Alleged Anonymous hacker/activist, or “hacktivist,” [Martin “Marty” Gottesfeld](#) learned of Justina's situation online. At first, he was unaware of the deeper human rights issues, and viewed the situation as it was widely reported at the time, as a medical/custody dispute. He trusted his local courts and hospitals to resolve the situation, but as months passed, and word of Justina's suffering spread, he grew increasingly concerned. He read a [scathing letter](#) written by a former federal prosecutor and then-longest tenured board member of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children saying the hospital's psych ward “appears virtually synonymous with abuse for many children.” Weary of federal prosecutors though, it was a similar letter, written by a former Boston Children's Hospital psychiatric nurse, stating, “It would be far more accurate to call the ‘treatment’ forced upon Justina by its more proper term, ‘torture,’” that finally, along with other information, exceeded the threshold of evidence he felt necessary for intervention.

“It would be far more accurate to call the ‘treatment’ forced on Justina by its more proper term, ‘torture.’”—Katie Higgins, RN

At first, Gottesfeld was hopeful public pressure and the specter of Anonymous action would lead to an expedited resolution. Without bothering to hide his identity, he uploaded a video to YouTube demanding the hospital return Justina to her family and terminate the [now controversial](#) doctor who filed a complaint against her parents. “We demand that you terminate Alice W. Newton from her

employment or you too shall feel the full unbridled wrath of Anonymous.”

See: *Anonymous #OpJustina Press Release Video* below:

https://youtu.be/CbnJyK_54Jo?t=5

The text accompanying the video contains the home address and phone number of the juvenile court judge overseeing Justina’s case and urged viewers to mail letters to his house and call him at home. It admonished him, “To Judge Joseph F. Johnston, you think you can abduct children away from their families because you are a judge? Wrong. Anonymous and the American people are here to remind you who’s really in charge of this country.”

It implored the public to, “Stand up for a child in her darkest hour,” as it displayed before and after photos of Justina, as well as a picture of her sister desperately hugging her crying mother as Justina was separated following the hearing. It declared that “Anonymous will punish all those responsible and will not relent till Justina is free.” Ominously it warned Boston Children’s, “Test us and you shall fail.” However, contrary to the Boston FBI’s later claim, its sworn paperwork, did not call for attacks against the hospitals network. Directly after the video was played into evidence in open court, Special Agent Jeffrey Williams admitted during cross examination, “from my recollection [the video] did not specifically call for [an attack].”



Source: PELLETIER FAMILY

***“Stand up for a child in her darkest hour.” —
OpFreeJustina video***

The apparent involvement of Anonymous increased the visibility of the case as Gottesfeld had hoped. The judge received letters and calls, many of them threatening, from across the country. National Anonymous accounts tweeted at the hospital, rattling the group’s internationally feared saber. After he saw a national Anon account tweet the picture below at Boston Children’s, Gottesfeld uttered one of the many permutations of the group’s motto to himself, “We are Anonymous. We give a voice to the voiceless.”



***"We give a voice to the voiceless."—Martin Gottesfeld
quoting the hacktivist collective Anonymous***

Still, the idea of action against a children's hospital was controversial inside Anonymous and many members were more trusting of Justina's new doctors and the state of Massachusetts than her previously unknown family. Fueling the controversy, Anonymous had clashed with some of the groups supporting the Pelletiers, like the anti-psychiatry Citizen's Commission on Human Rights which was already speaking out. Additionally, while there are politically conservative Anons, many members were dubious of the religious and right wing associations and outlets that helped break the story, such as The Christian Defense Coalition, Glenn Beck's "The Blaze," and Liberty Counsel. Gottesfeld says from prison:

"Justina's safety and well-being were paramount to everyone, and while I was cognizant of the challenges posed by the simultaneous involvement of these otherwise dispirit

groups, I hoped we would all stay focused on her and her family. Human rights work often makes for strange bedfellows.”

Gottesfeld also hoped that Anonymous would help round out support for Pelletier across the political aisle. He writes in one of his [books](#):

“In Boston, the simple reality is that Michael Moore receives far more support than Rush Limbaugh.”

As days passed though, the most influential Anonymous accounts, concerned with the optics of “OpJustina,” withdrew their support and even became openly critical of actions against Boston Children’s. He didn’t know it, but there would soon be an internally high-profile controversy regarding control of those accounts within Anonymous, and a subsequent change in leadership. At the time though, OpJustina had to make do without the group’s most powerful press and technical connections.



Source: BOSTON GLOBE/GETTY IMAGES

Largely on his own, Gottesfeld started organizing a grand gesture. He knew that a large fundraising effort for the hospital was a few weeks away and that most donations would occur online.

“All of the judicial, political, and medical oversight processes that could and should have saved Justina were failing. She was suffering unconscionable human rights violations, and I didn’t know how long she would survive,” Gottesfeld said from prison. “It’s unfortunate, but sometimes the only thing that motivates large, unfeeling bureaucracies is money. I didn’t care about ‘the optics,’ I cared about Justina. Many Anonymous actions are commonly misunderstood and misreported. If OpJustina turned out to be another one, then so be it. I wasn’t going to just let her suffer and die.”

“I wasn’t going to just let her suffer and die.” —Martin Gottesfeld

Complicating matters, Boston Children’s keeps its donation

page, main website, and other technical infrastructure all on the same network.

“This all eggs in one basket approach is a really bad idea and they should know better,” Gottesfeld says. “However I also knew from my career experience that an internet outage would not harm patients. Would you bring your child to a hospital where the internet going down would affect their safety?”

He points out that federal law and accreditation standards require hospitals to be able to function during online outages, and emphasizes,

“I think when most people hear of a ‘cyber attack’ on a hospital they picture a situation much different than the internet going down for a few hours, which obviously can and does happen occasionally anyway.”

On the afternoon of the donation drive, a “massive” flood of traffic came down the hospital’s internet lines, overwhelming them for hours. The hospital claims hundreds of thousands of dollars in losses. Gottesfeld points to estimates that Boston Children’s grossed in excess of one million dollars for its controversial care of Pelletier and claims:

“They still made hundreds of thousands for nearly killing Justina.”

On the witness stand the FBI acknowledged that the telephone system was unaffected, doctors and patients can call each other, and no medical records were hacked or destroyed. The prosecutors stipulated, “This was not a cyber 9/11,” and there have been no allegations any patients were harmed.

“The hospital lost some of its profits. Justina lost the use of her legs,” Gottesfeld said from prison. “Under international convention, not even war, the threat of war, or the preservation of human life, can justify the torture she endured at Boston Children’s. Ortiz knows this.”

“The hospital lost some of its profits, Justina lost the use of her legs.” —Martin Gottesfeld

The Boston FBI proudly stated they immediately began investigating the Internet outage after it happened. On cross examination Special Agent Williams confirmed the bureau was aware of allegations Justina had been abused at Boston Children’s, but there had been no FBI investigation of those allegations.

“It’s really sad that the Boston FBI and Carmen Ortiz’s office couldn’t care less about Justina’s suffering, but will spend millions investigating an internet outage. They have their agenda, and it certainly isn’t justice for kids like Justina,”

Gottesfeld said from the prison where he’s been held since March. He is currently on the second month of a hunger strike demanding a presidential pledge for actions to protect institutionalized children like Justina and to curtail political

prosecutions in Boston. He has lost over 30 pounds.

Justina's eventual release is attributed to a variety of mounting pressures. There were large protests at the Massachusetts State House as well as elsewhere, #FreeJustina repeatedly trended on Twitter, national media outlets ran successive stories, and eventually legislators at both the state and federal levels, as well as top Commonwealth public health officials got involved. OpJustina was covered by a variety of media outlets that hadn't previously appeared interested in the story.

"It reminded Boston Children's in a very public way that they aren't invincible or infallible. I'm told by a reliable inside source that the fundraising incident caused a considerable shakeup at the hospital, and these practitioners, who had a long history of questionable so-called 'parentectomies' were reigned in as a result of what happened," Gottesfeld claims.

Gottesfeld supporters operate www.FreeMartyG.com, and also a [Facebook page](#), and [Twitter account](#).

Martin Gottesfeld contributed to this article during his hunger strike. Dana Gottesfeld is his wife.

Massachusetts Senior Citizen and Attorney Medically Kidnapped - Estate Plundered - Represents National Epidemic



Marvin Siegel with his family. Photo courtesy of family.

by **Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff**

Retired lawyer Marvin Siegel of Boxford, Massachusetts, has lived an isolated and heavily-medicated existence, against his will and wishes, after court proceedings in August in 2011 resulted in his being placed under a court-appointed guardianship and conservatorship that his family considers to be unlawful. His meticulous estate planning has been eviscerated, and millions of dollars continue to be plundered from the 88-year-old's estate.

He is being held prisoner in his own home, under medical providers that his daughter has termed “24/7 guards.” Meanwhile, his daughters Attorney Lisa Siegel Belanger and Devora Kaiser tirelessly advocate for him in the court system, despite those who are working vigorously to shut them out of their father’s life.

At this point, those in charge of Mr. Siegel’s estate have drained half of the retired attorney’s approximate nine-million-dollar estate deceptively and fraudulently, according to Lisa. Further, as Lisa began to research her father’s case, she uncovered a network of corruption within the family and probate court system of Essex County, where the case is, as well as in other Massachusetts counties. The daughters’ court documents allege fraud, embezzlement, and money laundering, involving 40 litigants in the Siegel case alone.

Earlier this month, Lonnie Brennan of [Boston Broadside](#) broke the story in his article, “ISOLATE, MEDICATE, LIQUIDATE: How to Fleece a Senior.” It is a “Warning to Seniors: Rich or Poor, You’re Worth a LOT to Lawyers, Courts, and Service Agencies!”

In 2011, Mr. Siegel was starting to slow down a little, and he needed help around the house. His family stepped in to help, and they also arranged for a part-time worker to check in on him and tend to any unmet needs. Mr. Siegel asked Lisa and her family to move in for nurture and care.

Medical Kidnapping: Family Power of Attorney Revoked

One day, the worker reportedly called 911, stating that Mr. Siegel was believed to be a harm to himself or others. An ambulance arrived and took him to Beverly Hospital and

then to a psychiatric facility for evaluation. That is where he was placed on lock-down, without any notification of his family. As Lisa and her family arrived home from a day out, they found Mr. Siegel being placed in the ambulance.

However, court documents state that Lieutenant Riter of the Boxford Police Department, who had known Mr. Siegel for ten years at the time, “had no experience with the elder being a legitimate threat.” Lieutenant Riter went on to say that the concerns that prompted the 911 call were “more benign than indicated,” and that “there has been no legitimate reason to use a section 12.”

Lisa said that once Mr. Siegel was placed in psychiatric facility, his financial advisor Brian Nagle reportedly facilitated having Attorneys Edward Tarlow and Catherine Watson go into the psychiatric ward to revoke the Durable Power of Attorney (DPOA) that he had previously executed in February of 2003.

Further, the attorneys brought with them papers retaining Attorney Tarlow and his firm, to “do whatever they wanted to do.” She went on to say that the paperwork also named accountant William Austin, who had a long, established relationship with Nagle, the new DPOA. Lisa said that Austin later refused to be attorney-in-fact. She felt that this was because he knew that she “wouldn’t be someone to run over.”

Lisa had been assigned DPOA when Siegel was fully of sound mind, but somehow attorneys were able to go into a psych ward and obtain his signature to revoke that document. Lisa accuses Nagle of “refus[ing] to carry out his fiduciary duty and honor the Durable Power of Attorney.”



Marvin Siegel with his daughter Lisa at her graduation.
Photo courtesy of the family.

As a result, a guardianship and conservatorship were subsequently appointed over their father without their approval. The family has been embroiled in litigation over this ever since. It is nearly six years later, and the Siegel family is having to fight for the rights that Mr. Siegel appointed to them back in 2003.

Robbing Seniors – How the State Plunders the Estate of Senior Citizens

According to Lisa, in 2003 her father obtained expert lawyers to prepare a DPOA intending to safeguard him from ever having to enter probate court or be labeled incapacitated. Lisa was named the primary attorney-of-fact, and her sister Devora was the successor attorney-of-fact. Therefore, a guardian and conservator should have never been appointed to make decisions regarding Mr. Siegel and his estate.

Attorney James Feld became Mr. Siegel's court-appointed conservator, and Attorney Brian Cuffe became his court-appointed guardian. Marsha Kazarosian is Mr. Siegel's private attorney.



Siegel's attorney Marsha Kazarosian. Source: [Wikipedia](#).

Lisa said that Kazarosian has been working against the family and has allied herself with the court-appointed conservator and guardian. Attorney Mr. Siegel tried to terminate Kazarosian in 12/14/11, before the 911 event, but she refused to withdraw her representation as legal counsel.

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From Marvin Siegel - I want to terminate
your services for going against my wishes,
EXHIBIT 41 Marvin H Siegel

Marvin Siegel tries to fire Kazarosian. Source - [Boston
Broadside](#).

Lisa said that Kazarosian is supposed to be in an adversarial position against the court-appointed guardian and conservator. But, she said that Kazarosian has sold out Mr. Siegel, calling her "a turncoat." Lisa said that her father had Kazarosian attest to his competency in writing.

Attached is a copy of a note from Marvin Siegel faxed to me this afternoon, attempting to terminate my services because it is his understanding that I have not articulated his wishes. Also attached is an affidavit from his friend, Steve Kapsalis. Brian, since receiving this fax from Marvin, I have confirmed with you that you are not terminating my services, and since as guardian, only you (or Judge Abber) can do so, I will continue as Marvin Siegel's counsel until there is an order from the Court that I cease my representation.

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Kazarosian responds to Marvin Siegel trying to fire her.
Source – [Boston Broadside](#).

Attorneys Work Together with Hospitals to Medically Kidnap Seniors and Rob Their Estate

Prior to the medical kidnapping, Lisa said that her father had never been diagnosed with any psychotic/mood disorder. Devora said that the court has never allowed them to get a second opinion. Lisa said that her father had his own medical providers that he had been seeing for years.

But the first thing that the guardian and conservator did was get rid of all of his medical providers and put in their own network. Lisa filed a complaint stating that there is a conflict of interest among the court-appointed guardians/conservators because they have their own dealings with the medical providers and hospitals. She said:

They ask for one another to be appointed in court. It's so incestuous—it's unfathomable.

She continues:

This is all about the money. What people need to know is, this starts from your local hospitals. These attorneys who are also court-appointed guardians/conservators/GALs [Attorney Guardians ad Litem], they just happen to be attorneys who are private counsel for these very medical facilities. They have a financial interest in wanting elders to be judicially deemed wards of the state. There's a purposeful motivation of wanting to dismantle the family unit.



Conservator James Feld and Attorney Marsha Kazarosian at Marvin Siegel's bank vault. Source – [Boston Broadside](#).



Conservator James Feld counting the money. Source – [Boston Broadside](#).

Devora adds:

Now, the family unit—nothing. Dismantle them, and they have complete control. That's the first piece of the puzzle. It gets very complicated. They take away any control you have. They take away your rights.

Devora goes on to say:

One thing we've asked for over the years is for consistency with the caregivers. They change caregivers so often, which is not good with an Alzheimer's patient. Some of them speak very little English, understand little English. I don't even have the right to say or to approve the people taking care of him. I can't say anything.

We should never be where we are five years later. Lisa was appointed [attorney-of-fact].



Marvin Siegel with his daughter Devora. Photo provided by family.

Lisa told *Health Impact News*:

The big problem is that this situation should have been stopped from the get go had the court been applying the law. In five years, it has not been one iota of applying the proper, existing law. It's been outright lawlessness. I refuse to stop fighting against it. Because, I know what the truth is. And, I know what the law is. And, unfortunately, most people can't endure the viciousness and vile tactics that these attorneys employ.

The sisters said that they receive scathing emails on regular basis from the attorneys involved in the case. Devora said that the stress from this has been detrimental to her health. She now defers to Lisa when it comes to corresponding with them. She told us:

I couldn't take the viciousness of their attacks. It was horrendous.

Rule of Law Thrown out the Window in the Kangaroo Court

Lisa said that probate court blatantly disregards the entire instrument, or the estate planning documentation, that Mr. Siegel had prepared in 2003, and as a result, the court dismantles the family infrastructure—preventing the truth from coming out.

Lisa said:

Once they get you into probate court they just completely disregard that entire instrument, as if it never existed. And, the whole purpose would be because they want to be able to have the court-appointed guardian conservator to be able to get themselves into the family infrastructure and dismantle it. So, when that happened to us, especially myself being an attorney, I said to myself, this is not something I'm understanding here. I'd been an appellate attorney—at that time for at least 15 years. It didn't matter. Rule of law was thrown out the window—it was purely a kangaroo court. And, that's what it has been for five years, is a kangaroo court.

The sisters went on to say that if a person does not have the money to fight, it is doubtful that they will ever have justice. According to Lisa:

The way the court system exists, people are prevented from being able to have the truth be heard a lot of times because most people can't even afford the transcripts cd or electronic recording, let alone the transcript CD. Then you have the filing fees. Basically, these people have been able to get away with it because there has been no outrage, they haven't been made to be able to be seen in public for what they are."

Devora said:

It's horrible when somebody can't fight something because they don't have the funds to pay the filing fees. Where's the

justice in that? And, the court knows that. And they're bullies. And that's part of their game. They just keep hoping that we'll quit fighting.

At one point, Lisa reports that she was offered \$100,000 by Attorney DeNapoli, paid from the trust if she would not seek legal action to validate her father's 2003 DPOA, which would eliminate all court-appointed attorneys and make Attorney DeNapoli a permanent fixture. Lisa viewed it as a bribe and declined the offer.

How Many More Seniors Is This Happening To?

The sisters are reaching out to the media in the hopes that they will get a force behind them that will hold the people involved accountable in the public eye. Lisa said:

The local media, they refuse to report on it. No one wants to go up against them, no one. My sister and I are just trying to somehow...it's not just for our own personal endeavor, but this is something that will hopefully help other people.

They believe that this is happening to numerous other families around the country. Devora said:

I wonder, if we could find out how many people this has happened to, if everyone would step forward. I wonder how many thousands would. And, that's bad. And, we're supposed to be United States of America! Something is wrong in the court system.



The Siegel family before a corrupt system tore them apart. How many more families is this happening to? Photo courtesy of the family.

According to Lisa:

They make things up. They want to say dementia or whatever—psychotic delusions. At no time have they ever put down any factual information as to what kind of psychotic delusions. They just put down a statement and that's it. That's the problem is that there's no oversight. There's no justice in the court system.

She said that people have the perception that when you go to court that the judge will hear the evidence, and then do a diligent job at reviewing what was presented. However, she said:

That is just a complete myth.

Regardless, Lisa said that she and Devora will continue to pursue justice for their father in the courts.

Until these people are forced into the public, the court system is all we have.

Not Only Rich Seniors are Targeted

Lisa said:

The scary part of it is that this is not an isolated incident. This is business as usual. It is a pattern of isolate. Medicate. Liquidate.”

She pointed out that people that think this only happens to people who have large sums of money, but that is not the case. Of her four years of personal research, she said:

It doesn't matter the amount of a person's estate, even if a person has virtually nothing to their name. The fact that an elder is receiving some sort of government benefit that automatically brings you into their clutches. People don't realize that it affects basically everyone. I also find, I'm probably kind of a lone attorney in this process, because it's so insidious. Because, a lot people who even hire attorneys, they don't even realize that their attorneys are playing along to get along with the opposing side. So, many people think that their attorneys are supposedly advocating on their

behalf, when in reality, they're stabbing them in the back, for lack of a better term.



Lisa loves her Dad, but cannot even see him now. Photo supplied by family.

Rapid Deterioration After Unnecessary Drugging



Marvin Siegel and Sophie the dog. Photo courtesy of the Siegel family.

Devora said that her father has gone downhill since he was stolen from his family. His communication is to the point to where he cannot carry on a conversation. She said that when they are together, she only gets a few words from him. It is really difficult for her to witness what is happening to her father. She said:

I'm there to hold his hand. I try to talk to him. He's aware of what I am saying to him and answers when he desires.

See other stories we have covered about medical kidnapping of senior citizens:

Husband of Retired Missouri Couple Medically Kidnapped—Estate Plundered to Pay for Unwanted Medical Confinement

Elder Medical Kidnapping in Texas Results in Abuse and Death of Elderly Mother

Adult Medical Kidnapping in New York: 1950s Air Force Veteran Held Hostage in Hospital

World War II Veteran Medically Kidnapped in New York Dies in Pain on Thanksgiving Day

California Kidnaps Elderly Brother of Medical Malpractice Attorney

Medical Kidnapping of Baby Boomer Seniors Not Rare – Now the Norm

Obamacare: America's Elder Medical Kidnapping Epidemic is Leaving Seniors Homeless

How You Can Help:

Governor Charlie Baker may be reached at 617-725-4005 or contacted [here](#). His Facebook is [here](#). His Twitter is [here](#).

Representative James Lyons Jr. may be reached at 617-722-2460 or contacted [here](#).

Senator Bruce E. Tarr may be reached at 617-722-1600 or contacted [here](#). Facebook is [here](#). His Twitter is [here](#).

