

I am here today to speak on behalf of my son, George Mattingley. I will be reading a statement, my son prepared, relating to his case.

My major problems started in Feb. of 1989, when my ex-wife Kathy, with our two children, Nicole and Joshua moved into her boyfriend Vince's house. They never wanted to go home after their visits with my wife, Alberta, and myself. They always said they "hated that house".

On March 4th, 1989, when my father and I went to pick my children up Vince came out and tried to start a fight. He said "You'll never see your kids again". We had to get the police, and after arriving, they decided to put Nicole and Josh in my father's custody, even though the court order was for me. They said they had the right to do so.

March the 5th, my children didn't want to go back to their mothers. It was also their last visit to our home.

March 8th, Vince and Kathy brought a P.F.A. to my home.

March 15th, there was a hearing on the P.F.A. in front of Judge Strassburger, with only the lawyers attending. The judge wouldn't except the P.F.A. as it was, so Kathy, her lawyer, Vince and her mother, in just five minutes decided that they would say that I had molested my daughter. If this had been the case, it should have been listed on the P.F.A. Judge Strassburger excepted this as fact and gave me supervised visits at support. After the 3rd visit, Kathy and Vince terminated the visits, giving the woman in charge a hard time and using foul language.

On March 16th, Kathy and Vince took my daughter to Children's Hospital. They found no physical evidence where Nicole had been molested. Kathy and Vince talked with the Social Worker at the hospital and she believed what Nicole said was true. This Social Worker then contacted C.Y.S. in Harrisburg. At no time would she talk with my wife or me.

John Bollie, was C.Y.S.'s investigator. He came to my home and talked with Alberta and myself. John Bollie stated that he talked to Kathy and Nicole separately and that Vince was not there. We asked if Nicole was afraid to talk with him and he said no. I found out later he had lied about both statements and that my daughter would not talk with him. Also that Vince was present.

On April 7th, C.Y.S. sent my daughter to a psychiatrist, a Dr. Mannarino. He talked with Kathy, Vince, and Nicole. He would not talk with me at all.

June the 5th, I received a call from Allegheny County Detectives asking me to come in and bring my lawyer. I was booked at this time and that is when the detectives told me they had talked with Kathy, Vince, and Nicole at the house. One detective said " We know you molested your daughter". This same detective went on the witness stand and lied about the case. At no time did these detectives ever come to my home and talk with me.

June the 15th, I had a hearing in front of Judge Olasz, a magistrate, and that same morning a write up appeared in the paper giving my name and address. Mrs. Phelps, from Support, was there to testify to the fact that Nicole said " My daddy didn't touch me". The lawyer failed to call her to the stand. After the hearing, Vince and Kathy with Nicole in the car, drove by and Vince yelled out, "Your going down Molester", as to say to my daughter, " I told you your daddy did this to you.

Nov. 14th, 1989, I took a polygraph test and passed it. It was given by a Morris Ragus and I understand he is one of the best.

Jan. 24, and 25, 1990, I had a criminal jury trial presided by Judge O'Brien. Before the jurors were brought back with the verdict, the District Attorney asked the judge to bring in more sheriffs. We found out later they expected trouble from Vince. I was found Not Guilty on all counts.

On April 22, 1992 all criminal charges were expunged.

As of this date, which is going into the fifth year, I haven't seen my children. My biggest problem now is my C.Y.S. expungement. There has been delay after delay, by the courts, allowing my ex-wife to keep cancelling the hearings. The judges of Family Division, especially Judge Mazur, beleives there is to much animosity between us and it wouldn't be good for the children. He took all my rights away, but he allows the word molesting to be used in his court room, whenever Kathy's lawyer feels free to do so. Both of my children are being brainwashed by instilling fear in them.

Since my trial, things haven't changed. Every so often false charges are brought against me in Glassport. I am only allowed in this town for hearings since Vince has the police and the magistrate in his pocket.

These false molesting accusations will always be in the F.B.I. files in D.C. and Harrisburg, marking me as a criminal, even in my own community.

If you only knew the pain and scars that it has left, which will never go away, as long as I live. Mostly the damage it has done to my two children and my extended family. I think those who make such false charges should be made to suffer with jail time and fines to cover all costs. Also, pay a penalty, to the party, of which the false charges were brought against. Otherwise a mockery will continue to be made of our judicial system.

*George Mattingley, Sr.*

I beleive Kathy and Vince have committed a terrible crime against Nicole, Joshua, and the rest of my family. Some of this blame must fall back on C.Y.S. They did not care about finding out the truth, only the financial part, and how much money they would be taking in with this case.

My wife and I had three court ordered meetings with a Mary Beth Heinrich from C.Y.S. At every one of these meetings she said "I'm going to convince you that your son did this to Nicole". Mary Beth said they discussed, at every meeting, how her daddy had molested her.

I understand there has been more money budgeted for C.Y.S. There should be better qualified people, as well as a board, who is more receptive to the general public. Whenever charges are made it is apparent that C.Y.S. has little interest in the real truth. Obviously, the welfare of any child must be parimount in cases such as these. However, once false allegations are cleared, C.Y.S. can still keep the children away from their father and his family, based on those unfounded charges.

A process must be adopted by C.Y.S. to reunite these families when such charges are cleared. Likewise, stiff fines and/or civil libel suits should automatically be filed by C.Y.S. against the accusers.

Thank you for taking the time to hear me today.