Attorney Lisa Siegel Belanger's website is [here](#). Her Twitter is [here](#).

Poem for Her Father by Lisa

A TRIBUTE TO: MY FATHER – MARVIN H. SIEGEL

MY FATHER TAUGHT ME:

To Live in Hope

To Have Loyalty, Morals

To Have Compassion, Kindness

To be Gentle When Stroked, Fierce When Provoked

To Fight for Justice for Family, for Others

To Not be Silent When People Suffer at the Hands of Others—

To be Heard in Defending Others

To Right the Wrong and To Not Stop Until Won

And to Be Able to Look in the Mirror When the Day is Done

I Miss You—More Than Words Can Ever Say;

Yet, I will Overcome the Obstacles in Our Way—

Because of What You Taught Me

I LOVE YOU,

LISA

by Lisa Siegel Belanger for her father on Father's Day 2012
([Source](#))

Justina Pelletier and Medical Kidnapping 4 Years Later - Has Anything Changed?



Justina Pelletier and her parents. Source: [A Miracle for Justina](#) Facebook page

by Terri LaPoint
Health Impact News

It has been more than 4 years since the most infamous case of medical kidnapping in the United States occurred when the state of Massachusetts, together with Boston Children's Hospital, seized custody of then 14-year-old Justina Pelletier over a medical disagreement.

The story exploded across mainstream and international media after her father Lou Pelletier courageously defied an unconstitutional gag order and risked prison to tell his

family's story. With heavy hitters in the national media like Glenn Beck, Mike Huckabee and Dr. Phil giving them exposure, as well as an army of advocates by their side, it still took 16 months to get their daughter home.

Read past stories about [Justina Pelletier](#).

Justina, to this day, still suffers physical, mental, and emotional trauma from all that happened to her during her captivity.



From [A Miracle for Justina](#) Facebook page.

At the time, most of the public thought this story was an anomaly – an egregious abuse of power by an out-of-control hospital and bureaucracy that was stunning in its tyrannical reach, but still the exception to the rule.

Few ever dreamed in their wildest nightmare that this was common, everyday practice all over the United States and other countries. Silence and shame surrounded the families

to which this kind of thing happened, and it may well be that the explosion of stories that have come out in the years since then may be attributed to Lou Pelletier's boldness in speaking out, opening the floodgates for others to come out of the shadows and speak up.

What have we learned since then? Has anything changed?

Unfortunately, although we have learned a great deal about what goes on behind closed doors in hospitals, Child Protective Service agencies, and family courts, precious little has changed since then.

“Justina’s Law” Under Consideration, Public Invited to Write to Legislative Committee

Currently, the Massachusetts legislature has the opportunity to consider a bill that would prevent parents from being charged with abuse or neglect for following the advice of a different licensed medical or mental health provider. The bill, however, falls short of protecting those parents seeking more holistic or alternative forms of treatment if the practitioner they choose is unlicensed.

An earlier version of the bill submitted in 2015 failed to gain traction. Perhaps this time legislators will take more interest in the common sense measure which would secure the right (which parents have always believed they had already) to seek a second medical opinion and to direct the medical care and treatment of their children.

[HB900](#), known as “Justina’s Law,” is before the Joint Judiciary committee. HSLDA (Home School Legal Defense Association) has stated that they are in [support of the bill](#). The text of the bill reads:

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 119 be amended to add the following new section 51I:

51I: (a) A parent or legal guardian shall not be charged with abusing or neglecting a child's need for medical care if:

- (i) the parent or legal guardian has sought medical care for the child from a licensed medical or mental health provider;*
- (ii) the licensed medical or mental health provider has made a diagnosis;*
- (iii) the licensed medical or mental health provider has prescribed a lawful course of treatment; and*
- (iv) the parent or legal guardian is following or willing to follow the recommended course of treatment.*

(b) No mandatory reporter, as defined in Section 21 of this Chapter, shall file a report of abuse or neglect under Section 51 of this Chapter based solely on a parent's or legal guardian's decision to follow the recommended treatment of a licensed medical or mental health provider. A parent or legal guardian has the right to follow the advice and treatment plan of a licensed medical or mental health provider over a contrary opinion or recommended treatment plan of another licensed medical or mental health provider when the decision does not involve immediate life-threatening conditions. Even in the case of life-threatening conditions, the decision of the parent or legal guardian to follow the advice or treatment plan of a licensed medical or mental health provider shall not be overridden unless there is clear and convincing evidence to the contrary.

The committee is accepting written correspondence for a short time following the Judiciary committee hearing, which occurred Monday, May 8.

No deadline was given, but it was stated that during the hearing that it would be for a “very short window” of time.

The Senate members on the committee are Senators [William M. Brownsberger](#), Chair, [Sonia Chang-Diaz](#), Vice Chair, and members [John F. Keenan](#), [Cynthia S. Creem](#), [Patricia D. Jehlen](#), and [Richard J. Ross](#).

The Representatives on the committee are Representatives [Claire D. Cronin](#), Chair, [James M. Cantwell](#), Vice Chair, and members [Colleen M. Garry](#), [Carole A. Fiola](#), [Daniel J. Hunt](#), [Michael S. Day](#), [Rady Mom](#), [Paul Tucker](#), [Bud Williams](#), [Sheila C. Harrington](#), and [James J. Lyons, Jr.](#)

Contact information may be found for each of the legislators by clicking on their names. Letters may be sent to the Senators at this address: 24 Beacon St., Room 504, Boston, MA 02133, and to the Representatives at this address: 24 Beacon St., Room 136, Boston, MA 02133.

Wards of the State Used as Medical Guinea Pigs

When Justina Pelletier’s story came to light, the world learned the horrifying reality that children who are wards of the state, including foster children, may legally be used in the United States as medical lab rats or guinea pigs in drug trials and medical research without their parents’ knowledge or consent.

We learned that Boston Children’s Hospital and other hospitals around the country engage in this type of practice that would ordinarily be thought of as something only the Nazis during WWII would have done.

A 2014 article by Matt Barber at [WND](#) exposed the written policy of Boston Children's Hospital that:

“Children who are Wards of the State may be included in research that presents greater than minimal risk with no prospect of direct benefit.”

On page two of the policy, BCH defines “Ward” to include “foster children, or any child under the control of [DCF – Department of Children and Families] in the state of Massachusetts.”

It works like this: Boston Children's Hospital needs guinea pigs and the Massachusetts DCF provides them.



Boston Children's Hospital. Photo [source](#).

Using children for medical research, obviously, is not something that the hospital presents to the public.

On their [website](#), President and CEO of Boston Children's Hospital Sandra L. Fenwick boasts:

We are grateful to have been ranked #1 on U.S. News & World Report's list of the best children's hospitals in the nation for the third year in a row, an honor we could not have achieved without the patients and families who inspire us to do our very best for them. Thanks to you, Boston Children's is a place where we can write the greatest children's stories ever told.

The story that too many parents tell is that the hospital is responsible for the DCF seizure of over 400 children per year from their families, more than 1 a day. We learned that locals have dubbed Boston Children's Hospital as "the home of the parentectomy."

Boston Children's Hospital is not alone. Children's Hospitals and other hospitals across the nation regularly funnel children into Child Protective Services for the lucrative foster care and adoption industry and medical research.

Health Impact News did their own investigation into using children for medical research and the link to child social services removing children from parents' custody in order to conduct these drug trials, and we found that this is not only common practice but legal in the United States.

See:

Medical Kidnapping in the U.S. – Kidnapping Children for Drug Trials

An elderly veteran recently told us that he sometimes hears doctors and nurses speaking in the halls of hospitals, apparently thinking no one is paying attention, saying that they “think it is time for a parentectomy” and making plans to call Child Protective Services. A former Children’s Hospital chaplain told us that he saw his hospital take children away from innocent parents on a regular basis.

A federal version of “Justina’s Law” was introduced by Representative Michelle Bachmann of Minnesota and other lawmakers in 2014.(See [source](#).) That bill would have prohibited federal funding for medical research on wards of the state. That bill went virtually unnoticed by the majority of federal lawmakers.

Medical Kidnapping of Children in the U.S. is an Epidemic

Since starting the *Medical Kidnap* division of *Health Impact News* two and a half years ago in October 2014, we have exposed hundreds of stories of families whose children have been taken over medical disagreements or seeking a second doctor’s opinion.

For every story that we publish, there are dozens more that don’t reach publication.

The sheer volume of stories that we receive on a daily basis demonstrates that the problem is much more widespread than most people have realized.

We have worked with families from California to North

Carolina, from Michigan to Texas, and everywhere in between, and some common themes have emerged.

There are certainly states where there seems to be more corruption than others, but there are problems with medical and governmental overreach in all 50 states. Here are some patterns that we have discovered that are common to many of the families we have interviewed:

1. Parents can take their child to their pediatrician or Children's Hospital for a relatively minor injury or problem, and end up losing their children to the state.

They are blindsided by the events that follow their child being seen by a doctor.

Child Abuse Specialists, employed by many Children's Hospitals, often tend to "find" abuse where there is none. They are not adequately trained in fields such as neurology and orthopedics, and frequently fail to do differential diagnoses to discover if there is a medical reason for the child's injuries.

Child Abuse Specialists are also acting like law enforcement officials doing criminal investigations of parents accused of abuse, but with no training in forensic evidence or criminal investigations.

See:

Are New Pediatric "Child Abuse Specialists" Causing an Increase in Medical Kidnappings?

2. Parents are routinely told by social workers, attorneys, and judges that "the Constitution doesn't apply in Family

Court.”

This is wrong. The Constitution applies to all American citizens.

However, its principles, such as due process and freedom of speech, are frequently ignored within the system.

Lou Pelletier was threatened with jail time for “violating a gag order.” If the parents have the money and ability to appeal to higher courts, the higher courts tend to support the Constitution, but most families do not ever make it to those courts.



See:

Family Court Judges' Unconstitutional Gag Orders On Parents

3. Innocent parents tend to talk freely to social workers and law enforcement, knowing that they have done nothing

wrong. They often do not insist upon a warrant or court order for social workers to enter their homes (as secured by the 4th Amendment) because they feel that they have nothing to hide.

They do not realize that the officials they have allowed into their home usually have an agenda, and that agenda is about seizing their child, not about the truth.

4. Social workers, both in Child Protective Services and in hospitals, routinely deceive courts and parents in their efforts to seize children away from parents.

Our *Medical Kidnap* reporters see evidence on a daily basis of lies and deception by social workers about the families in our articles. In a landmark case out of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in January 2017, federal judges struck down social workers' "Right to Lie" appeal.

See:

Judges Reject Claim That Social Workers Didn't Know Lying In Court to Remove Children Was Wrong

Social worker whistleblowers have told us that a good social worker does not last in the system and that the system is all about protecting itself, and not children.

See some of Tammi Stefano's (National Safe Child Show) interviews with (or about) social worker whistleblowers:

LA County DCFS Whistleblower Reveals how Parents are Losing Their Children to a Corrupt System

Former LA County Social Worker Reveals Corruption in Child “Protection” Services

Whistleblower in LA County DCFS Reveals Corruption in Child Kidnapping

California Attorney Shawn McMillan on Why He Fights CPS: “They’re Stealing Kids”

5. Judges frequently never see exonerating evidence held by the parents in these cases.

Sometimes the court-appointed attorneys fail to present such evidence. Other times, judges take the word of CPS attorneys and social workers when they object to such evidence being presented.

Frequently, parents have reports from 8 to 12 medical experts, with experts waiting in the wings to testify on their behalf, only to find that the judge will only hear the testimony of the Child Abuse Specialists who accused the parents in the first place.

There is often clear medical evidence that the child has a true medical condition, but the only testimony allowed to be heard is that of the doctor labeling the injuries as abuse – the same doctor who failed to uphold their medical responsibility of testing for other causes before diagnosing abuse.

6. Transparency is virtually non-existent in family courts.

Whereas accused murderers and rapists have the benefit of checks and balances to ensure the integrity of their criminal trials, parents may be given the family court equivalent of a death sentence – termination of parental rights – with nothing that ensures the integrity of the process.

In most states, any facade of accountability amounts to the foxes guarding the henhouse, while corrupt officials veil their misdeeds behind a cloak of “confidentiality” – laws which are twisted to protect the guilty, not the innocent.

7. Children are more likely to be abused in foster care than in their own homes.

In fact, they are at least 6 times more likely to be abused, raped, molested, or killed in foster care than if they had been left in their own homes.

See:

Foster Care Children are Worse Off than Children in Troubled Homes – The Child Trafficking Business

Foster Homes: Where Good Kids Go To Die

8. Actual evidence of wrongdoing by parents is not required in many family courts, and in many states, hearsay is legally permissible as evidence.

This hearsay sometimes comes from social workers who may not be telling the truth, and even from disgruntled family members or neighbors. Children are ripped from their

families and adopted out to strangers without there being any real proof that the parents have done anything wrong.

Where Do We Go From Here?

Three years ago, most of the public was largely unaware that medical kidnapping existed. Justina Pelletier's story was the first to begin the public exposure of the dark underbelly of the Child Protective System and the collusion with hospitals around the country.

When we began publishing stories of similar nightmares experienced by other families, the primary comment was – “There must be more to the story.”

Now, there is a great deal more awareness that this kind of thing can, and does, happen, and we don't hear that comment nearly so much. Thanks to the hard work of hundreds of dedicated activists who speak out, share stories on social media, lobby legislators, write letters, and make phone calls, a growing number of the American public is aware that legal and medical kidnapping exists and is a threat to innocent families.



A few lawmakers in a handful of states have been working on legislation, such as Justina's Law in Massachusetts. Representative [Kelly Townsend](#) in Arizona and Senator [Alan](#)

Clark in Arkansas have led the charge in their states to introduce bills and amendments to bills to help protect families in their states.

There is still much to do.

Since Justina Pelletier was seized from her family over a medical disagreement, thousands of children have been taken from their families. Some have been returned home after difficult and traumatic battles. Some parents are grieving the loss of children who have been adopted out, often to complete strangers. Still, others continue in the fight of their lives for their family's survival.

More laws need to be changed. The oppressive *Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997*, handed to then-President Bill Clinton by Newt Gingrich's Republican-led Congress which was signed into law and provides financial incentive from the federal government to states to take children from their homes, needs to be repealed.

The system is broken beyond repair.

Child abuse is a criminal act, and when it does actually exist, it needs to be addressed by law enforcement. In criminal court, there must be evidence of wrongdoing, not simply allegations, before the accused is punished.

Children need their parents. It is a basic human need. Before a child's inherent human right to a relationship with their parent is ended, there must be a compelling reason to take that away. That reason should never be a financial benefit for anyone, or supposed benefits of medical research. A child should not lose a parent unless that parent is truly harmful to the child. All other excuses simply devastate and

traumatize the child further.

Justina Pelletier – 4 years later. What has changed? Not nearly enough.

Massachusetts State Auditor Finds Widespread Rape and Sexual Abuse in Foster Care but DCF Officials Won't Report It



Massachusetts State Auditor Suzanne Bump. Photo [source](#).

by Terri LaPoint
Health Impact News

The theoretical function of Child Protective Services is to “protect” children from harm, removing them from their homes when they are being hurt. A deep-seated value of Western culture is that we need to protect children from abuse, and the public has overwhelmingly supported the use of tax dollars going to help the children who are being abused.

But what happens when the very agency charged with protecting children is, in reality, leading to or ignoring the physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, and even deaths of the children in their care? Is anyone held accountable?

Where do their victims turn when social workers assigned to protect them turn a deaf ear and a blind eye?

Hundreds of parents who have spoken with *Health Impact News* about their child or children being taken from them have asked how they can lose their child though they have done nothing wrong, while at the same time the social workers routinely ignore the abuse of their children in foster care.

On December 7, 2017, Massachusetts State Auditor Suzanne Bump released an appalling audit of her state's Child Protective Services, the Department of Children and Families (DCF). (See text of audit [here](#).)

The audit, which covered 2014 and 2015, found that there were many instances where children in state care, whether in foster homes or group homes or other facilities under DCF care, were abused physically or sexually, but DCF failed to report the incidents to the proper authorities.

In the week following the release of the audit, many news outlets, both mainstream and alternative, have carried the story, and the ensuing political battle between Bump's office and Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker.

[Conservative Review](#) journalist Rob Eno references [Michelle Malkin Investigates](#)' coverage of the Medical Kidnapping of Justina Pelletier and compares it to the audit:

This new report raises serious questions on the motivations and ability of government agencies in general to protect children. Instead of kidnapping children for disagreements over medical treatment, these government child welfare agencies should focus on their core mission.

DCF – Sexual Abuse By Fosters Happening but “Not Serious”

The Ad Council tells us, “You don’t have to be perfect to be a perfect parent,” in their campaign to entice more people to become foster parents. The audit report in Massachusetts reveals that this statement is sometimes taken to the extreme with regards to even the most flawed of foster parents, while children can be removed from their parents for sometimes the slightest of imperfections by the real parents.

Some of the grounds that have been used by Child Protective Services to take children include disagreeing with a doctor, refusing vaccines, having dirty dishes in the sink or laundry on the floor in the laundry room, having a child that was “too short,” getting the electricity turned off for a day, getting a 2nd medical opinion, parents having a verbal disagreement with each other, being a foster child themselves, or having a homebirth. The lists of allegations are often filled with made-up stories or minor incidents twisted into something much more serious than they were.

Yet, when it comes to children who are abused by the fosters that are paid by taxpayers to care for the children who are being “protected” from their “dangerous” parents, that abuse isn’t considered worthy to report.

DCF officials told Auditor Suzanne Bump that they don't see sexual abuse as a serious enough problem that they need to report it. According to [Western Mass News](#),

The problem: "Sexual abuse to children is not considered to be a critical incident because DCF, in their own words, did not consider sexual abuse to cause serious bodily harm or extreme physical pain. I can't comprehend that response," Bump added. Bump's office found 118 incidents of sexual abuse of a child in DCF care that were not reported to the office of the child advocate. She said that reporting these incidents hinders the protection of children.



When Terri LaPoint and Kristi Devine met with Auditor Suzanne Bump in October to discuss the need to audit DCF, her office was already in the process of doing so. We discussed many issues involved with medical kidnapping and DCF corruption. Photo: Health Impact News

Sexual Abuse and Trafficking in Foster Care is Common Today – Children Suffer far Worse in Foster Care Than in Their “Troubled” Homes

Tragically, this has been the experience of far too many families. In my research for the *Medical Kidnap* division of *Health Impact News* over the past 3 years, I have personally spoken with hundreds of families, including many of the older children and teens who were either returned home or aged out of the system.

In ***only one*** of the stories that I have covered were the children sexually abused or molested in their own homes, before Child Protective Services got involved under the guise of “protecting” them. In that case, the family reported the rape to police, but police didn’t do anything about it until social services kidnapped the resulting baby from the young mother in the hospital and the story went viral. The family was not responsible for the rape. (Story [here](#).)

However, I estimate that about 75% of the older children and teens that have contacted us were molested or sexually assaulted in foster care, and many of the younger children have been abused as well.

Most of these incidents were reported by the children to the social workers, yet in almost none of the cases did it go beyond that.

Law enforcement was not notified. No reports were filed.

In most cases, the children remained in that dangerous setting even after they reported the abuse. Many times, it

was not until much later that the parents learned of the abuse.

The true abusers in the foster homes and group homes got away with it.

Most of the time, we have not reported the sexual abuse. The families prefer to keep it out of the media, understandably. However, among the cases we are familiar with:

- An elementary-aged little girl was raped by the “Christian” foster father. When she reported it to the social workers, she was moved to another foster home. It was never reported to authorities. The foster family continued to be foster parents for many years within the same county where social workers were aware of the rape, and they continued to be involved in children’s ministry at their church.
- A teenage boy was raped by a man in the neighborhood. There were tattoos and identifying features that would have helped police identify his rapist, had the social worker simply bothered to inform the police. She didn’t. And he remained in that foster home.
- A teenager was sexually trafficked by those who were caring for her. It was never reported. Her mother suspected something, but her daughter wouldn’t talk about it. Her fears were confirmed a couple of years later when she finally got some documents in which social services checked the box – “Human Trafficking” on a form listing what the child had been involved in.
- A teenager was gang raped by the foster’s nephew and several of his friends. When the social worker found out, she simply transferred the girl to another facility.

The crime was never reported.

- Parents discovered their little boys (really young) who had been returned home performing oral sex on each other. The behavior had to have been learned in foster care. No abuse in foster care had been reported to any authorities.

The audit by the Massachusetts state auditor uncovered many similar stories. In addition, Bump's office found many other kinds of abuse that DCF failed to report. According to [CBS 4 in Boston](#):

The Department of Children and Families did not know about 260 serious injuries to kids under the agency's care, including gunshot wounds, burns, broken bones and head contusions.

This is consistent with our findings at *Health Impact News*, where numerous parents have sent photos documenting injuries to their children that happened in foster care.

These injuries far exceed any that the children ever sustained in their own homes before being removed from their families "in the best interest of the child."

See:

[**The U.S. Foster Care System: Modern Day Slavery and Child Trafficking**](#)

Evidence of Abuse in Foster Care Ignored, or Worse

Usually, when the real parents point out the injuries to social workers, their concerns are brushed aside or swept under the rug. The children are silenced, told by social workers not to say anything to their parents. It is extremely rare that anything is done about the abuse.

In one of the most extreme cases, when a biological mother recognized signs that her daughter was being abused and molested in foster care, social workers brought her concerns to the judge, accusing the mother of making it up and “sabotaging” the placement of her child. That was actually used as grounds to terminate her parental rights.

However, the mother was right. The foster “father” currently sits in prison for being part of a pedophile pornography ring. He was using the children for sex trafficking. See:

Arizona Child Removed from Loving Family and Placed into Foster Care Where She was Repeatedly Raped – then 80% of Body Burned



Little Devani, placed into harms way by Child Protective Services. Her mother reported signs of abuse, but CPS took no action to protect Devani. Photo provided by family.

When the children come home, they often tell their parents horror stories – abuse from which their loving family was rendered powerless to protect them. Most former foster children have nightmares and night terrors after they come home, and they often have fears they didn't have before. Some have PTSD.

As we have reported many times, children in foster care are at least 6 times more likely to be abused, molested, raped, or killed in foster care than they are in their own homes, even if their own homes were troubled. See:

Foster Care Children are Worse Off than Children in Troubled Homes – The Child Trafficking Business

Foster Children Funneled into Sex Trafficking

There is evidence that Child Protective Services funnels some foster children into the child sex trafficking trade. According to a report by the [*Los Angeles Times*](#), over 1000 registered sex offenders were on the list of state-approved foster care providers and facilities, in Los Angeles County alone.

Many sources cite that at least half of sex trafficking victims come from foster care, and some cite figures that are as high as 90%.

See:

Child Sex Trafficking through Child “Protection” Services Exposed – Kidnapping Children for Sex



Filmmaker Sean Stone interviews Tammi Stefano. [Image from YouTube.](#)

Massachusetts Governor Refuses to Acknowledge Problem or Enforce Accountability – Adds More Money to DCF Budget Instead



Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker. (Photo by Jessica Rinaldi/The Boston Globe via Getty Images)

Since the auditor's scathing report was released, Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker has pushed back. [Mass Live](#) reports the governor's response that the audit was "irresponsible" and that it went back to a time period before he took office.

According to [WBZ 4](#) in Boston, he has addressed the well-publicized short-comings of DCF by throwing another \$100 million at the problem, hiring almost 400 new social workers, and changing some policies.

A massive influx of more money and social workers will never fix the problems of Child Protective Services. All that does is ensure that MORE children will be funneled into the terribly-broken system.

Auditor Suzanne Bump responded to the governor's defense by pointing out that no one has been held accountable for the failures of the system. Even if the cases involved in the audit happened before the governor took office, his administration has not dealt with those who should have been held accountable.

"Those kids were victimized and nobody paid a price," Bump told WBZ's Ryan Kath. "That's not serving children well. It's not serving the agency well. And it's not serving the public well."

Governor Baker is no newcomer to the problems with DCF. He has a long involvement with the agency dating back more than 25 years. He was appointed in 1991 as Undersecretary of Health and Human Services, of which DCF is a part. In 1992, he was promoted to the head of the agency.

Abusers in Foster Care Going Unpunished – Change Desperately Needed to Protect Children

Suzanne Bump's audit has revealed what parents involved in the system already know – that children in the system are being hurt in foster care and nothing is being done about it.

Those who fail to address the abuse of children in state care must be held accountable, and the abusers, who are committing crimes against children, must face consequences.

A simple way of protecting many of these children would be to simply not place them into the system in the first place. The approach of taking children “just in case” and sorting it out later during long, drawn out battles in family and juvenile court must end.

Many, more than half and possibly as many as 3/4 of the children placed into state care, are suffering abuse at the hands of the very system charged with protecting them.

All of them suffer from the trauma of being separated from their families.

Children are better off without this kind of “protection.” Those children who are truly abused at home often are the very ones left in their homes, due to not being “adoptable.” Child abuse is a crime, and must be treated as such.

Child “Protection” System is Really Child

ADOPTION System

The public believes it is the “Child Protective System,” designed to protect abused children.

What most do not realize is that it has become the “Child ADOPTION System,” with the ultimate goal of maximizing federal funds. Therefore, the children who are truly in need of protection are not protected, because they are seen by those in the system as damaged goods who are unadoptable.

See:

Arizona Judge: Child Removed from Home Illegally – Only Reason Was Child Was “Adoptable”

Medical Kidnapping: Billion Dollar Adoption Business

The commodity that CPS trades in is children, and they want children who are adoptable, in other words, those who come from good, loving homes, because that’s where the funding is.

In that kind of system, it does not behoove them to address physical and sexual abuse that occurs within that system.

How to Reach Governor Charlie Baker:

The main office number for Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker is 617 725 4005. He may be contacted [here](#). He is also on [Twitter](#).

Active Senior Medically Kidnapped from her Home and Forced onto Drugs in Nursing Home Now Near Death



This is what state protection has led to for Beverley Finnegan. She was fully functional 6 months ago. Now, attorneys and her appointed guardian want to euthanize her. Photo taken December 2017. [Source](#).

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Call to Action:

Supporters are asked to fill the courtroom Friday in support of Beverley Finnegan's life.

The Massachusetts Probate Court hearing is on Friday, December 22, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Eastern time in Courtroom 7 with Judge Monks, located at 121 Third Street, Cambridge, MA 02138.

by **Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff**

Earlier this year, Beverley Finnegan, age 69, of Newton, Massachusetts, could walk, talk, and discuss the events from the daily newspaper. That was before she was seized from the condo that she shared with her sister, forced by police into a nursing home, and drugged against her will.

Years before, she had named her sister as her medical proxy, but the state of Massachusetts has ignored her wishes and placed her under guardianship with strangers.

Her whole life, everything she had ever known, was gone with the stroke of a judge's pen.

Now, she is on life support, and on Monday, December 18, guardians and their attorneys petitioned the court in the attempt to have Beverley Finnegan euthanized.

They go back to court on Friday, December 22. Janet Pidge is fighting for the very life of her beloved sister who is just one court decision away from having her life snuffed out forever.

All of this started because a doctor filed a report that she had a particular lung infection for which she refused treatment.

He wrote that, without treatment, she would die within weeks or months.

Since the diagnosis more than a year ago and the subsequent day that the senior citizen was violently seized from her home “in her best interest,” the alleged lung infection has never been treated or addressed. Not once. Presumably, it doesn’t exist. It never did.

In documents filed with the court, her sister calls the *Mycobacterium kansasii* a “pretext” from which Beverley “was falsely said to suffer.”

Instead, psychologists working for the agencies that have held her captive against her will have labeled Beverley Finnegan as combative and violent – for fighting those who broke into her home and forcibly took her away – and paranoid – for being suspicious of government officials and medical people.

Had these actions been taken by masked thugs, her responses would have been acceptable, expected even. But since it was doctors and people working for the government under color of law, she was apparently expected to submit and go away compliantly, without a fuss.

Lonnie Brennan, reporter for the [*Boston Broadside*](#), writes:

Hmm, they tell her she has an ailment which they don't treat her for, and she's the paranoid one?

Sisters Forever

Sisters Beverley Finnegan and Janet Pidge have always been close. After the death of Beverley's husband and their only child, Janet moved into the upscale Newton condo that her sister owned. Since 2012, the sisters have owned the home jointly. They both worked, and enjoyed keeping up with the daily news and engaging in lively debate over current events.

Beverley was the one who handled the finances for the pair. She had the foresight to legally name Janet as her medical proxy in 2012 in the event of any future health problems. They may not have always trusted everything doctors said, but they trusted each other.



Janet Pidge (left) with her sister Beverley Finnegan in happier times. Photo provided by family.

Doctor Files “Protective” Order

After an accidental fall in the summer of 2016, Beverley became involved with a doctor affiliated with Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge. Dr. Anne McKinley diagnosed her with a severe lung infection for which she would need long-term treatment, without which the doctor said she would be dead within weeks or months. That was September 2016.

Because Beverley made the decision to only follow up once with her, the doctor reportedly became concerned and filed an emergency protective order on September 26. This ignores the fact that she had been in the hospital two weeks prior.

On October 4, 2016, Elder Protective Services Caseworker Claire Wilms of Springwell, Inc., went to Beverley Finnegan’s condo with 2 police officers to investigate. They buzzed to be let into the building, but the sisters refused to allow them access. Another tenant reportedly let them in.

When the sisters refused to answer the door, they barged in anyway.

Beverley was reportedly furious at the intrusion into her home, and refused to answer Wilms’ questions about whether she knew that she was sick and needed medication. In her report to the court Wilms leaves out what they did to provoke the senior citizen at her home, but reports that Beverley was angry, agitated, yelled expletives, and threw a vase at them. At some point, a door was taken off of its hinges.

Thus, Beverley Finnegan has been labeled “paranoid” and “violent.”

Springwell is a private non-profit organization that provides and coordinates services to senior citizens. They work with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to, in the words of their [website](#), “alleviate or reduce risk of harm to elders.” Also, according to their website:

At Springwell, we believe that when you want support, you get to decide what type of support you need, when you need it, and who provides it.

Apparently, that means only if they agree with your decision.

Ms. Finnegan was forcibly taken by police to the hospital where a psychiatrist alleged that she was paranoid.

That time, Janet was able to contest the Section 12 mental health order and get her sister discharged home.

Undeterred, the doctor wrote a letter dated October 18, 2016. According to court documents, Dr. McKinley stated that Beverley “has refused further treatment” for the alleged *Mycobacterium kansasii*.

The treatment, according to Dr. McKinley, involves several medications that must be continued for at least a year while the patient is monitored for drug toxicity and visual and liver damage. She stated that Beverley must start treatment soon:

*Should she fail to do so, I would expect that she will continue to decline and ultimately die from her infection in the coming weeks to months. Unfortunately, she is now refusing all care at Mount Auburn Hospital, and **I fear that if she is not compelled to seek treatment, she will succumb to***

her illness. [emphasis added in court document]

In December 2016, caseworker Claire Wilms filed a petition with the court to have Beverley brought to a nursing home to have her mental and psychological health evaluated, citing the lung infection and the senior citizen's tendency toward violence.

The family's recently retained attorney, Lisa Belanger, points out that the only violent incident cited is when Beverley Finnegan fought those who broke into her home who were kidnapping her. At no time was she ever a threat to anyone who did not break into her house.

Wilms wanted Beverley to be evaluated by Dr. Elizabeth Nasser, PhD, "a neuropsychologist that Springwell retains to conduct capacity evaluations."

As we have noted many times with Child Protective Services cases covered by *Health Impact News*, it is very common for those with vested financial interests in the outcome to conduct various evaluations of family members. Attorney Lisa Belanger told us:

It's always the doctors and the guardians working hand-in-hand.

Wilms also told the court that Beverley's sister Janet, who was legally the medical proxy, would interfere with them doing the evaluations on her sister:

I believe that the only safe and appropriate way that the

Elder can be evaluated for capacity would be by way of an admission to an appropriate medical facility....

I also believe that if the Elder and Sister are notified of a hearing in this matter, it will make it very unlikely for Springwell to be able to have the Elder evaluated, and it could result in further violence.

“Protection” Needed to Prevent Her Death

On January 18, 2017, Judge Maureen H. Monks of the Middlesex County Probate and Family Court issued a protective order demanding that Beverley Finnegan be taken by the police to a medical facility for evaluation. The order temporarily also suspended Beverley’s chosen medical proxy, without any kind of evidentiary hearing.

The order was based on the supposed infection that would kill her if she didn’t get treatment.

(d) The Elder is in immediate and emergency need of protective services, specifically she is in need of treatment for a lung infection. If she does not obtain such treatment, she would be expected to die.

Beverley was seized for the evaluation and has not been home since. She was involuntarily committed to care.

There have been five hearings during which the suspension of Janet as her sister’s medical proxy was temporarily extended again.

Beverley Finnegan now has a court-appointed guardian, and is under the care of Jewish Family and Children’s Services.

A guardian who had never seen her before, who has no relationship with her or her family, is the one who now has the power to make decisions regarding Ms. Finnegan's life, including the selection of the nursing home.

The guardian had Beverley admitted into what her sister calls a "subpar" nursing home. Janet Pidge has been fighting to get her sister out ever since. Beverley has begged many times to be released from the home where she said she was being neglected and abused.

When she was forced into the nursing home, she was able to walk on her own. By late summer, she was in a wheelchair.

The *Mycobacterium kansasii* infection has yet to be treated in any way since she was placed in protective custody. Dr. McKinley stated that the protocol was a 3-drug regimen that must be continued for a year, and any cessation of the treatment could have devastating consequences to her health.

Attorney Lisa Belanger and Janet Pidge find this odd because at no time within the ensuing year were any of those medications ever given to Ms. Finnegan. Nor has there been any symptoms or further talk of the horrifying lung infection that was supposedly so serious that it necessitated violating a woman's autonomy and right to be secure in her home and person.

Denied Food and Water

A legal intern accompanied Janet to visit Beverley in August and September of 2017 and what she saw horrified her. In affidavits submitted to the court, the intern reported that staff at the Kathleen Daniel Nursing and Rehabilitation

Center told them at one visit that Beverley had been vomiting just about everything she ate.

They were surprised then, that Beverley devoured all of the food that Janet had brought to her, including “oriental food, dumplings, fresh fruit, and one half of a small raspberry pie.”

Beverley told them that the nursing home staff had not been giving her food or water and she was “ravenous.” She did not vomit or show any signs of stomach problems.

The intern noted that there were water pitchers in the other residents’ rooms, but not in Beverley’s. They had to ask for water. They spoke with staff and requested that they ensure that she always had water available.

When she returned with Janet for other visits, she found that there was never water in Beverley’s room, and that she always ate everything that her sister brought her. When the other residents were given lunch and dinner, no food trays were offered to Ms. Finnegan.

Janet visits her sister on a daily basis and spends 6 to 8 hours a day feeding, bathing, and caring for her sister. In one document, Janet stated that:

In the past month, not one day has a water pitcher been provided to Beverley, she has received unexplained injuries and a deterioration in her physical and mental condition.

During these visits, the intern says that Beverley was “bright, alert, talkative, and lucid.”

She asked me if I would go across the street to the store and buy her a newspaper and some magazines, and I did so.

Psychologist Testimony Used to Violate Civil Rights and Force Psyche Drugs

One psychologist said that Beverley likely had mental illness for many years because of her paranoia. Yet she has never before had any diagnosis of mental illness, nor is there any family history of such. She held down a successful career for 27 years in the technical sector.



Beverley Finnegan as a Sr. Tech. Photo provided by family.

According to the documents, Beverley Finnegan said that she was abused in the nursing home and expressed fear that she could be killed there. The doctors and attorneys call that paranoia and mental illness.

However, based on the notion that she was violent and paranoid, she was administered a couple of psychotropic drugs, against her wishes.

At least 2 of the medications that she was forced to take carry black box warning labels about their use in elderly patients, because they increase the risk of death, primarily from cardiovascular and infectious causes.

Beverley Now Near Death

On December 1, Janet says that her sister suffered a heart attack at the nursing home, but the staff did not call for help immediately. She begged for them to help Beverley, but they refused to give her oxygen. By the time the ambulance got her to the hospital, she was unresponsive and CPR was initiated at the hospital. She was reportedly without oxygen for around a half hour.

Beverley Finnegan is now on life support at Framington Union Hospital.

Janet remains by her sister's side at the hospital as much as she possibly can, but she is powerless to stop the devastation that she see happening to her beloved sister. She prays regularly for Beverley.

On Monday, December 18, a week before Christmas, she and her attorney faced a gaggle of attorneys and guardians who stood together to petition the court for permission to pull the plug on her sister.

Lisa Belanger says that Janet has seen signs of responsiveness in her sister, but a hospital intern and another doctor that they had never met has reported to the

court that Beverley is completely unresponsive and not likely to be able to come off of the ventilator. Dr. Aba Somers said that she will likely need a tracheostomy soon.

Janet vehemently disagrees with the doctor's assessment. Her attorney says that Janet has seen some signs of responsiveness. Because they have not yet been given access to Beverley's medical records, they have no way of knowing if she is truly as bad off as they say, or if her condition is simply due to her being sedated.

Janet Pidge's role as medical proxy was never vacated, only temporarily suspended, and she is not ready to give up on her sister yet. There are too many unanswered questions.

According to [Drugs.com](https://www.drugs.com/), a website with medical information about pharmaceutical medications, an overdose of one of the psychotropic drugs that Beverley Finnegan has been given against her will can result in symptoms very much like those she exhibits:

The patient would appear comatose with respiratory depression and hypotension which could be severe enough to produce a shock-like state.

in prolonged cases of coma, [a] tracheostomy [may be needed to open the airway]. Respiratory depression may be counteracted by artificial respiration and mechanical respirators.

Attorneys Want to Take Beverley Off of Life Support

Dr. Aba Somers said that Beverley stated that he believes that a “Do Not Resuscitate” and “Do Not Intubate” order should be in place and that she should be given comfort measures only. He argues that she will be dependent upon the ventilator in his judgment and that she will be:

at constant risk of complications, including pneumonia, urinary tract infections, line infections and decubitus ulcers.

As the group of attorneys for the hospital, Jewish Family Services, and Springwell agency gathered in Judge Maren Monks’ courtroom on Monday, their arguments to the court were stunning to reporter Lonnie Brennan of the *Boston Broadside*.

He attended the hearing and told *Health Impact News* that 6 people stood up to say:

It’s time to pull the plug.

A 7th person remained seated while attorneys for Jewish Family Services and Springwell actually argued, out loud, that she should be removed from life support because it would be painful for Beverley Finnegan if she were to suffer another heart attack, because intubation and CPR hurt.

To which, Janet Pidge’s attorney Lisa Belanger countered:

And that would be worse than death?

Belanger said that the counsel for the hospital argued that it would be “brutalizing” to keep Beverley Finnegan alive on life support.

She said that really isn’t their decision to make:

The hospitals cannot be allowed to play God! This is a family matter.

Family Desires Ignored – Hospital and Attorneys Believe They Know Best

One of the attorneys who wants to euthanize Beverley Finnegan reportedly tried to soften his rhetoric by suggesting that, perhaps, they could obtain more of her previous medical records and find a previously undiscovered document that might shed light on what HER wishes would be. He suggested that he believes that she would not want to live like this, so they need to pull the plug.

But they DO know what she would want.

Beverley told her sister that she wants to live. She begged for months to go home. She was afraid for her life in the nursing home.



Beverley Finnegan in her younger years, when others were not making medical decisions for her. Photo provided by family.

She assigned Janet as her medical proxy several years ago before this nightmare ever began. Her sister knows her, and based on what she knows about Beverley, Janet is fighting for her life. SHE, not the elder protective service people, truly cares about her.

Janet does not believe that all hope is truly lost for her sister.

Is Beverley truly unresponsive or is she being overly sedated to appear that she is unresponsive? Based on the apparently imaginary diagnosis of the lung infection used as grounds to take Ms. Finnegan against her will, it seems a fair question to ask.

Her sister and attorney have not seen the medical records, and they would really like to have a 2nd medical opinion – from a doctor who is not affiliated with the system that has caused so much harm, and a doctor who does not have a conflict of interest in the case.

The judge has given them until Friday, December 22, to find a doctor for an expert medical opinion, and Beverley's medical records are to be given to the attorney.

Attorney Lisa Belanger of Belanger Law is well aware of the tyrannical overreach of guardianship. She is still fighting for her own father whose freedom was taken when he was medically kidnapped.

See:

**[Massachusetts Senior Citizen and Attorney
Medically Kidnapped – Estate Plundered –
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Belanger Tweeted about Beverley's case:

No longer available.

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Massachusetts Child Protective Services recently came under fire for not reporting serious harm to children in their care including rape and sexual molestation in foster homes. It appears that Adult Protective Services needs to be scrutinized as well.

See:

Massachusetts State Auditor Finds Widespread Rape and Sexual Abuse in Foster Care but DCF Officials Won't Report It

We recently reported another story of a man being held prisoner in a hospital who died not long after. See:

56 Year Old Man Enters Hospital with Shoulder Pain – Dies 6 Weeks Later After Developing Infection in Hospital

See our other coverage of medical kidnappings of senior citizens:

Medical Kidnapping of Baby Boomer Seniors Not Rare – Now the Norm

Medical Kidnapping of Seniors: A \$273 BILLION Industry

Elder Medical Kidnapping in Texas Results in Abuse and Death of Elderly Mother

Husband of Retired Missouri Couple Medically Kidnapped – Estate Plundered to Pay for Unwanted Medical Confinement

95 Year Old WWII Vet Refuses to go to Hospital for Urinary Tract Infection, so Police Shoot and Kill Him

Adult Medical Kidnapping in New York: 1950s Air Force Veteran Held Hostage in Hospital

UPDATE: Family Fights for the Life of Senior Medically Kidnapped from her Home and Forced onto Drugs



Beverley Finnegan is on life support, but a medical expert says that she is likely to improve if proper medical treatment were initiated. Photo taken December 2017. [Source](#).

by **Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff**

The fate of 69 year old Beverley Finnegan of Massachusetts remains up in the air for now. Attorneys met on the Friday before Christmas to argue for and against pulling the plug on the medically kidnapped senior citizen.

After several hours in court, attorney Lisa Belanger told *Health Impact News* that they had expected Judge Mareen Monks to rule by the end of the day on Friday, December 23, 2017.

That didn't happen. The verdict was not handed down until after Monday's Christmas holiday.

The ruling is a temporary victory for Beverley's life. The court requires additional information and will appoint a Guardian ad litem to gather information on the motions submitted by both sides. The next court hearing will be on January 29, 2018.

While attorneys and guardians argued in court Friday that Beverley Finnegan should be put to death by "pulling the plug," attorney Lisa Belanger fought valiantly to save the life of a woman that Dr. Paul Byrne, a medical expert on brain death, says is reasonably likely to improve if she were to have proper treatment:

Beverly has a functioning brain. Beverly Finnegan does not fulfill any set of "brain death" criteria.

In Dr. Byrne's medical affidavit, he states that proper medical treatment of her condition did not occur and still has not occurred. He asserts that if she were to receive the proper treatment, there is a "reasonable likelihood of improvement" of her condition.

See Beverley's story here:

Active Senior Medically Kidnapped from her Home and Forced onto Drugs in Nursing Home Now Near Death

Medical Expert Testimony Downplayed at Court

As a result of the previous court hearing on Monday, December 18, Beverley's attorney and sister Janet Pidge were given until Friday, December 22, to secure a second opinion by another medical examiner. It was also ordered that MetroWest Medical Center provide access to Beverley's medical records to Janet Pidge and Lisa Belanger.

About the time that the family's previous article was published on *Health Impact News* on Wednesday, December 20, attorney Lisa Belanger was finally given her client's medical records.

She was horrified at what she found.

Both Beverley, before her heart attack, and her sister have stated numerous times that Beverley was not being given proper treatment and that she was being abused under guardianship care. For months Beverley has cried and pleaded to be released from the nursing home that she was forced into against her will.

Belanger got in touch with Dr. Paul A. Byrne, M.D., a medical expert with an impressive resume spanning several decades. He has spoken at numerous conferences, published many journal articles, and published a half dozen books on brain death and end of life issues.

According to an affidavit by Dr. Byrne:

4. I have published numerous articles on "brain death" and related topics in the medical and law literature and the lay press for more than thirty years. Attached is a copy of an article "Brain Death-The Patient, The Physician, and Society."ⁱ
5. I have been qualified as an expert in matters related to central nervous system dysfunction in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia and Courts of Michigan, Ohio, New Jersey, New York, Montana, Nebraska, Missouri, Virginia and South Carolina.

Lawrence Glick is an attorney for Springwell, Inc., an Elder Protective Service agency appointed by the state of Massachusetts. Springwell is the agency that originally petitioned the court for a guardian for Beverley Finnegan almost a year ago. The guardian, Marissa Levinson, representing Jewish Family and Children Services, and Glick are among those who are arguing for Ms. Finnegan's death.



Massachusetts Probate Court. Photo provided by Lisa Belanger.

Ms. Belanger reports that Glick spoke to her about Dr. Byrne:

Wow! I'm impressed. How'd ya find somebody like him on such short notice?

Nonetheless, despite Dr. Paul Byrne's remarkable qualifications to evaluate Beverley Finnegan's medical condition, the court balked at his medical affidavit amid claims by attorneys that he was "unqualified" because he is board certified as a pediatrician. Ultimately, however, the document was submitted into evidence.

There were 3 other medical affidavits submitted by the other side, all of which essentially said the same thing, that Beverley was brain dead and had no hope of any recovery. Their statements each look like fill-in-the-blank copies of each other. These were readily accepted as evidence.

Lisa Belanger has learned that one of the doctors, Dr. Elman Urbina Meneses, is actually an intern. When she called the Massachusetts Medical Board, they told her that his medical license limits him to practice only at Framingham Union Hospital for training purposes. He is not licensed to practice anywhere else. However, she says that Dr. Meneses certified to the court that he is fully licensed to practice in Massachusetts. (For more on this, see [*Boston Broadside*](#).)

Another doctor whose affidavit the court accepted was Dr. Aba Somers, who got his medical degree from a school in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Yet, the testimony of these doctors were given preferential treatment over that of the renowned medical expert Dr. Paul Byrne.

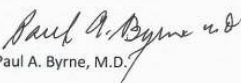
Medical Treatment Needed, Says Expert

In Dr. Byrne's report, he lays out specific medical treatments that need to be initiated immediately:

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Other points in Dr. Byrne's report include:

25. Beverly Finnegan is a living person. Beverly's heart is beating about 100,000 times a day without stimulation from an electronic pacemaker or medication, blood pressure, respiration, i.e., exchange gases between lungs and blood, the blood and the tissues albeit with the use of a ventilator to push air into Beverly, but with the living Beverly causing the exhalation of carbon dioxide. Beverly is maintaining her temperature at 95-96 indicative of someone who is alive.

26. Beverly is anemic. Her hemoglobin is 7.8 and hematocrit is 26.4. Beverly needs a blood transfusion.

27. Beverly has been on ventilator for about 3 weeks. Tracheostomy is indicated. Ventilator can then be continued until her malnutrition and hypothyroidism are adequately treated.

28. Beverly is very likely deficient in Vit D. This needs to be tested and treated.

29. With adequate thyroid hormone, vitamins including Vitamin D, riboflavin, Vitamin B6, Folic acid, Vitamin B 12, arginine, taurine, omega 3 fatty acids, melatonin, and sufficient protein, being provided as treatment, there is a reasonable likelihood of improvement in Beverly Finnegan's condition. None of these measures have been initiated to my knowledge.

30. Beverly is malnourished, hypothyroid and on a ventilator. Tracheostomy, feeding tube (PEG tube), thyroid medication and adequate nutrition can help Beverly. To remove the ET tube from Betty with or without the ventilator will do harm and might impose death on Beverly Finnegan. There is little risk of harm to Beverly to attempt such treatment measures, and the prospect of recovery outweighs the limited costs of treatment.

31. A severely sick and damaged brain leads to a sick thyroid gland that worsens brain sickness. At this time Beverly Finnegan is in "global ischemic penumbra" and declared to be in a "vegetative state." Beverly Finnegan needs treatment, not harm and death imposed on her. ***With treatment there is every reasonable likelihood of improvement.*** [emphasis added]

One of the motions filed by the hospital and elder care attorneys was for the use of a PEG feeding tube and a tracheostomy, or breathing tube, to be surgically inserted. It was the one thing that both sides initially agreed upon. However, the guardian and the hospital attorneys reportedly tried to withdraw that motion by the time of court on Friday.

Jewish Family and Children Services, the court-appointed guardian service for Beverley Finnegan, represented by attorneys Wendy Crenshaw and David Schwarz, petitioned the court for authority to authorize removal of the ventilator, initiate a “Do Not Resuscitate” order, and approval of comfort measures only.

Janet Pidge, Ms. Finnegan’s sister, opposes such efforts by the guardian. She wants her sister to be treated and for her to be given the opportunity to live. Beverley appointed her sister as her medical proxy in 2012, long before she had any medical issues. However, her decision was ignored when the court appointed Jewish Family and Children Services last year to make the decisions for her.

Sister Prevented from Testifying

During the entire hearing, they reportedly argued that it would be more merciful for her to be dead – an assessment that Beverley’s sister vehemently denies.

Janet Pidge was not permitted to testify in court, due to haggling over technicalities, while the very life of her beloved sister was at stake.



Janet (left) with her sister Beverley at a Christmas party in their younger days. Photo provided by family

Janet was initially afraid to leave Beverley's side to come to court, fearful that the hospital would take her sister off of life support in her absence. She attempted to testify by phone, but she was unable to hear on the hospital phone. When Janet handed the phone to a hospital staff member, the staffer reportedly communicated to the court that she was unwilling to talk.

Shortly after, Janet spoke with her attorney to explain what happened, and said that she wanted to go to court. A supporter drove to the hospital to pick her up so that she could testify in person.

When she arrived at court, her attorney was told that the court had given Janet an opportunity to testify by phone. Since she didn't do that, because she was coming to court physically, the judge told her that it was too late.

Lisa Belanger attempted to file a hand-written motion to allow her to testify, but she said that when she tried to hand it to the court clerk, he refused to take it and handed it back to her. She and the clerk argued over this in the presence of the judge, who picked up her things and walked away.

Janet Pidge was devastated that she was unable to testify on behalf of her sister.

Past History of Guardianship Battles – Over Their Mother

The entire nightmare scenario feels like a repeat to her of what she and Beverley went through several years ago with their mother.

The sisters fought, unsuccessfully, to save their mother from a similar fate. The state of Massachusetts seized custody of their mother, appointed a guardian, and forced her into a nursing home against her will.

Janet told *Health Impact News* that they fought for their mother, who was abused and neglected by the guardian and nursing home. She died at age 102, but Janet says that she should have lived longer had she not been taken away.

She believes that at least some of what she is facing with her sister is retaliation for their battle for their mother, during which they filed several lawsuits and took on some very influential people. Some of the players involved with Beverley's case were allegedly involved with their mother. Janet says that the corruption runs deep in the guardianship/elder protection world in Massachusetts.



After seeing what their mother went through, Beverley chose to name her sister as her medical proxy. Her wishes were ignored. Photo provided by family.

Lawyers Haggle over Medical Recommendations

Since the post-Christmas ruling on December 26, attorney Lisa Belanger has been attempting to get the hospital and attorneys to follow the recommendations of Dr. Paul Byrne, but has been met with resistance and semantical games.

She wrote Wednesday morning to the attorneys involved:

You are hereby formally notified that you have been provided the NECESSARY MEDICAL TREATMENT as set forth in Dr. Byrne's affidavit that Beverly Finnegan needs IMMEDIATELY. The attached info and upon my consultation with expert medical professionals a PEG is a COMMON PLACE PROCEDURE that is capable of being done in a local hospital.

Also, you ALL are put on notice that the hospital is medically falling below the reasonable care of duty in failing to perform the PEG IMMEDIATELY and for failure to provide Beverly Finnegan the proper dosages of medication as set forth in Dr. Byrnes's attached affidavit.

There is no ambiguity in Dr. Byrne's recommendations. Belanger is clear that she and Janet Pidge want the necessary medical treatment to be done.

Yet, attorneys wrote back and forth all day Wednesday, apparently much more concerned about a hearing on Thursday to find out if the judge meant to extend a conservatorship as well as guardianship for Beverley Finnegan than caring about whether or not she gets life-saving medical treatment.

In her ruling on Tuesday, the judge did not specify that the conservatorship was to be extended, so there is a hearing to clarify whether that was an oversight or not.

While the other attorneys try to figure out who is coming, Belanger has been trying to communicate the imperative nature of following Dr. Byrne's medical recommendations.

After a full day of haggling over what Janet wants for her sister, and questions as to whether or not Janet objects to the tracheostomy and PEG feeding tube [she doesn't], Belanger emailed the attorneys, including MetroWest Medical Center attorney Gary Zalkin:

I am quite puzzled as to how counsel for a "hospital" does not understand what "emergency" or "immediate" means. As I emailed you yesterday, Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at 7:50 pm, I have not received any communications whatsoever that you have implemented the necessary LIFE-SAVING measures required.

Therefore, due to your evident and continuing reckless disregard for Beverley Finnegan's life, please be advised that I will be seeking legal recourse FORTHWITH.

It is now 7:25 am. EVERY SECOND COUNTS. And every second that elapses you and your client, Metro West, and the other aiders & abettors are compounding your culpability exponentially.

Health Impact News attempted to reach Zalkin for comment but was unsuccessful.

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Medical Murder? Massachusetts Woman Medically Kidnapped from Her Home Dies After Being Denied Medical Intervention



Lawyers and guardians denied Beverley Finnegan the life-saving treatment her sister wanted her to have. The guardianship cost her life. Photo [source](#).

by **Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff**

As the icy blast of the historic “bomb cyclone” chilled the heart of Boston and flooded her streets, an even more chilling battle was taking place over the life of 69 year old Beverley Finnegan.

The fight to get court-appointed guardians and attorneys to allow her to receive life-saving medical treatment has ended with her death just before noon on Friday, January 5, 2018.

See Beverley's story here:

Active Senior Medically Kidnapped from her Home and Forced onto Drugs in Nursing Home Now Near Death

UPDATE: Family Fights for the Life of Senior Medically Kidnapped from her Home and Forced onto Drugs

Her tragic death follows the one day that her sister and advocate Janet Pidge were not able to be by her side at Framington Union Hospital. The brutal snowstorm kept Janet, as well as many other residents in the greater Boston area, home and off the streets on Thursday.

"A Turn for the Worse" – During a Crippling Snowstorm

Beverley's condition was largely unchanged during the last several weeks, so the Friday morning phone call came as a shock.

Gary Zalkin, attorney for Framington Union Hospital, left a voicemail at 8:30 a.m. saying that that she had taken "a turn for the worse" and would likely pass within the next hour or so.

Janet was already en route to the hospital to be by her sister's side. Advocate and journalist David Arnold told

Health Impact News that he joined Janet in Beverley's hospital room. He reports that her heart stopped several times, while doctors kept saying that her brain had shut down. Finally, her heart stopped beating for the last time, and she was pronounced dead at 11:48 a.m.

Janet's attorney Lisa Belanger calls it "euthanasia" – the hastening of Beverley Finnegan's death. Belanger attempted to file a criminal complaint on Saturday, since euthanasia is illegal in Massachusetts. However, the police denied her request, telling her to file medical malpractice instead. She told *Health Impact News*:

This is worse than the Twilight Zone.

Kidnapped and Denied Civil Rights over Medical Disagreement

For months, Beverley Finnegan and her sister Janet Pidge have been battling the state of Massachusetts to bring her home. The sisters owned a condo together, and they relied on each other. Several years ago Ms. Finnegan named her sister as her proxy if ever she needed someone to make decisions for her. Her wishes were completely ignored.

A doctor diagnosed her with an illness that, in hindsight, she may never have had. Dr. Anne McKinley said that she had a lung infection called *Mycobacterium kansasii* and that she would die without treatment. When Ms. Finnegan chose not to go back to that particular doctor, Dr. McKinley filed a protective order with the courts.

Police and social workers broke into the condo and seized

her. Because she fought against her kidnappers, she was deemed mentally ill and violent. She was bodily seized and forced against her will into a nursing home and forced onto psychotropic drugs.



The door frame was broken during Beverley Finnegan's state-sanctioned abduction, yet she was labeled "paranoid." Photo source: [Boston Broadside](#).

For months, she begged and pleaded to go home, saying that

they were going to kill her. The presumably imaginary infection that was used as a pretense to deprive her of her liberty was never addressed – not once.

Stranger Named as Her Guardian, While Sister Fights Back

Lawyers petitioned for, and won, the ability to override Ms. Finnegan's wishes, and a judge appointed a guardian with Jewish Family and Children's Services. Under a draconian legal construct known as "guardianship," Marissa Levenson was granted the authority to make life-altering decisions for a woman she had never before met.



Marissa Levenson, guardian with Jewish Family and Children's Services, was given authority to place Ms. Finnegan into a nursing home against her will. Photo source: [Boston Broadside](#).

According to Lonnie Brennan of the [Boston Broadside](#), who met with Janet Pidge and has attended some of the court hearings:

Beverly's sister, Janet, is hysterically desperate: she's fighting daily to get anyone to help. Janet can't stop talking about her sister, non-stop. She's anxious, desperate, and determined to get someone to listen. She's spent her savings, she's knocked on seemingly every door of every lawyer or politician she could find.

She's been lied to along the way in the same way her sister was lied to. She is called delusional and paranoid for not believing the state.

She can't stop. She fights on. She's determined and gets into rants about the shock of the taking of her sister, long-term problems at her condo with certain neighbors, and the tragic history of her family (for which a movie should be set).

Her money is gone and she's stuck asking for rides daily or help to pay for the trains to take her from Newton to Framingham each day where she prays at her sister's side.

Life-Saving Medical Measures Denied

Lisa Belanger says that the decline in Ms. Finnegan's health was directly related to fact that the state placed her under guardianship. Under that guardianship, she was forced into a nursing home that did not properly care for her. Due to their alleged neglect and possibly actively harmful practices, Ms. Finnegan wound up in a coma on November 30, and doctors have neglected basic medical care that could have saved her life.

On December 18 and again on December 22, Belanger went head to head in court with a gaggle of attorneys and guardians who were determined to pull the plug and end

Beverley Finnegan's life, against the adamant wishes of her sister.

On one side were the guardian and attorneys for Framington Union Hospital, Jewish Family and Children's Services, and Springwell – a non-profit organization utilized by the state of Massachusetts to implement Adult Protective Services policies.

They all argued that it would be more compassionate to pull the plug than allow her to live life under the current circumstances.

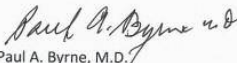
Lisa Belanger argued for Ms. Finnegan's basic Constitutional right to life. She presented an affidavit from renowned medical expert Dr. Paul Byrne dated December 22, in which he stated that she did "not fulfill any set of 'brain death' criteria."

Dr. Byrne laid out specific medical protocols that should have been taken already but hadn't. He said that if they would initiate such treatment immediately, Beverley's health should improve.

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Since that time, Lisa Belanger engaged in a life and death

struggle to get the hospital to do the basic medical treatments that could have saved Ms. Finnegan's life. She sent numerous requests to the newly appointed Guardian ad Litem Joanne Moses and to the various attorneys involved, including the hospital's attorney Gary Zalkin.

Her every attempt was rebuffed.



Counsel for Framington Union Hospital, Gary Zalkin. Photo [source](#).

Even though Beverley's sister and her attorney were clear that they wanted such measures being taken, Zalkin reportedly said that they would have wait until the new Guardian ad Litem approved of the tracheostomy and they were all able to go before the judge again for approval.

Lisa Belanger countered with:

EVERY SECOND THAT GOES BY YOU AND YOUR CLIENT ARE OVERTLY DEPRIVING MY CLIENT'S SISTER OF WHATEVER RECOVERY IS POSSIBLE.

To confirm, Judge Monks expressly stated that Metro West HAS AUTHORITY to perform emergency necessitated procedures—that such procedures do not require a court order. Again, the emergency procedures are laid out by Dr. Byrne in his provided affidavits that you have received.

*As already substantiated from the documentation I provided you, you and your client's **FAILURE TO ACT** continues to be knowingly and deliberately causing overt harm to my client's sister, Beverley Finnegan.*

None of the life-saving procedures were initiated. On the day that Beverley's sister could not be with her at the hospital due to the massive snowstorm, her health suddenly declined. By the time Janet Pidge and Lisa Belanger got word of her demise, all of the government offices to which they could have turned were closed due to the storm.

They were completely helpless to stop what they see as Ms. Finnegan's needless death. Because of the guardianship, Beverley's trusted loved one was powerless to intervene to save her life.

This woman who was functional, in full control of her mind, and able to walk and care for herself on her own just a few months ago is gone – another victim of guardianship.

David Arnold has written several articles on the dangers of guardianship. He told *Health Impact News*:

Guardianship is a form of slavery, but it is actually far worse than slavery. It needs to be abolished.

With guardianship, they want to rob them and kill them.

Conflicts of Interest: Psychotherapist, Jewish Family and Child Services All Complicit in Death

Even though the sisters lived in a large metropolitan area, the small group of players involved in their case have worked together in a number of similar guardianship cases, according to public records.

Jewish Family and Child Services seems to be a major player in the region. They played a significant role in the decisions leading to the rapid decline of Beverley Finnegan's health.

Attorneys Gary Zalkin, Lawrence K. Glick, and Wendy K. Crenshaw each appear on the dockets of many guardianship cases in various roles – alternately as counsel for the ward, counsel for the petitioner for guardianship, the petitioner, or guardian.

There are cases where the same attorney's name shows up in the record in more than one role. In a case from 2016, Case

#BR16P0649GD, Gary Zalkin is listed as the attorney for the ward, the petitioner on behalf of the facility wanting to place the ward under guardianship, and as the guardian himself. That is three conflicting roles – all represented by the same attorney.

Zalkin practiced for 14 years as a psychotherapist ([Source](#)) before attending law school. He has [lectured](#) and written on the practice of guardianship, and has apparently found his niche. According to his [website](#):

Attorney Gary Zalkin wrote the chapter in the Mental Health volume of the Massachusetts Practice Series that explains the new guardianship and conservatorship laws. He has additionally pioneered the affirmation of health care proxies for mental health issues in Massachusetts. He has served as chair of the Riverside Community Care Human Rights Committee and as president of the Board of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Massachusetts, MetroWest affiliate.

In 2005 Attorney Zalkin was honored by Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly as one of fifteen “rising stars – Massachusetts lawyers who have been members of the bar 10 years or less, but who have already distinguished themselves in some manner and appear poised for even greater things.”

Attorney Gary Zalkin received his B.A. in psychology from Brandeis University in 1989 and his M.S.W. from Simmons College School of Social Work in 1992.

Gary Zalkin is also “a member of the Harvard Medical School’s Program in Psychiatry and the Law.” ([Source](#)).

Cover-up of Medical Malpractice?

How is it that a person can lose every Constitutional and human right, including the rights to make personal and medical decisions, refuse medical treatment, live in her own home, be autonomous, and choose to live – based on a letter from a doctor not backed up with evidence?



Framingham Union Hospital. Photo taken by an advocate, name withheld by request.

What really happened to Beverley Finnegan – both in the nursing home before her hospitalization and in the hospital during the snowstorm, during the time that her sister could not watch over her and try to protect her?

Is there a cover-up happening of medical malpractice?

What kind of benefit is there to those parties networked together? Why are there so many entities and individuals working to take away the basic human rights of senior citizens?

How can citizens protect themselves from the tyrannical overreach of people operating under the color of law to take all their worldly goods as well as their very liberty? Is anyone safe?

Beverly Finnegan's voice has been silenced. Will her death go unnoticed, or will it mean something? Who will speak out for justice for her and for countless others whose lives are being stolen?

Other Adult Guardianship Stories We Have Covered:

[Medical Kidnapping of Seniors: A \\$273 BILLION Industry](#)

[Medical Kidnapping of Baby Boomer Seniors Not Rare – Now the Norm](#)

[Massachusetts Senior Citizen and Attorney Medically Kidnapped – Estate Plundered – Represents National Epidemic](#)

[Medically Kidnapped Senior Citizen's Health Deteriorating in Missouri, Wife of 44 Years Forbidden to Help](#)

[Elder Medical Kidnapping in Texas Results in Abuse and Death of Elderly Mother](#)

Adult Medical Kidnapping in New York: 1950s Air Force Veteran Held Hostage in Hospital

Obamacare: America's Elder Medical Kidnapping Epidemic is Leaving Seniors Homeless

Computer Hacker Who Defended Justina Pelletier When Medically Kidnapped Speaks Out From Jail Where he has been for 2 Years Without a Trial



Former Federal Prosecutor Adam J. Bookbinder recently quit his post after continued scrutiny from a wide array of journalists and media outlets. (Boston Bar)

Health Impact News

MartyG: “My Prosecutor Quit His Job”

by Marty Gottesfeld
from jail

Was a recent courtroom confrontation the last straw or was there more?

My name is Marty Gottesfeld and I defended Justina Pelletier and her parents’ rights when she was medically kidnapped by Harvard’s Boston Children’s Hospital (BCH) in 2014.

Shortly thereafter the FBI and U.S. Justice Department began systematically trying to destroy the lives that my lovely and courageous wife Dana and I had built for ourselves in nearby Somerville, Massachusetts.

They nearly succeeded. This month marks the beginning of my third year in jail awaiting trial for helping to save Justina’s life.

It also marks the beginning of the end of the 5-year federal criminal statute of limitations on the crimes perpetrated by the hospital and its staff, who accepted hundreds of thousands of Medicaid dollars to treat Justina for a condition that she never had in the first place.

I’ve been called Justina’s “[Guardian Hacktivist](#).” *Rolling Stone* calls me “[The Hacker Who Cared Too Much](#).” I’ve also been called a “[political prisoner](#).”

As many victims of medical kidnapping are acutely aware, unfortunately political connections matter more than facts in these cases and the one common thread which weaves its way through nearly every party that chose to persecute the

Pelletiers as well as my family and me is Harvard.

You see, not only is BCH a Harvard institution whose employees use Harvard email addresses, not only is it a local hotspot for medical kidnappings, but the former U.S. attorney who chose to indict me, as well as the acting U.S. attorney who replaced her before Trump was sworn in and the former governor of Massachusetts who ignored Justina's plight until she was crippled and nearly dead are all closely-aligned with the Ivy League university.

In fact, federal Magistrate Judge Marianne Bowler, who signed off on the search warrant for my home and who ordered me detained without bail, worked at Harvard Medical School, she is married to a current Harvard medical school professor and she was the director of a foundation which still raises money for Justina's torturers.

She didn't recuse herself from my case, though this past summer she recused herself from another matter involving Harvard hospitals.

Throughout this whole ordeal, until recently, there was also Adam J. Bookbinder, the former top federal cybercrime prosecutor in Boston and – you guessed it – he's a Harvard grad. It was Bookbinder who applied for a wiretap on my cable modem as well as for a search warrant for my home.

He had the FBI hand-deliver me a target letter after they seized thousands of dollars of my computer equipment. And that was before the FBI went to see my in-laws in California to try to intimidate them as well. It was also Bookbinder who hand-picked magistrate Bowler and lied by omission about her conflicts of interest.

And when we started exposing all of this, it was Bookbinder who threatened my wife for posting things to YouTube. He's now been lampooned by the left and emasculated by the right.

Then, at the last court hearing that I attended, I confronted Bookbinder while Dana held up before and after photos of Justina, showing how his alma mater had transformed her from vibrantly figure skating into barely being able to push her wheelchair.

See: 'Hacktivist' begins hearing with outburst, wife asked to leave

For the record too, there are other things about Bookbinder that I look forward to exposing soon, but that will be another story.

Regardless, right after the hearing above a new prosecutor was assigned to my case. Then Bookbinder withdrew from it.

Fast forward a month or two, and we have just learned that Bookbinder – a career prosecutor and division chief – quit his job to go into private practice as a partner at the firm Holland and Knight LLP.

I wonder, do they really know who they just hired? And did Bookbinder leave his career as a prosecutor because of the facts that are already out there or was there more?

It's no secret to the Boston U.S. attorney's office that I've long been suspicious of Bookbinder and that we've been digging into his background...



The author, Marty Gottesfeld is a political prisoner. To learn more about his case, please go to FreeMartyG.com.

Public Warning: Boston is a Cesspool of Adult Medical Kidnappings



Mary Frank, before being taken by Adult Protective Services.
Photo [source](#).

by Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff

Boston is home to one of the first notorious cases of medical kidnapping that garnered widespread public attention, that of [Justina Pelletier](#), seized by Boston Children's Hospital and Child Protective Services, and confined against her will and the will of her family in a psych ward.

It appears that the Boston area is a hub for medical kidnappings of adults as well as children.

In at least 4 cases that we know of in the Boston, Massachusetts, area, there is a web of common players who are interconnected.

Jewish Family and Children's Services is the common denominator for each of these senior citizens who were seized by Adult Protective Services.

Instead of foster parents, "guardians" are court-appointed to take control of their lives, assets, and medical decisions, leaving elder adults victims of strangers they have never met, isolated from their family and friends who are the ones that truly care about them. They are accused of having "mental illness" and confined to psych wards against their will.

Lonnie Brennan is the editor of a newspaper that has reported their stories, *The Boston Broadside*. He was recently served with a "No Trespass" order over the case of one medically kidnapped lady, Mary Frank, who was trying to reach out to him to get her story published. She was confined to a nursing home and psych ward against her will, and denied basic human rights.

The people involved in holding her captive are apparently not interested in her right to have visitors of her choosing,

or her right to have her voice heard.

Mary Frank's story is connected to those of Beverley Finnegan and Marvin Siegel, whose stories we have reported here on the MedicalKidnap website.

You will read Mary's story below. Alice Julian's story will be coming soon. She is another Boston area senior citizen who was medically kidnapped. She died in January due to the withholding of life-sustaining treatment.

We recently reported the medically-hastened death (euthanasia) of Beverley Finnegan who was medically kidnapped. Attorney Lisa Belanger fought alongside Janet Pidge in the valiant attempt to save Beverley's life. Her life was taken in January.

Here is her original story:

Medical Murder? Massachusetts Woman Medically Kidnapped from Her Home Dies After Being Denied Medical Intervention

Lisa Siegel Belanger, Esq., learned about the medical kidnapping of senior citizens when her own father Marvin Siegel was robbed of his liberty in 2011. She and her sister are still fighting for his life and freedom.

See his story:

Massachusetts Senior Citizen and Attorney Medically Kidnapped – Estate Plundered – Represents National Epidemic



Marvin Siegel with his family before the guardianship. Photo courtesy of family.

Mary Frank – Medically Kidnapped after Refusing to Commit Fraud

Lonnie Brennan of *The Boston Broadside* visited Mary Frank in November 2017 for the first time. He recorded her story and wrote, “[Mary Frank: 69-Year-Old Thrown into Psych Ward by Government-Appointed Guardian.](#)”

She is ordained as a Pentecostal minister and attended seminary in her younger days. Even though she became confined to a wheelchair, Mary Frank loved life and she loved her tiny apartment. She could still cook, clean, and take care of herself.

She could not, however, go to the grocery store or drugstore by herself.

When she found that she was eligible for home healthcare services, she thought that was good. She told Brennan that Minuteman Senior Services contracted a service that sent out someone to help her for 3 hour blocks of time. The first caregiver seemed to be great, but after a year, Mary learned that she had been stealing from her.

The next series of caregivers were not so great. They didn't work the 3 hour block of time either. One reportedly only worked 20 to 40 minutes at a time. Mary told *The Boston Broadside*:

And, they wanted me to sign a paper that said they were doing three hours. They were getting \$18.70 per hour.

In my mind, that's defrauding the federal government. What I found out later was that that money ... they were giving kickbacks. That money that they were earning – they weren't working for it – they were giving kickbacks to Michelle Coakley and Minuteman protective services.

I was aghast. I mean, not that I'm ordained [Mary had explained that she was ordained as a Pentecostal minister], but it's fraud. That's a clear case of fraud.

I said, I can't sign this. I can't sign this paper. I want you to do the three hours.

Things got ugly when she refused to sign the paper. She reports that Michelle Coakley of Minuteman Senior Services

threatened her:

I thought she was going to strike me. She was outraged and said to sign it, or you'll be sorry. I didn't understand the vitriol that was coming out of this woman. I come from a place of peace and love. I didn't get it.



Photo [source](#).

What Mary Frank didn't realize was that Coakley had the power to follow through on her threats:

In September of 2013 there was a knock on the door...they handcuffed me. Threw me in an ambulance and took me to Mount Auburn Hospital on a Section 12 for psych.

She says that the psychiatrist had been lied to and told that she was sitting in her own excrement and urine and that she threw out her nurse. He realized that “this was bogus.” Even though Coakley reportedly wanted her to be put on the psych ward, she was able to go home.

Three weeks later, she was seized again.

I said, ‘who’s signing these [psych] papers?’ Because she [Coakley] got somebody who never even saw me – a psychiatrist – to sign the papers.

The fraud was unbelievable...and they were so mean to me. They treated me like I was some kind of a criminal. My arms were all full of bruises. They pushed me around.

[Doctor] Rick Hayes saw me. He said, ‘what are you doing here?’ And I was there, and what he did was he went and got his colleague, and she leaned over and she said, ‘we’re going to get you out of here.’

I said, what is this? Is this legal? What is going on? And the nurse came in and put her arms around me. And she said, ‘be careful because she [Coakley] is not going to stop. She said I know people like this. They’re not going to stop...’

This is insane... I don’t belong in a psych ward. So, I got sent home.

But, she [Coakley] showed up again and said, ‘I’ll put you somewhere where you’ll never get out.’

Shortly after, she received a summons for a hearing

regarding guardianship, set for November 20. Two days before the hearing, Mary Frank was admitted to the hospital with knee problems that had to be addressed.

She phoned Mary Kate Connolly, attorney for Minuteman Senior Services, about an extension for the hearing. That call and her call to the court went nowhere, and the hearing took place without her.

(Mary Kate Connolly of O'Sullivan and Connolly is also the private attorney for Central Elder Services, the agency that facilitated the appointment of a guardian for Alice Julian, whose story will be coming soon.)

Without her presence at court, and with no due process, Mary Frank's freedom was ended.

[Jewish Family and Children's Services](#) was appointed as the guardian service for Mary. This is the same agency that was the guardian for the late [Beverley Finnegan](#), the late Alice Julian, and [Marvin Siegal](#). Individuals are assigned as guardians, but they work through Jewish Family and Children's Services.



Lawyers and guardians denied Beverley Finnegan the life-saving treatment her sister wanted her to have. The guardianship cost her life. Photo [source](#).

Mary Frank shares the same judge as Beverley Finnegan – Probate Court Judge Maureen Monks.

Mary's story continues:

And then this woman walks in named Robin Kosnick and proceeded to tell me, 'I'm going to put you away.' And I said, who are you? And she said, 'I'm the guardian.'

Now, Minuteman Senior Services picks out the guardian. It should be an autonomous guardian, or it should be a family member, or a friend – until you can prove you're OK. It shouldn't be somebody who is connected with the people who did this to you.

She said, 'Michelle told me what to do with you. I'm putting you away.'

That is exactly what she allegedly did.

After Mary healed from knee surgery, the guardian tried to put her in “a flop house in Everett.” It was so bad that the ambulance driver allegedly refused to leave her there. He took her back to the hospital, where she was forced to stay another 2 months “while she was waiting for a bed to open up at Sudbury Pines in Sudbury.”

She put me in the dementia unit.

There should be – there's got to be – a law somewhere.

And out of all of this, my prayer is that maybe we can get a state senator or a state rep. to have some hearings at the State House that you have to have an autonomous guardian, [and] that you have to be in that courtroom ... that you cannot be put in a dementia unit.

I was put in a dementia unit! Everybody there had dementia! Everybody's in diapers! Nobody could use a phone. Nobody could talk. And the men would come in and take off their diapers and try to get in bed with you naked.

*It was like One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest [movie]. **And I'm there for three-and-a-half years.** [Emphasis added.]*

She contracted scabies in the dementia unit at [Sudbury Pines Nursing Home](#). As difficult as it was for her to have the tiny

mites burrowing under her skin, the creatures were what finally got her out of captivity in the lock-down dementia unit. She was transferred for an extended stay at a hospital.



Photo of Mary Frank's arm – taken by a Boston Broadside journalist at a visit. [Source](#).

Where Are Her Glasses and Dresses?

Since then, Mary Frank has been in a couple of different nursing homes. She would love to have some of her things back that she never got when she was seized from her home. She has been told that her things were given to her current guardian, Pamela DeColo, who works for Jewish Family and Children's Services.

(Pamela DeColo was also involved with Beverley Finnegan. She was the supervisor over Beverley's guardian, Marissa Levinson.)

Since Mary Frank told her story to *The Boston Broadside*,

someone showed up at her nursing home with a few bags of items and a “tiny” electric wheelchair, too small for her, that was not hers.

She is still waiting for her her glasses, dresses, wig, makeup, and HER electric wheelchair.

Is It Too Much to Ask for Proper Medical Attention, and a Remote Control?

Lonnie Brennan of *The Boston Broadside* visited her at a nursing home in Marlborough Hills in November to get her recorded statement and again in December to take her a copy of the newspaper.

The next time he saw her was in January at the Reservoir Rehabilitation Center in Marlborough, Massachusetts. He learned that she had fallen at the previous nursing home. She was kept heavily medicated before she was finally taken to the hospital, where they discovered that her leg was broken.

Mary still needs medical attention.

She told Brennan that she had been asking for 2 weeks for a remote control to the TV in her room. She wanted to be able to have at least that tiny bit of control in her life.

Brennan told *Health Impact News* that he called the business office about getting her a remote. Both the business office and “Dan the Handyman” told him that they would take care of it.

They didn’t.

Lonnie Brennan wrote about Mary Frank's simple request for a remote control being ignored in the February print edition of *The Boston Broadside*.

Journalist Told to Stay Away

Right after publication, Brennan received an email at 9:28 pm on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018, from attorney David Schwartz, telling the newspaper editor that Jewish Family and Children's Services didn't want him to visit Mary Frank.



David Schwartz leaving the courthouse during Beverley Finnegan's case. Photo courtesy of Lisa Belanger.

(Schwartz was one of the attorneys involved in advocating for the euthanasia of Beverley Finnegan. See [link](#).)

Dear Mr. Brennan:

I represent Jewish Family & Children's Service, Inc. (JF&CS), which, as you know, is the Guardian for Mary Frank.

As Guardian, JF&CS has the responsibility to ensure Ms. Frank's well-being. Your frequent visits to Ms. Frank and efforts to contact her have caused her distress. Therefore, I have instructed the administration at the Reservoir Center not to allow you or anyone associated with you or the Boston Broadside to visit or communicate with Ms. Frank in any way.

I am instructing that you and your colleagues cease all attempts to visit or contact Mary Frank. The Reservoir Center is under instructions to call the local police if unapproved visitors enter the building and attempt to visit Ms. Frank.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,


David A. Schwartz

Letter to Boston Broadside editor. Used with permission.

We spoke with Lonnie Brennan, who told us that he saw Mary Frank upon HER request. She initiated contact with him. She wanted to get her story out, and she wants her life back. It is clear that he is not the one who is upsetting her.

Because Brennan was not served any papers, the email meant nothing legally.

Thus, when Mary Frank called him, again, to tell him that the nursing home staff still had not gotten a remote control for her, he decided to get her one. She had been asking for one for 4 weeks.

She also requested some chocolates that she could give to a few of the nurses for Valentines Day who have been kind to her.

When he arrived at the Reservoir Center on Saturday, February 10, he noticed people watching him and whispering. Undeterred, he proceeded to take the remote

control and 6 boxes of chocolate candy to Mary Frank's room (4 for nurses, and 2 for her).

She welcomed his visit and was "near tears" with joy and gratitude. She looked forward to being able to watch what she wanted (despite the TV being blurry due to her glasses still being missing), and she shared some of the chocolates with a few nurses before the rest were stolen.

"Wanted" for Random Acts of Kindness

Lonnie Brennan's simple act of kindness to a woman suffering alone in a nursing home resulted in the police being called. He learned that there was even a "Wanted" poster at the nursing home with his picture on it.

He was not accustomed to being on that side of the police. Before the officers approached him, he reached out to them and introduced himself. Brennan explained about the article and the remote control.

He also explained that no papers had been served and that the email had no legal power.

The incident was very cordial, and he was not detained.

That Friday, the editor was officially served with a "No Trespass" order. If he visits Mary Frank again, he is subject to a \$100 fine and 30 days in jail.

His concern is that Mary's right to have someone visit her has been violated.

What will happen to her if no one is allowed to see her and if no one is held accountable?

Medical Kidnapping Is a Very Real Risk – Seniors Better Off in Prison than Psych Wards in Nursing Homes

Brennan was a recent guest on the [Kuhner Report](#) talk radio show in Boston to discuss this story. He told Kuhner that DCF, Massachusetts' Child Protective Services, is nearly a billion dollar business in the state of Massachusetts, and Adult Protective Services is quickly heading there.

Rich or poor alike are at risk, said Brennan, from Mary Frank, who just wants her dresses, wig, and makeup back (and her life), to [Marvin Siegal](#), who has had millions of dollars drained out of his estate by guardians.

He warned the radio host:

Once they have you, you are better off going to the nearest liquor store and saying, 'Hey, I'm robbing you.' Because you'll get better health care and you'll get better freedom if you are in prison. I hate to say it.

And you'll have more dignity in prison than you will have – than we have witnessed – in nursing homes.

Regarding Mary Frank, Lonnie Brennan says:

She's pissed (her words). She just wants her life back.

Where Are Her Court Records?

According to *The Boston Broadside*, Mary Frank's court records are nowhere to be found. Even if Mary Frank could raise funds for an attorney without the guardian seizing the money, there are no records that they can locate for an attorney to fight with:

Despite repeated efforts of the court clerks, all of Mary Frank's files are reported missing.

Yes, read that again. The court files are missing for Docket No. MI 3P5348GD.

We even went so far as to engage the help of an attorney to attempt to view the files. All the court clerks could do is confirm that, yes, there were more than 16 entries, still logged in their computers, but all of Mary Frank's court documents are missing.

We've placed a written "File Search Request" with the Middlesex Probate and Family Court, and asked to be notified should the files ever mysteriously re-appear. Cue the crickets.

Where are the files? Have they been scrubbed? Is someone trying to erase Mary Frank?

(Note: *The Boston Broadside* is raising funds to try to help Mary Frank. Information is in this [link](#).)



This is the courthouse where life and death decisions are being made, against the will of the people whose lives are decided. Photo courtesy of Lisa Belanger.

What Can You Do to Help?

The main office number for Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker is 617 725 4005. He may be contacted [here](#). He is also on [Twitter](#).

Massachusetts State Auditor Suzanne Bump has been asked to conduct an audit of court appointed guardians and conservators, but she has reportedly declined. Her office recently conducted an audit of CPS and found many issues that need to be addressed.

See:

Massachusetts State Auditor Finds Widespread Rape and Sexual Abuse in Foster Care but DCF Officials Won't Report It

What would her office find if she audited Adult Protective Services? Would she be able to track the corruption that is surely present?

Auditor Suzanne Bump may be reached at 617 727 2075, or contacted [here](#). She is also on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Maura Healey is the Massachusetts State Attorney General, tasked with “combating fraud and corruption” and “investigating and prosecuting crime,” according to the [website](#).

Attorney Lisa Belanger reports that she has reached out to Healey’s office regarding the hastened deaths of Beverly Finnegan and Alice Julian, but her staff told her that “the AG’s Office does not handle this type of criminal matter.” (See [link](#).)

Belanger wants to know, “Why not?” It is a valid question.

Healey’s office number is 617 727 8400. AG Maura Healey is also on [Facebook](#).

[Jewish Family and Children’s Services](#), the common denominator in each of these cases, may be reached at 781 647 5327. They are also on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

How many more senior citizens will lose their lives or freedom due to being medically kidnapped and placed under their guardianship? Even one is too many.

Healthy Boston Woman is Medically Kidnapped and Forced onto Pysch Drugs Resulting in her Death



Alice Julian was in good health, spending time with her daughter Pamela on Oct. 4, 2017. Photo supplied by family.

by **Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff**

Another Boston area woman's life has been cut short after elder "protective" services and guardians became involved. The story of Alice Julian's medical kidnapping is shocking

and horrifying in that it shows the almost omnipotent power of the state to override the decisions made by a citizen in preparation for their latter years.

Alice Julian had a strong will to live. She was described as an “exceptionally healthy” 89 year old woman before being seized and drugged against her will. Her daughter Pamela Julian fought valiantly to save her life, but the strength of a group of Guardians, lawyers, and Jewish Family and Children’s Services proved to be too great a hurdle to overcome.

She died on the morning of January 9, 2018. This was 4 days after the death of [Beverly Finnegan](#).

Pamela Julian told *Health Impact News* that she learned that people in guardianships have no rights, and that once they are in that system:

There’s no way out.

Jewish Family and Children’s Services was involved with Beverley’s medical kidnapping as well as that of Marvin Siegal and Mary Frank, all of whose stories we have covered at *Health Impact News*.

See:

**Beverley Finnegan – Medical Murder?
Massachusetts Woman Medically Kidnapped
from Her Home Dies After Being Denied Medical
Intervention**

**Marvin Siegal – Massachusetts Senior Citizen and
Attorney Medically Kidnapped – Estate
Plundered – Represents National Epidemic**

**Mary Frank – Public Warning: Boston is a
Cesspool of Adult Medical Kidnappings**

Alice Julian worked as a legal secretary until she was 70 years old. She knew her way around legal procedures. Like attorney Marvin Siegal, Mrs. Julian sought to have legal protections in place to ensure that her wishes would be followed. She appointed her daughter Pamela as her health care proxy, but her wishes were overridden by the state once Elder Services became involved.

Mrs. Julian's story is recounted in *The Boston Broadside* by Lisa Siegel Belanger, Esq. She writes:

In actuality, the initial triggering factor leading to Alice Julian's death is the involvement of elder "protective" services in August of 2017—which occurred because certain disgruntled adult children made a false report of abuse to Central Elder Services against the sibling who Alice Julian had appointed in writing to be her health care proxy which was witnessed by a registered nurse.

Belanger says that "this scenario is overwhelmingly common place" throughout the United States. In this

respect, it is not unlike cases involving Child Protective Services, where government agents are brought into families because of the complaints of a disgruntled relative or neighbor. Such a complaint can have drastic consequences for individual autonomy and can destroy lives, as appears to be the case here.



Alice Julian declined rapidly after Elder Services got involved. This photo was taken shortly before her death in January 2018. Photo supplied by family.

Forced onto Drugs Against Her Will

The Boston Broadside article continues:

Specific to Alice Julian, Central Elder Services through its private counsel, Mary Kate Connolly, of O’Sullivan & Connolly, facilitated the court appointment of Attorney David Schwartz of Jewish Family & Children’s Service as guardian and conservator over Alice Julian.

As standard operating procedure, Attorneys Mary Kate Connolly and David Schwartz forced 89-year-old Alice Julian against her will into a nursing home, while also obtaining a court-order forcing Alice Julian to be drugged with antipsychotics.

Also as a matter of routine, they used a purported diagnosis of dementia as the pretext for obtaining court-ordered antipsychotics.

*Like so many other elders forced under court-ordered guardianships, 89-year-old Alice Julian had **no prior history or diagnosis of dementia**—it was only when Attorney Mary Kate Connolly became involved in her role with Central Elder Services that such purported diagnosis arose. And like so many other elders, attorneys for elder protective services and court-appointed guardians had Alice Julian sign advance directives pertaining to end-of life decisions. [Emphasis added by Health Impact News.]*

It appears that Alice Julian had been forced to take antipsychotics starting around October of 2017.



Alice Julian was devastated about her captivity. Photo taken from a video interview with her attorney.

Attorneys Involved with Other Medical Kidnap Cases

Attorney Mary Kate Connolly was involved with another Boston medical kidnap case, that of Mary Frank, who is currently being held captive at the Reservoir Rehabilitation Center in Marlborough, Massachusetts. Mary Frank was seized after allegedly refusing to commit fraud by signing that home health nurses spent significantly more time at her house than they did.

Pamela Julian told *Health Impact News* that Ms. Connolly never spoke with her or interviewed her, even though her mother had appointed her as her chosen health care proxy.

Connolly reportedly helped to bring in attorney David Schwartz in the role of Alice Julian's guardian.

Attorney David Schwartz represents Jewish Family and Children's Services, and in that role, he has now been involved in 3 out of the 4 Boston area elder medical kidnapping cases that we have covered.

1. *He was the guardian and conservator for Alice Julian.*
2. *Schwartz was one of the attorneys involved in advocating for the euthanasia of Beverley Finnegan. See [link](#).*
3. *He is responsible for writing a letter and filing a motion to keep a journalist away from Mary Frank. See [link](#).*

Lonnie Brennan, editor of *The Boston Broadside*, was invited by Ms. Frank to the nursing home where she is being held so that he could publish her harrowing tale of medical kidnapping. Schwartz has reportedly violated Mary Frank's right to have visitors of her choosing.

Is the attorney for Jewish and Family Services attempting to silence the voice of one speaking up for her life against the injustices committed to her under the color of law?



David Schwartz leaving the courthouse during Beverley Finnegan's case. Photo courtesy of Lisa Belanger.

Guardians Place Her in Hospice for Pneumonia, Withhold Medical Treatment

Belanger continues the story in *The Boston Broadside*:

Up until December of 2017, Alice Julian was an exceptionally healthy person at 89-years-old. She did not have any terminal illness prior to developing pneumonia sometime around New Years—after months of court-ordered forced use of antipsychotics.

Through court statements made to Justice Gaziano of the Supreme Judicial Court on January 8, 2018, counsel of record for Alice Julian—Attorney Frank J. Teague—outright expressed that Jewish Family & Children’s Service had placed Alice Julian into hospice care for pneumonia instead of providing treatment.

He indicated that she had been given 2-3 dosages of antibiotics, but was stopped based on the claim that the antibiotics were not working; that she was overtly being deprived of IV fluids & nutrition; and that she was being given morphine. Attorney Teague explicitly stated that Alice Julian was being given morphine based on two reasons: back pain and to help slow down her breathing.

Egregiously, the April 2017 advance directives explicitly states that Alice Julian wanted IV fluids.



Even after she was in the nursing home, Ms. Julian was able to articulate her wishes. They were ignored. Photo taken from a video interview with her attorney.

While Alice Julian's daughter, Pamela, had fervently sought an emergency hearing before Judge Gaziano to obtain court orders to give Alice Julian IV fluids, nutrition and to treat for her pneumonia because her mother wanted to live, Judge Gaziano took it under advisement, evidently deciding he needed to sleep on the decision.

Less than twelve hours after the teleconferenced hearing, around 4:30 a.m., Alice Julian died at the hands of these court officials. One would think that a judge would err on the side of caution and have ordered her to receive life-sustaining treatment when contemplating such an urgent and

immediate matter.

As in the case of Beverley Finnegan, medical treatment was withheld.

More horrifying is the fact that nutrition and fluids were withheld from Alice Julian. Much like the infamous [Terri Schiavo](#) story, Mrs. Julian's death was hastened by dehydration and starvation, a death that is reported to be exceptionally cruel and painful. This kind of death is not a case of "mercifully" allowing someone to die in peace, as some of the arguments for euthanasia go.

Attorney Requests Criminal Investigation

After Beverley Finnegan and Alice Julian died, attorney Lisa Belanger requested that the Medical Examiner's office perform autopsies and obtain toxicology reports "to show what chemicals, medicines were in their bodies upon death."

That request was never honored.



Lawyers and guardians denied Beverley Finnegan the life-saving treatment her sister wanted her to have. The guardianship cost her life. Photo [source](#).

She also contacted the office of Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey to request a criminal investigation into their deaths. Because their deaths were allegedly hastened, Belanger emphatically insists that crimes were committed. Euthanasia is illegal under Massachusetts law. Lisa Belanger wrote to the AG's office:

To reiterate this is a criminal investigation being sought-NOT civil. [Emphasis hers]

In her article in *The Boston Broadside*, Lisa Belanger took issue with the fact that life-sustaining treatment and simple IV fluids were withheld from Alice Julian:

If that does not show solid evidence that Alice Julian's death was hastened, then nothing does. Yet, Alicia Perez and Dean Mazzone of the AG's Office—specifically and adamantly informed me that the AG's Office does not handle this type of criminal matter.

Yep, you read that correctly—feel free to read that sentence again. But hold on to your seats, because I emailed AG Healey specifically addressing this proclaimed patently absurd notion. I emphasized to AG Healey that after 21 years of practicing law—especially criminal law—that I know which way is up; particularly, given the plain language of the controlling statute that expressly states that the AG's Office has direct power to handle reported crimes of hastened death of elders.

How Do Guardians Have Such Control?

Another [Boston Broadside piece](#), written by David Arnold, addresses what the paper calls “the horrors of guardianship” in which the probate court has “absolute power” over lives:

The “judge” has sole control of guardianship:

- 1. The judge appoints the attorney for the incapacitated person.*
- 2. The judge appoints the guardian/conservator who manages the person's affairs.*
- 3. The judge appoints the GAL (guardian ad litem) who investigates the facts of the case.*
- 4. The judge decides the case without the right to a jury trial.*

5. *The judge is responsible for accountability of the GAL and guardian/conservator.*

The judge gives immunity to the GAL and the guardian/conservator as agents of the court. Judges have judicial immunity and extend that immunity to those they appoint. The constitution does not give anyone immunity. The court has given itself immunity. The combination of absolute power and immunity has set up a system of legalized crime where GALs and guardians can commit crimes with impunity.

How Many More Will Suffer?

Less than a year ago, *Health Impact News* reported the story of the medical kidnapping and essential imprisonment of Marvin Siegal, father of Lisa Belanger. Recently, we reported Mary Frank's story. Beverley Finnegan and Alice Julian died within days of each other in January. Mr. Siegal and Ms. Frank are still held in captivity.

All were in the Boston area when they lost their freedom at the hands of Elder Protective Services under the care of state-appointed, taxpayer-funded guardians. Jewish Family and Children's Services have been involved with each of their lives.

How many more senior citizens will lose their family relationships, their freedom, their health, and their lives under such a system? When will the attorneys, GALs, and social workers be held accountable?



Marvin Siegel (surrounded by family) and Mary Frank are still wards of the state, isolated from people who care about them, who still fight for them. (Siegel photo provided by family. Frank photo [source](#).)

What Can You Do to Help?

The main office number for Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker is 617 725 4005. He may be contacted [here](#). He is also on [Twitter](#).

Massachusetts State Auditor Suzanne Bump has been asked to conduct an audit of court appointed guardians and conservators, but she has reportedly declined. Her office recently conducted an audit of CPS and found many issues that need to be addressed.

See:

Massachusetts State Auditor Finds Widespread Rape and Sexual Abuse in Foster Care but DCF Officials Won't Report It

What would her office find if she audited Adult Protective Services? Would she be able to track the corruption that is surely present?

Auditor Suzanne Bump may be reached at 617 727 2075, or contacted [here](#). She is also on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Maura Healey is the Massachusetts State Attorney General, tasked with “combating fraud and corruption” and “investigating and prosecuting crime,” according to the [website](#).

Healey’s office number is 617 727 8400. AG Maura Healey is also on [Facebook](#).

[Jewish Family and Children’s Services](#), the common denominator in each of these cases, may be reached at 781 647 5327. They are also on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Trump Administration Continues Practice of Blocking Attempts to Investigate Elder Abuse - Adult Medical Kidnapping



Images of adults who were medically kidnapped that Health Impact News has covered.

Comments by Brian Shilhavy
Editor, Health Impact News

Health Impact News reporter, Terri LaPoint, recently wrote a report explaining that in the United States today, over 1.3 million seniors are currently held under appointed guardians, representing over \$50 billion in seized assets.

That makes adult medical kidnapping a far more prevalent occurrence in the United States than child medical

kidnapping, since the published figures of children currently in foster care number about 450,000. (See: [Adults Medically Kidnapped: 3X More than Children in Foster Care – \\$50 BILLION in Assets Seized.](#))

Today's guest commentary about elder abuse and adult medical kidnapping comes from Massachusetts Attorney Lisa Belanger, who has experienced first-hand, both through personal experience and through litigation, the injustices and crimes being committed against elders in the United States.

We asked Attorney Belanger to send us her bio, so our readers could know a little bit about her. This is what she wrote:

First & foremost, I'm a daughter, sister, mother & wife. My blessings include 29 years married to my best friend and proudly raising my daughter & son, who exude kindness, compassion and spirit.

The magnitude of my love and devotion for family is how The People's Center for Law & Justice came into being—the other reason is the passion that my father instilled in me to right judicial wrongs.

Now, I'm trying to remedy the travesty of justice that has been inflicted upon my Dad: www.freemarvin.com

MY FATHER TAUGHT ME:

To Live in Hope

To Have Loyalty, Morals

To Have Compassion, Kindness

To be Gentle When Stroked, Fierce When Provoked

*To Fight for Justice for Family, for Others
To Not be Silent When People Suffer at the Hands of Others—
To be Heard in Defending Others
To Right the Wrong and To Not Stop Until Won
And to Be Able to Look in the Mirror When the Day is Done*

*I Miss You—More Than Words Can Ever Say; Yet, I will
Overcome the Obstacles in Our Way—Because of What You
Taught Me*

*Following in my Dad's footsteps, I've been practicing law in
Massachusetts since December of 1996.*

*For 21 years, I have focused my practice on constitutional law
with an emphasis in appellate work. I have argued several
times before the highest court in Massachusetts, The
Supreme Judicial Court. My experience also includes civil
litigation in the State & Federal courts.*

*I've created law of first impression regarding statutory
language, obtained through a very rarely granted avenue of
appellate judicial review before the Supreme Judicial Court:
G.L. c. 211, § 3. Commonwealth v. William Youngworth, III.
436 Mass. 603 (April 26, 2002). ([More here – Coverage from
NY Times and Boston Globe.](#))*

<https://youtu.be/Bz8dT4NYEpI?t=3>

The true fight to end exploitation of elders will not be brought forth through assigning blame to any particular politician or party—accountability will only be had through united efforts to create solutions

By Lisa Siegel Belanger, Esq.

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Law360, a publication self-described as a “one-stop source for legal news and analysis,” [1] recently published [an article](#) entitled: *Trump Admin. Stonewalling Atty's Probes Into Elder Abuse*, reporting that two law firms have filed suits claiming wrongful obstruction of requests made under Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) by the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services specific to exploitation of elders in nursing homes. [2]

Here's the glitch: Law360 quotes Attorney Stephen Hornbuckle's opinion of the purported underlying issue: “I suspect it's political. Because the access to these notes is political.”

I ask: Is it?

I suggest that blind faith party mentality has far from helped *We The People* in providing oversight and accountability for decades of embedded government agencies' obstruction of transparency.

It goes to the age-old quip: the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and getting the same results.

Hence, the very reason for my having founded the [People's Center for Law & Justice](#): the pursuit of real solutions.

Having personally researched for more than five (5) years this very subject matter of exploitation of elders involving Medicare and Medicaid, every political party is to blame for the lack of oversight and accountability for the stonewalling of Freedom of Public Information Requests by the Center of Medicaid & Medicare Services.

In March of 2015, I set forth in the federal civil action of *Belanger et al. v. BNY Mellon et al.*, Docket No. 1:15-cv-10189-ADB irrefutable evidence that such stonewalling is *bipartisan* (The complaint and exhibits are [viewable here](#).)

Citizens need to know that decades of documentation unequivocally show that lack of governmental oversight and accountability lay at the feet of **both** the GOP and DNC, with Massachusetts setting a prime example of this 1-party club called *The Establishment*.

Voluminous documentation set forth in the 2015 civil action that I filed with the federal court in Massachusetts and through recent cases I undertook as legal counsel—and profiled by Health Impact News at MedicalKidnap.com [3]—show that in this realm of “Republican” and “Democrat” are interchangeable.

This is well established by my extensive analysis of the composition of appointed judiciary involved and elected state Attorney Generals and District Attorneys refusal to enforce existing laws.

Therefore, the attitude of the attorneys in the Law360 article

demonstrate a mind-set of political divisiveness which hinders the pursuit of ensuring full and actual transparency by government agencies.

The message that [People's Center for Law & Justice](#) has for citizens is that our attention needs to be focused on developing real solutions that will accomplish this goal.

For example, the Law360 article expresses that the Center for Medicaid & Medicare Services (CMS) blames the FOIA predicament on the claim that such requests are unduly burdensome due to the amount of paper and time expended on reproducing copies.

What is so disconcerting is this lame smoke and mirror excuse put forth by CMS when it all comes down to a matter of plain commonsense; as Pamela Julian, Public Policy & Civic Engagement Director for The People's Center for Law & Justice points out that the issue claimed by CMS is easily rectifiable given today's digital advancements.

There is absolutely no logical or reasonable basis for not using electronics to make FOIA information readily and easily accessible.

We citizens must look within if we desire oversight and accountability for lack of transparency by government agencies.

Ultimately, *We The People* together must do our part to hold "The Establishment" accountable—and that is through active civic engagement in our local communities.

There is one common and consistent factor that matters most to State and Federal politicians: election and re-

election. Together, we citizens hold that power. It is just a matter of citizens having the motivation of walking the talk of being over the top fed up.

As Margaret Mead, famous American Anthropologist said:

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

When each of us takes that individual effort to take actual steps to be engaged with other citizens to create public awareness about actions and/or omissions of our legislators', it is that combined voice that brings change.

Please visit www.thepeoplescenterlj.com to learn more about our mission & join our efforts to empower *We The People*.

Adult Medical Kidnapping Stories

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Medical Murder? Massachusetts Woman Medically Kidnapped from Her Home Dies After Being Denied Medical Intervention, Health Impact News, January 7, 2018

Massachusetts Attorney Exposing Medical Kidnapping Threatened with Being Disbarred



Marvin Siegel was proud of his youngest daughter when she followed in his footsteps and graduated from law school. Now, attorneys won't let him see his daughter at all. Photo provided by family.

Commentary by **Health Impact News/MedicalKidnap.com Staff**

Lisa Belanger says that she was always "Daddy's girl." She is the youngest daughter of Marvin Siegel of Boxford, Massachusetts, and she and her father have always been very close.

It has now been more than a year and a half since she has

seen her father, not by her choice or the choice of her father. A court, guardians, and lawyers have medically kidnapped her father, essentially imprisoning him in his own home, and they have forbidden his baby girl from having any contact with him.

Lisa Belanger is an attorney who followed in her father's footsteps, and she is not taking this cruel twist of life lying down. She has been fighting to get him back since he was taken under state guardianship in mid December 2011.

See original story:

Massachusetts Senior Citizen and Attorney Medically Kidnapped – Estate Plundered – Represents National Epidemic

Retaliation for Exposing the Truth

Now, in what she sees as retaliation for exposing the corruption in the guardianship system in and around the Boston area, an attorney, who has been fighting alongside the guardians against the family of Marvin Siegel, is attempting to have Lisa Belanger disbarred.

This attorney, Marsha Kazarosian, was hired by Mr. Siegel at one time, but just before he was medically kidnapped, he attempted to fire her. In a handwritten statement, he wrote:

I want to terminate your services for going against my wishes.



Attorney Marsha Kazarosian. Photo [source](#).

Kazarosian refused to be dismissed. Now, almost 7 years later, Lisa Belanger is still fighting the attorney for one of the most basic of human rights – the right to have a relationship with her father.

She says that the complaint against her essentially boils down to this:

They're saying, "We're going after you because you dare to expose us."

Because she dared to exercise her 1st Amendment right of Freedom of Speech by speaking out against corruption, Lisa says that they are trying to silence her:

This goes in the dictionary under "T" – for "tyranny."

When it comes down to it, they know I've done nothing wrong.

No matter what happens, her message cannot be stopped. She says it is too late to stop the truth because both the local paper [*The Boston Broadside*](#) and *Health Impact News* have already reported what has happened to her father and to several other senior citizens in the Boston area. Their stories are out on social media like Twitter and Facebook.

You can't put the genie back in the bottle.

Lisa says that her dad always taught her to fight for what is right, and that is what she is doing.

I'm exposing medical kidnapping, a systemic problem of them doing this to elderly people, and to people of all ages.

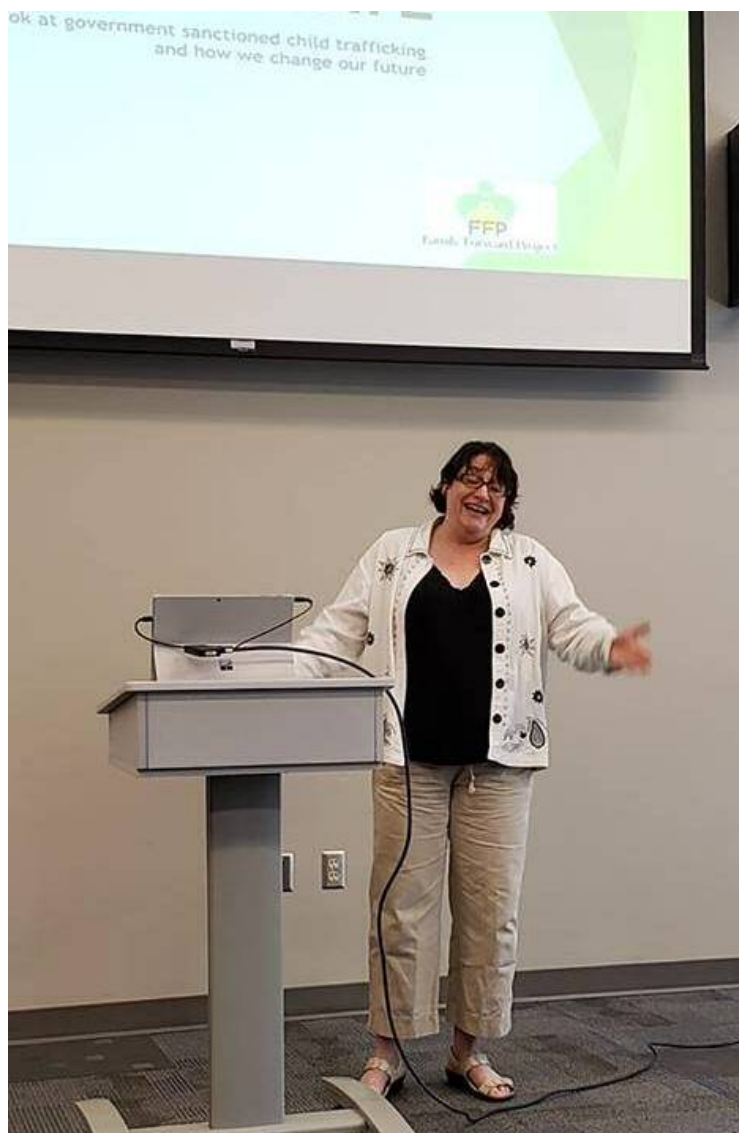
*What I'm doing now is what he taught me to be. This is who **he** is, and who **I** am. We fought for other people's rights, before this ever even started with my family.*

She was not able to celebrate his 90th birthday with him on June 8. Instead, on that day, she joined the Memorial Prayer Vigil for Baby Steffen Rivenburg in Nashville, Tennessee, for the baby whose life was taken from him a year ago that day at Vanderbilt Hospital.

Lisa spoke at an event with the Tennessee Judicial Accountability Movement and the [*Family Forward Project*](#) the next day, educating attendees about the Medical

Kidnapping of senior citizens through probate courts and guardianships.

Over and over during her speech, she spoke of things that her father taught her. It was clear to everyone who heard her that her beloved father was a huge influence in her life. She would not be who she is today as a justice warrior, if not for her daddy. [Link [here](#). Lisa's speech begins at the 1:27:00 mark.]



The impact of her father on Lisa Belanger's life was readily apparent as she spoke in Nashville on June 9, 2018. Photo by Health Impact News.

Let Freedom Ring

In a recent interview with *Health Impact News*, Lisa told us that:

My dad was a warrior. He fought hard for “we the people.”

He taught me to have a moral compass and to have compassion.

He taught me to not be silent when wrongs are being done to others.

I’m just doing what my dad taught me to do. It’s my obligation as a human being.

Like most Americans, Lisa Belanger had no idea that this kind of thing could happen in the United States. She was shocked at the level of corruption that she saw and that she continues to see.

Instead of making her crawl into a hole and hide, what she has learned has ignited a fire within her. Lisa is determined to fight for what is right, just like her father taught her:

Everything that I’ve done is for my dad.

This is so much more than about just the law: it’s good over evil.

It’s about standing up and doing the right thing. It’s being loyal to your family.

I'm not just fighting for my father, but I'm fighting for every other person that's been subjected to this inhumanity.

It's about my moral compass. It's about giving hope to other people.



Always “Daddy’s girl,” Lisa misses hugs from her dad. She vows never to stop fighting for him and others wronged by injustice. Photo supplied by family.

***The Boston Broadside* Continues to Expose Corruption**

While many media outlets shy away from stories like this, the editor of [*The Boston Broadside*](#), Lonnie Brennan, takes seriously the role of the press envisioned by the Founding Fathers. The cradle of the Boston Tea Party is home to a print newspaper that does not hesitate to hold government accountable to the people.

The most recent edition of the paper contains the latest chapter in Lisa Belanger's fight for her father.

Excerpts from [Governor Baker's Appointee to the Supreme Judicial Court Nominating Commission, Atty. Marsha V. Kazarosian Attempts to Silence Whistleblower:](#)

90-Year Old Marvin Siegel Remains Under 24/7 House Guard as High-Profile Lawyers Drain Millions from His Estate

The Boston Broadside has previously detailed in a four-part series the systematic draining of the estate of 90-year-old Boxford resident Marvin Siegel by Governor Charlie Baker's 2016 appointee, Attorney Marsha V. Kazarosian, and other lawyers.

During the past seven years, millions have been drained from the retiree's estimated \$9 million estate. He's expected to be tapped out within a year.

Where has the money gone? To lawyers, lawyers, lawyers, elder service providers, and the like. Heck, the lawyers even charge one another to talk to each other and to send e-mails to one another, and then bill the estate. They also spend money on the daily care of Marvin, including their posted 24/7/365 "guards," as Marvin's daughter Lisa Siegel Belanger refers to his round-the-clock paid "caregivers," whom she has detailed keep the senior isolated in his Boxford home. Lisa has also detailed how these "so-called medical providers have denied her dad his basic dignity: he can't even use a cell phone to talk to his grandchildren!"



The Boston Broadside headlines corruption in the guardianship system. Photo [source](#).

Fighting Back, Getting Betrayed

Marvin hired Atty. Kazarosian as private legal counsel in August of 2011 for the specific purpose of fending off a state “elder protective service” agency (Elder Services of Merrimack Valley) from unlawfully making him a ward of the state (assigning a guardian to him). He never envisioned that Atty. Kazarosian would quickly switch sides and work against the him, as has been charged by members of Marvin’s family.

In March of 2015, Marvin’s daughter, Attorney Lisa Siegel Belanger, filed an extensive federal civil action in which she claims that Atty. Kazarosian is part of a long-embedded insidious enterprise of corrupt lawyers and judges using the Massachusetts Probate & Family Court system to exploit elders—and any person of any age for that matter who happen to be vulnerably labeled as “incapacitated.” Lisa’s extensive, detailed complaint and accompanying exhibits can be viewed by the public free of charge at <http://www.belangerlawoffice.com/free-marvin/federal-civil-action-2015/>.

Soon after Lisa filed her racketeering action with the U.S.

District Court, she provided a copy to Governor Baker. In her complaints to the governor, Lisa revealed a systemic pattern of elder abuse, money laundering, and embezzlement. Governor Baker refused to reply to Lisa and in less than a year from the first complaint, appointed Atty. Kazarosian to the commission that nominates Massachusetts' highest court judges—known as the Supreme Judicial Court Nominating Commission. [See link [here](#).]

On December 1, 2017, Lisa filed another formal complaint, this time directly to Governor Baker, Lt. Governor Karen Polito, counsel for the Governor, and the Executive Director of the Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission. In her complaint, Lisa extensively detailed what she termed the continuous, vicious exploitation of her elderly father and family by Atty. Kazarosian and her associates. As of press time, Governor Baker and the above-specified officials have not responded to Lisa's complaint.

But it Gets Worse: Atty. Kazarosian Seeks to Disbar Lisa Belanger

Over the course of seven years, Lisa has fought to get her father released from what she terms the clutches of Atty. Kazarosian and associates. Lisa has filed numerous legal petitions, and has even received a court-ordered fine for speaking to her own father!



Marvin Siegel with his family in happier times. Photo supplied by family.

In response to her actions in defending her father, Lisa has informed The Boston Broadside that Atty. Kazarosian seeks to disbar her. Lisa claims this is to silence her from fighting for her father. She has detailed that now that Marvin's plight has been publicized in The Boston Broadside, Atty. Kazarosian has "made it her personal mission and vendetta to maliciously and unlawfully thwart my continuous exposing of this long-embedded corruption in the Massachusetts Probate & Family Courts. At the behest of Marsha Kazarosian, on May 25, 2018, Adam LaFrance, Assistant Bar Counsel, filed formal charges against me," Lisa shared.

As Lisa has summarized, "the Office of Bar Counsel documentation states that they are prosecuting me to silence my exposure of this corruption of epidemic proportions and for specifically having sought legal relief in the federal court. Conspicuously, LaFrance, fails to state how my substantiated

*allegations are in any manner false or dishonest as they charge. The Office of Bar Counsel seemingly forgets that **truth is an absolute defense.***” [Emphasis added by HIN]

Good for the Goose, But not the Gander?

In sharp contrast, the Office of Bar Counsel has blatantly and flagrantly ignored Lisa’s filing of complaints against Marsha Kazarosian and other specified counsel since 2012. Repeatedly, from 2012 through 2014, the Office of Bar Counsel wrote to Lisa stating that no investigation would be conducted due to matters being actively “pending” in the Essex Probate & Family Court.

Yet, even though matters are still actively taking place in the Essex Probate & Family Court, in May of 2017 the Office of Bar Counsel opened an investigation against Lisa as a result of a complaint filed by Marsha Kazarosian—the very first complaint initiated against Lisa from the time this matter commenced in 2011. One year later, the Office of Bar Counsel began formal procedures against Lisa (May 25, 2018).



Marvin Siegel expected that his wishes would be honored when he hired Kazarosian. Instead, he has been robbed of his family. Photo supplied by family.

Self-admittedly, Marsha Kazarosian has close and substantial inner-workings with those presiding in the Massachusetts judiciary—all the way up to the state's highest court justices. In Kazarosian's many self-published profiles, she boasts being appointed to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court's Advisory Committee for Clerks of the Courts and having served on the Superior Court Civil Working Group; that in 2014, she served on the SJC's Access to Justice Commission Committee on the Bar Exam.

Of particular significance, Marsha Kazarosian openly flaunts her having acted as a Hearings Committee Officer for the Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers for a 6-year term.

Kazarosian has also openly touted having been a part of the Board of Governors during Deval Patrick's administration, along with documented big-dollar political contributions to high-profile Democrats including former Attorney General Martha Coakley, Senator Elizabeth Warren, Senator Ed Markey, Joe Kennedy III, Barak Obama, Joe Biden, John Kerry, Tom Daschle, and various Democratic organizations. [Boston Broadside Editor's Note: So-called Republican Gov. Baker appointed a heavy-financial-donor to extremist Democrats? Then turned a blind eye on complaints against her?]

Lisa says, "It can be of no surprise by the outlandish backroom antics resorted to by Obama appointee U.S. District Court Judge Allison Burroughs and First Circuit Court of Appeals Justices Sandra Lynch (Bill Clinton appointee), when they dismissed the federal civil actions I filed in 2015 and 2017." Lisa added, "Kazarosian is high-profile and a big donor. Oh, and Judge Burroughs just happens to be one of the foremost, early-on federal judges to have nixed President Trump's initial travel ban."

Read the full article at [The Boston Broadside](#).

How You Can Help:

Governor Charlie Baker may be reached at 617-725-4005 or contacted [here](#). His Facebook is [here](#). His Twitter is [here](#).

Representative James Lyons Jr. may be reached at

617-722-2460 or contacted [here](#).

Senator Bruce E. Tarr may be reached at 617-722-1600 or contacted [here](#). Facebook is [here](#). His Twitter is [here](#).

Attorney Lisa Siegel Belanger's website is [here](#). Her Twitter is [here](#).

Attorney: Elder "Protective Services" is a Racketeering Enterprise Medically Kidnapping Seniors



Images of adults who were medically kidnapped that *Health Impact News* has covered.

The real perpetrators of elder abuse & exploitation: Medical kidnapping by state public officials

by Lisa Siegel Belanger, Esq.
Health Impact News

More than 30 years ago, throughout the United States, state governments created agencies known as “elder protective

services.”

As seen by such designated titles, these agencies are made to appear as though state governments are helpful resources for citizens.

However, nothing could be further from the truth.

These so-called protective agencies are, in fact, wolves in sheep’s clothing that I can attest to from not only my direct personal experiences, but also from years of research.

Details of my family’s ongoing travesty of justice can be found at FreeMarvin.com. (See also: [Massachusetts Senior Citizen and Attorney Medically Kidnapped – Estate Plundered – Represents National Epidemic.](#))

Upon years of my reviewing and obtaining voluminous court documentation throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts—particularly, in my professional experience as an attorney, there is no doubt, whatsoever, that public officials have been operating a racketeering enterprise through the probate and family courts, feeding off our most vulnerable citizens, the elderly.

These public officials do so through physical and financial exploitation of the elderly. [1]

In 2015, I filed a federal civil action in the District Court of Massachusetts providing overwhelming and irrefutable documentation that state elder protective agencies is one cog of many in a long-embedded governmental money laundering and embezzlement enterprise.

“Adult/elder protective services” is a money-making

industry, which should set off nonstop warning bells to the public—especially, given the revelation of the magnitude of absolute corruption by government officials with hard cold supporting indisputable facts to the credit of our 45th President Donald J. Trump. (Editor’s note – See: [National Health Care Fraud Takedown Results in Charges Against Over 412 Individuals Responsible for \\$1.3 Billion in Fraud Losses – Largest Health Care Fraud Enforcement Action in Department of Justice History.](#))

As laid out in my [2015 federal racketeering complaint](#), illicit monies are funneled through kickbacks arising from prescribed medications (especially antipsychotics) and fraudulent billings for Medicare & Medicaid services.

The indisputable fact is that these state “protective” agencies have a financial incentive to unlawfully initiate court proceedings in the Probate & Family Courts to have our family members judicially declared wards of the state.

For example, Medicaid services are *reimbursable* for “all of the activities involved in an APS (Adult protective services) investigations of allegations of abuse.” [2]

The Medicaid program process is called Administrative Claiming. For “non-providers,” funds for APS investigations are provided by Title XIX Medicaid Administration.

UNDER SEC. 2042. [42 U.S.C. 1397m-1], Social Security also provides funds specific to investigating reported elder abuse via the Department of Health & Human Services. In 2011, \$3 million dollars from Social Security was funded for “investigative” services, and \$4 million each year from 2012–2014.

As evidenced,

medical providers and nonmedical entities receive kickbacks for the mere reporting of elder abuse.

Add to that, medical providers have even more of a financial incentive to facilitate reports of elder abuse where they have a subsequent and additional steady stream of income to be made through providing medical services.

The way to keep that continuous flow of income, people are involuntarily forced into the Probate & Family Courts by state “protective” agencies where they ensue formal court proceedings to declare people “wards of the state” upon which they are then routinely admitted into rehabilitation and/or nursing home facilities against their will.

This is all facilitated by elders being judicially determined to be “incapacitated.”

As shown, the medical community works hand-in-hand with judges and attorneys of the Probate & Family courts to literally abduct our family members by design for pure greed.

These public officials use these court proceedings to do so by claimed “mental health” issues and/or physical illness. Through the Government Accountability Office’s (GAO) own published reports, state agencies guised as “protective services” have an established pattern of profiting from *dismantling the family unit* for more than 30 years nationwide.

Once elders are officially deemed “wards of the state” by Probate & Family Court judges, due to state protective agencies use to hook their claws into our family members,

the governmental reign of terror is embedded through these judges appointing guardians and conservators to take absolute control over “the ward.”

At that point, the elder is then stripped of all individual freedoms, including personal decisions involving medical, financial or otherwise.

There is an irrefutable and well-documented pattern of court appointed guardians isolating the ward from family and friends, so as to facilitate involuntary drugging of the ward with antipsychotics and other Big-Pharma medications through subterfuge with the ultimate objective of liquidating the elder's estate and to use the elder as a means to funnel funds via kickbacks and Medicare & Medicaid fraud.

Do NOT Call Elder Abuse “Hotlines”!

Even more alarmingly, for decades, state Attorney General Offices have continuously bombard citizens with “public service announcements” urging citizens to call “hot lines” to report abuse of elders.

Often times these calls to “elder abuse” hot lines are made “anonymously” with obvious underlying ill-motives, while other citizens are conned into thinking that they are going to be provided help to keep their family unit together when the state government has an established blatant and flagrant pattern of doing the exact opposite—they overtly seek to dismantle the family unit.

Showing the true motives of the offices of the Attorney Generals, they disturbingly blast a narrative that the majority of elder exploitation supposedly occurs by family

members. For example, see: [Commonwealth of Massachusetts – Elder Financial Exploitation and Fraud: Is it a Problem and What Should Credit Unions Do?](#)

Established evidence shows that governmental abduction of family members involves all ages, all socio-economic backgrounds, and all ethnicities.

[My family's personal miscarriage of justice](#) is a prime example that **no one** is beyond the clutches of this long-embedded systemic criminal enterprise.

Overwhelming court documentation shows that due process for accused family members is nonexistent.

In fact, it is business as usual for these public officials to fabricate and manufacture information to abduct our family members.

Don't make the tragic mistake of thinking that state governmental medical kidnapping can't happen to YOUR family.

Some short & fast tips to help avoid state governmental intrusion into your family:

- Do not initiate any proceeding in the probate & family court system
- Do not use services offered by state protective services
- Do not use services offered by local municipal organizations claiming to help the elderly, such as Council of Aging
- Do not call Abuse Hotlines

- Do not attend “free” publicly offered estate planning seminars

Seemingly, it is human nature for people to want to avoid horrifying topics of conversation like medical kidnapping—not wanting to even conceive of the thought that this could happen to their family.

People tend to bury their heads in the sand, but in reality, such reflex worsens the problem.

A unified and cohesive movement by we, citizens, for accountability, is so needed where the insidiousness in which governmental medical kidnapping is so deep. If not now, when?

<https://youtu.be/Bz8dT4NYEpI?t=253>

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Massachusetts Seeks to Disbar and Silence Attorney Fighting to Expose Corruption in Senior Medical Kidnappings



Marvin Siegel and “Daddy’s girl” Lisa Belanger, before guardians took them away from each other. Photo provided by family.

Commentary by **Terri LaPoint**
Health Impact News

Attorneys and guardians have plundered the estate of Marvin Siegel, a retired attorney from Boxford, Massachusetts. At the same time they have gone through the courts to isolate him from his children and essentially imprison him in his own home.

His youngest daughter Lisa Belanger followed in his footsteps in becoming an attorney, inspired by her father's principles of fighting for what is right. She says:

He taught me to not be silent when wrongs are being done to others.

She and her sister Devora Kaiser were shocked to see the strong arm of the state in keeping them away from their beloved father when he was captured from his family in 2011.

See their original story:

Massachusetts Senior Citizen and Attorney Medically Kidnapped – Estate Plundered – Represents National Epidemic

Marvin Siegel's daughters had no idea how deeply the corruption in the guardianship issue runs, but they have had a front row seat to see the conflicts of interests, sweetheart deals, drugging of senior citizens, and raping of their estates that are standard fare in some probate courts, such as the one their family has had the misfortune of being subjected to.

According to the [Boston Broadside](#):

In March of 2015, Marvin's daughter, Attorney Lisa Siegel Belanger, filed an extensive federal civil action in which she claims that Atty.

Kazarosian is part of a long-embedded insidious enterprise

of corrupt lawyers and judges using the Massachusetts Probate & Family Court system to exploit elders—and any person of any age for that matter who happen to be vulnerably labeled as “incapacitated.”

Lisa’s extensive, detailed complaint and accompanying exhibits can be viewed by the public free of charge at <http://www.belangerlawoffice.com/free-marvin/federal-civil-action-2015/>.

In our last update on their story in July 2018, we reported that attorney Marsha Kazarosian retaliated against Lisa Belanger and her efforts to free her father by filing with the Bar Association to have her disbarred.

See:

Massachusetts Attorney Exposing Medical Kidnapping Threatened with Being Disbarred

Marsha Kazarosian is an appointee of Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker, and she currently sits on the Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers – the very group that has the power to ultimately decide the fate of Lisa Belanger’s law career.



*Atty. Marsha Kazarosian in November 2018 arriving at
Essex Family & Probate Court* PHOTO: JuretaKinch COMBIM

Photo Source: [The Boston Broadside](#).

The latest developments seem to paint a picture of the deck

stacked against the attorney who is simply fighting with all she has for the God-given human right to have a relationship with her father, without government interference.

According to a recent order from the Board of Bar Overseers, the Board has ruled that Belanger will not be allowed to “introduce any exhibits at the [upcoming] hearing,” nor will she be able to have witnesses testify on her behalf.

The hearing was supposed to take place December 4-6, but it has been continued to early January.

Meanwhile, Lisa and her sister were notified on Monday, December 10, that their father has been hospitalized. He has pneumonia, but Lisa Belanger is forbidden to see her father by Marsha Kazarosian and the new court-appointed guardian for Marvin Siegel, Brian Bixby, who was recommended by Kazarosian.

The Boston Broadside reports these latest developments, up to Mr. Siegel’s hospitalization:

Gov. Baker’s Appointee, Atty. Marsha Kazarosian, Moves in for the Kill ‘to Protect her \$\$\$ Source’



The Boston Broadside takes on Attorney Marsha Kazarosian and Elder Abuse. [Source](#).

Powerful Political Appointee Kazarosian Seeks to Muzzle Elder's Daughter After Daughter Exposed 'Kazarosian-Led Cabal' Draining Her Father's Estate

by Lonnie Brennan

[The Boston Broadside](#)

Excerpts:

Retired Attorney Marvin Siegel of Boxford, Mass. thought he

had everything all set: power of attorney, medical proxies, and all of the regular as well as the complex paperwork to ensure that his daughters would protect his future.

That changed when he was involuntarily transported by elder services to Beverly Hospital approximately 7 years ago, then subsequently transported to a psychiatric unit where, according to his daughters, he was drugged against his will, and signed over control of his multi-million dollar estate to predatory lawyers.

Fast forward to 2018, and Mr. Siegel remains a “prisoner” in his own home, now saddled with some degree of dementia after years of forced drugging and isolation from immediate family members.

According to two of his daughters, their father has been isolated, medicated, and his accounts continue to be liquidated, **to the tune of nearly \$250,000 per year in legal charges alone.** They recently filed yet another objection in Essex County Probate and Family Court (Docket No. ES11P1465PM, and reference prior objections contained in ES11P1466GD).

The various documents submitted to the courts detail lawyers on a mad spending spree: invoices include charging from \$275 to \$600 per hour to talk to one another, photocopy papers, and respond to e-mails from one another.

The daughters specify in their objections that invoices include “excessive and frivolous” billing and reveal “duplicate and redundant efforts” as well as billing which they cite breaks rules of ethical behavior, charging \$275 per hour for photocopying, for example.

But the daughters took on a giant, and payback is a bitch.

In their latest objections, the daughters detail excess charges for various services, as well as cite a certain lawyer whose near-doubling of the hourly rates for services threatens to rapidly accelerate the current nearly quarter-of-a-million dollar drain on their father's accounts.

But the daughters poked a bear. A big bear.

And that bear has struck back. Governor Charlie Baker's appointee and member of the Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers, Attorney Marsha Kazarosian of Haverhill, is one of the lawyers at the center of the "liquidation" of Mr. Siegel. Kazarosian has been paid lump sums "on retainer" repeatedly, multiple times each year, with little to no accounting of how she justifies her compensation, the sisters charge.

Despite hundreds of thousands of dollars in prior billings, Kazarosian received payments of :

\$15,000 (2/15/2016),

\$25,000 (6/17/2016) and

\$35,000 (11/21/2016),

bringing her 2016 take to \$75,000, according to recently released accountings.

In 2017, Kazarosian received similar payments:

\$10,000 (3/9/2017),

\$25,000 (4/11/2017),

\$10,000 (10/7/2017) and

\$25,000 (11/10/2017).

Figures for 2018 remain unreleased.

Kazarosian Strikes Back Hard – Goes for Law License

Kazarosian struck back against one of the daughters, Attorney Lisa Siegel Belanger, seeking to strip Belanger of her license to practice law. Make no mistake, Kazarosian is a giant in political circles, having held many key positions and currently serving on the Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers. Kazarosian also sits on a board recommending judgeships.

Belanger is charged with a long list of inappropriate behavior, behavior which included Belanger's release and exposure of what she terms the systemic draining of her father estate. Kazarosian has gone several steps further by recently filing motions which have sought to isolate Belanger and her father Marvin even more.

Kazarosian had the courts prevent any public viewing, any recording, videotaping, and even went so far as apparently supporting the removal of Marvin's son-in-law from a court hearing, so that only Lisa and her sister would be in the room.

At that hearing, Lisa doubled-down on the presiding judge, revealing connections between the judge and opposing counsel which was previously undisclosed by the judge.

After much delay that day, the judge consented to having Lisa immediately handwrite a motion to demand the judge withdraw from the proceedings, and recused herself from future interactions on the case. The judge complied.

In addition to the monies drained each year by attorney Kazarosian, the latest court filings cite extensive payments to a number of lawyers over the years, including Brian Cuffe, James Feld, Deutsch Williams, Brian Bixby, Dennis McHugh, Alisa Hacker, Cheri Myette, and others.

“ALL of these attorneys are paid from my father’s estate,” daughter Sheryl Sidman noted, adding that “he would be very upset to learn that his estate is being greatly reduced in size due to paying attorney fees.”

Together, the attorneys took \$236,813.22 in 2016 from Mr. Siegel, and \$205,066.03 in 2017.

Marvin Siegel Attorneys' Fees 2016

Atty. Marsha Kazanlian - Legal Counsel for Marvin Siegel

Date of Payment	Payee	Description	Amount
2/15/2016	Atty. Marsha Kazanlian	Replenish retainer	\$ 15,000.00
4/17/2016	Atty. Marsha Kazanlian	Replenish retainer	\$ 25,000.00
11/21/2016	Atty. Marsha Kazanlian	Replenish retainer	\$ 35,000.00
			\$ 75,000.00

Atty. Thomas Barbar - Legal Counsel for Guardian and Conservator

Date of Payment	Payee	Description	Amount
1/8/2016	Deutsche Williams	Legal Services	\$ 15,000.00
3/11/2016	Deutsche Williams	Retainer for Appeals Court	\$ 15,000.00
4/12/2016	Deutsche Williams	Replenish retainer	\$ 25,000.00
7/22/2016	Deutsche Williams	Additional retainer re: appeals	\$ 10,000.00
11/4/2016	Deutsche Williams	Replenish retainer	\$ 10,000.00
			\$ 75,000.00

Atty. Brian Cuffe - Guardian

Date of Payment	Payee	Description	Amount
2/3/2016	Atty. Brian Cuffe	Guardian Services	\$ 2,007.50
3/11/2016	Atty. Brian Cuffe	Guardian Services	\$ 2,612.50
4/28/2016	Atty. Brian Cuffe	Guardian Services	\$ 3,052.50
6/22/2016	Atty. Brian Cuffe	Guardian Services	\$ 3,348.00
7/15/2016	Atty. Brian Cuffe	Guardian Services	\$ 9,146.00
7/26/2016	Atty. Brian Cuffe	Guardian Services	\$ 1,450.00
9/9/2016	Atty. Brian Cuffe	Guardian Services	\$ 3,054.00
10/23/2016	Atty. Brian Cuffe	Guardian Services	\$ 3,799.00
11/18/2016	Atty. Brian Cuffe	Guardian Services	\$ 3,364.00
12/1/2016	Atty. Brian Cuffe	Guardian Services	\$ 2,308.00
12/29/2016	Atty. Brian Cuffe	Guardian Services	\$ 4,698.00
			\$ 44,339.50

Atty. James Feld - Conservator

Date of Payment	Payee	Description	Amount
1/25/2016	Atty. James Feld	Per Approved SIC 1.07	\$ 12,182.12
3/28/2016	Atty. James Feld	Per Approved SIC 1.07	\$ 10,727.80
7/11/2016	Atty. James Feld	Per Approved SIC 1.07	\$ 10,561.20
			\$ 33,471.12

Atty. Dennis McHugh - Guardian Ad-Litem

Date of Payment	Payee	Description	Amount
9/5/2016	Atty. Dennis E. McHugh	GAL Services Third Account	\$ 2,877.50
			\$ 2,877.50

Atty. Cheri Myette - Rogers Counsel

Date of Payment	Payee	Description	Amount
5/27/2016	Atty. Cheri Myette	Legal services	\$ 3,025.00
8/23/2016	Atty. Cheri Myette	Rogers Counsel fees	\$ 3,100.00
			\$ 6,125.00

Total Attorneys Fees (2016) \$ 226,813.12

Data taken from Conservator's Citation 2016

Marvin Siegel Attorneys' Fees 2017

Atty. Marsha Kazarsian - Legal Counsel for Marvin Siegel

Date of Payment	Payee	Description	Amount
3/9/2017	Atty. Marsha Kazarsian	Replenish retainer	\$ 10,000.00
4/11/2017	Atty. Marsha Kazarsian	Replenish retainer	\$ 25,000.00
10/7/2017	Atty. Marsha Kazarsian	Replenish retainer - Partial	\$ 10,000.00
11/10/2017	Atty. Marsha Kazarsian	Replenish retainer	\$ 25,000.00
			\$ 70,000.00

Atty. Thomas Barber - Legal Counsel for Conservator and Guardian

Date of Payment	Payee	Description	Amount
1/13/2017	Deutsche Williams	Replenish retainer	\$ 15,000.00
3/9/2017	Deutsche Williams	Replenish retainer	\$ 10,000.00
5/9/2017	Deutsche Williams	Replenish retainer - Probate case	\$ 10,000.00
5/9/2017	Deutsche Williams	Replenish retainer - Appeal case	\$ 5,000.00
10/7/2017	Deutsche Williams	Replenish retainer	\$ 2,500.00
11/4/2017	Deutsche Williams		\$ 83.27
			\$ 42,583.27

Atty. Alisa Hacker - Legal Counsel for Conservator and Guardian

Date of Payment	Payee	Description	Amount
11/10/2017	Sugarmen & Rogers	Retainer	\$ 10,000.00
			\$ 10,000.00

Atty. Brian Cuffe - Guardian

Date of Payment	Payee	Description	Amount
1/24/2017	Atty. Brian Cuffe	Guardian Services	\$ 3,161.00
2/13/2017	Atty. Brian Cuffe	Guardian Services	\$ 8,468.00
3/29/2017	Atty. Brian Cuffe	Guardian Services	\$ 3,167.00
4/27/2017	Atty. Brian Cuffe	Guardian Services	\$ 4,582.00
6/5/2017	Atty. Brian Cuffe	Guardian Services	\$ 1,740.00
6/30/2017	Atty. Brian Cuffe	Guardian Services	\$ 3,900.00
8/10/2017	Atty. Brian Cuffe	Guardian Services	\$ 2,552.00
9/25/2017	Atty. Brian Cuffe	Guardian Services	\$ 4,698.00
11/7/2017	Atty. Brian Cuffe	Guardian Services	\$ 2,030.00
12/27/2017	Atty. Brian Cuffe	Guardian Services	\$ 2,610.00
			\$ 36,308.00

Atty. James Field - Conservator

Date of Payment	Payee	Description	Amount
1/24/2017	Atty. James Field	Per Approved SIC 1.07	\$ 11,960.11
4/5/2017	Atty. James Field	Per Approved SIC 1.07	\$ 14,301.44
8/16/2017	Atty. James Field	Per Approved SIC 1.07	\$ 7,540.23
12/19/2017	Atty. James Field	Per Approved SIC 1.07	\$ 4,584.83
			\$ 38,386.61

Atty. Dennis McHugh - Guardian Ad Litem

Date of Payment	Payee	Description	Amount
8/15/2017	Atty. Dennis E. McHugh	Gal Services	\$ 130.00
9/20/2017	Atty. Dennis E. McHugh	Gal Services	\$ 3,887.50
11/25/2017	Atty. Dennis E. McHugh	Gal Services	\$ 1,831.25
			\$ 5,048.75

Atty. Cheri Myette - Reapers Counsel

Date of Payment	Payee	Description	Amount
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Spencer Amesbury, M.D. - Primary Care Physician for Marvin Siegel

Date of Payment	Payee	Description	Amount
5/9/2017	Spencer Amesbury, MD.	Reimburse legal expenses	\$ 1,930.40
			\$ 1,930.40

Total Attorneys Fees (2017) **\$ 205,066.03**

Data taken from Conservator's Clarition 2017

In 2016, 32% of all withdrawals were made to pay lawyer fees. In 2017, 31% of withdrawals went to lawyer fees. The daughters have also vehemently objected to the excessive withdrawal of funds for household items including charges to refurbish a bathroom, pay groceries, and more than \$2,000 per week paid to Right At Home for 24/7 "guards" (aka medical babysitters) to stay with their father.

5. I object to the "Motion by the Temporary Guardian to Approve S.J.C. Rule 1:07 Statement of Payment Form and Hourly Rate" that was submitted by Temporary Guardian Atty. Brian Bixby. The Temporary Guardian's rate of pay, which is \$600.00 per hour, is more than twice the hourly rate of pay that was charged by deceased Guardian Atty. Brian Cuffe. Attorney Cuffe's most recent hourly rate was \$290.00 per hour. This excessive increase in rate of pay for the services of a Guardian will accelerate the reduction of my father's already rapidly decreasing assets creating unnecessary risk to his ability to fund ongoing care that he requires.
6. Payments for attorneys' services are already exorbitant in my father's case. My father has a Temporary Guardian (Atty. Brian Bixby), a Conservator (Atty. James Feld), and a Guardian-Ad-Litem (Atty. Dennis McHugh). My father has legal counsel (Atty. Marsha Kazarosian). The prior Guardian had and the Conservator has legal counsel (Atty. Alisa Hacker from Day Pitney L.L.P.) When the Temporary Guardian becomes permanent, he may also be represented by Atty. Alisa Hacker. My father also had Rogers Counsel (Atty. Cheri Myette). ALL of these attorneys are paid from my father's estate. Per data from the financial Citation for 2016, payments to the attorneys in 2016

After nearly a year of work, Kazarosian has arranged a trial against Marvin Siegel's daughter for early December. A three-day trial to strip the daughter of her license to practice law, citing how it was her who has been uncooperative in this matter and blasphemous in her objections to Kazarosian and the other lawyers involved.

The daughters filed to have the proceedings videotaped.

Kazarosian objected and the courts sustained her. Kazarosian in her objects slandered COMFLM founder Janet Aldridge, stating she had no press credentials.

Ms. Aldridge re-filed with the court directly, including multiple press credentials from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts going back many, many, many years.

She routinely videotapes hearings and events at the State House and has more credentials than imaginable. Either Kazarosian was stupid, or she blundered without checking.

The court has DELAYED the court case from Dec. 5th to early January, and has promised to render a decision on allowing the public access to any or some of the Siegel saga and his daughter's trial.

Read the full article at the [Boston Broadside](#).

Family Files Federal Lawsuit Against Massachusetts Police and Government for Medically Kidnapping Infant & Toddler at 1 a.m. in Home Invasion



Comments by Brian Shilhavy
Editor, Health Impact News

A family who took their 3-month-old son to an emergency room in Waltham, Massachusetts last year at the advice of their pediatrician because the infant had a 103 degree fever, is now suing Waltham police and social workers who came to their home unannounced at 1 a.m. in the morning and forced their way into their home to remove both their 3-month-old baby and his 3-year-old brother, with no warrant, simply because an x-ray taken of the baby a couple of days earlier

showed a healed fractured rib in the baby.

That was all it took for local authorities to medically kidnap their children, by forcing their way into the family's home in the middle of the night and terrorizing the young children by kidnapping them and taking them away from their parents.

The parents were eventually cleared of all charges and their children were returned to them, but now the parents are suing to try and stop this from happening to other families.

This story has received national media attention, and [The Pacific Legal Foundation](#) has taken up their case and filed a federal lawsuit.

Alarmed by her three-month-old son's 103-degree temperature and at the family pediatrician's urging, graduate student Sarah Perkins brought baby Cal to a hospital emergency room just a few miles from their home in Waltham, Massachusetts. Sarah's husband Josh Sabey, a documentary filmmaker, stayed home with the couple's toddler, Clarence.

Doctors at the hospital ordered an X-ray to check the ailing baby for pneumonia. To Sarah's surprise, the scan revealed a roughly two-week-old, healed fracture on one of Cal's ribs. That's when a new nightmare began.

Hospital staff notified the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families (DCF), who immediately opened a child abuse investigation. A social worker aggressively interrogated Sarah, who had no idea how her son's injury happened. After Sarah called home, Josh brought Clarence to the hospital and they too faced DCF's questions.

Finally, after Sarah and Cal were kept overnight at the hospital, the family was allowed to return home. Although they would be required to check in with DCF in a couple of days, the couple believed the stressful episode was largely behind them.

But the next night around 1 a.m., DCF workers knocked on the family's door. They were accompanied by Waltham police officers. Although they had no warrant or court order of any kind, DCF had decided to remove the children from the home. Sarah and Josh protested, but when police threatened to break down the door, the couple got their children out of bed. Baby Cal was still nursing, so Sarah got stored breast milk out of the refrigerator for DCF to take. The couple tried to keep three-year-old Clarence calm by telling him he was going on an adventure; but the boy, desperate to stay with his parents, soon began screaming. Undeterred, DCF took both children away into the night and placed them with a foster mother. ([Source](#).)

Here is a video report from [CBS Boston](#) with actual video footage from the night the police broke into their home:

<https://youtu.be/gDhZgnRtoEM>

Sadly, this is a common story in the U.S. and not rare at all. We have covered dozens of these stories over the past several years.

[Another story](#) that received national media attention in 2019 happened in Arizona where a military SWAT-like operation with Arizona police broke down the door of a family at 1 AM because the parents did not take one of their children who had a fever to an emergency room at the request of a doctor.



The child was reportedly sleeping soundly and only had a fever of 100 degrees when the police and social workers arrived in the early morning hours. The family's security camera captured the break-in which is why the story went viral and received national attention.

In our investigation of the story, we determined that the family may have been targeted by the medical mafia because they chose not to vaccinate their children. See:

Was Arizona Family that had Police Break Down Their Door at 1 A.M. Targeted by Medical Community Because They Don't Vaccinate Their Children?

As we have reported over the years, taking your child to an emergency room is one of the most dangerous things parents can do these days, as there is a huge industry devoted to "medical child abuse" and "child abuse pediatricians" along with their "child abuse" teams which can only be funded and their salaries justified by finding "child abuse" in pediatric patients brought to the hospital.

Unsuspecting parents bring their child to the emergency room and often end up having x-rays taken of their child, and based solely on an x-ray these “child abuse” pediatric doctors will order a child be seized from their parents, even before an investigation can be conducted.

It is a horrific violation of constitutional rights, as even terrorists, rapists, murderers, etc. are afforded due process of law in the criminal justice system, but parents are not given those same rights in Family Court.

After a medical doctor suggests “child abuse”, the children are often ripped away from the parents without any charges even filed, and then they have to prove their innocence, which can take months or even years, to get their children back.

Here are some previous cases we have covered.



Baby love with Marty Peele. Photo courtesy Peele family.

In 2015 North Carolina mother Marty Peele contacted us after being arrested for “child abuse” because x-rays of her baby showed ribs that were broken and then healed. Local media were publishing stories about her and portraying her as an abusive, criminal mother.

We investigated her story and interviewed friends and family members, and then published her side of the story in December of 2015. The story got a lot of traffic, and about 3 months later [producers of the Dr. Phil show contacted us](#) seeking permission to use our article in a show they were preparing on Marty’s story.

Here is the Dr. Phil segment.

Video no longer available.

See:

Infant with Brittle Bones Medically Kidnapped in North Carolina as Mother is Arrested

Here are some other previous stories we have published:



**Maryland Father Accused of Abuse over
Broken Bones – Both Children Removed from
Home of Loving Parents**



**Baby Found with Broken Bones – Parents
Assumed Guilty of Abuse and Lose Custody**



South Carolina Family has Children Medically Kidnapped Based on Wrong Diagnosis from Child Abuse Specialist



Oklahoma Takes 3 Children Away from
Parents When One is Found with Possible
Brittle Bone Disease



**A Year After Emergency Room Visit, North
Carolina Couple Still Fighting for Medically
Kidnapped Newborn**



**Another Baby Medically Kidnapped in South
Carolina over Broken Bones – Parents
Thrown in Jail**



**After Trip to Emergency Room Illinois Couple
has all 4 Children Medically Kidnapped**



Kentucky Baby Medically Kidnapped Along with Siblings and Forced on to Formula



Two Indiana Boys Medically Kidnapped
Remain in CPS Custody Despite Testimony of
Medical Experts



California Christian Homeschool Family Torn Apart as Children are Medically Kidnapped, Forced into Public School, and Mother is Forced out of Family Home



Falsely Accused Washington Couple Loses Medically Kidnapped Baby for Two Years

These are but a few samples of the hundreds of stories we have published over the years showing how common this

problem is. Go to MedicalKidnap.com and search for your own state to see how many stories we might have covered in your state.

There are many reasons why young children can have brittle bones that cause them to break easily, often without their parents even aware of it, and are only found later via x-rays.

We have found that one of the most common factors for brittle bones in children is “vaccine-induced scurvy.”

Vaccine Induced Scurvy and Shaken Baby Syndrome

What a sad state of affairs it is that in the United States today, young, unsuspecting parents are so trusting of medical doctors, and when they trust what they say about childhood vaccines, not only might they have a child that is injured and crippled for the rest of their lives, but often the parents will be blamed for the vaccine-induced injuries and end up having their children medically kidnapped.