

My name is Darlene Odegaard. I am a teacher with the Thomaston Board of Ed. My daughter Victoria has been a close friend of Anderson Tittle for the past five years. The girls first became classmates at LMS in the fall of 2005. They have been regular playmates and sleepover friends in my home ever since. 69

Before I begin, I will take a moment to state on record that, although I have had virtually no direct contact with Shawn Tittle, I view Mr. Tittle to be a highly functioning, but emotionally unstable person, who may in the future choose to do harm or retaliatory acts.

I'm speaking up, however, because as a teacher and a mandated reporter, had one of my students been in this situation, I would have been behooved to take action to help. Additionally, I care about my daughter's friend, and family. In my heart, I believe this statement to be the just and right thing to offer the court.

On August 14, 2011 I drove Victoria to Anderson's home to a sleepover. It was at this time that Anderson spoke to me for the first time regarding her thoughts and feelings about her father. According to Anderson there exist 'two dads' in her life—the 'nice one and the mean one'. "Nice dad shows his face to Laura and everybody," she said. "Me, Wyatt and Mom are the only ones who ever see mean dad. Since the separation, mean dad either yells, or talks on the phone a lot. If he's not yelling, he's doing something else and not paying much attention to me and Wyatt. He gives us toys as bribes so we'll come over, but once we're there we're basically on our own, or he's talking mean to us. He only acts nice if Laura or someone else is there. He doesn't really act like he cares or is happy to be with us when it's just us. Mean dad either yells or acts like we're invisible to him...we'd be riding in his car and there used to be a little gun in the back seat of his car...whoa, doesn't he know Wyatt's a little kid?"

...I'm afraid he might get custody of us, and I don't want him to. I don't feel good being around him. But when Laura is around, she's really nice and I know we'll be safe if she's there."

What does mean dad do that is so scary to her? I asked her. Anderson answered, "Right now, mean dad just yells in your face. He only pulled Wyatt's hair once, I think, since he moved out...he still threatens Wyatt a lot so he'll be good...mostly it's just yelling or he uses a really scary, whispery tone of voice...but when he lived with us, mean dad was a lot worse..."

"...I'm scared that if we live with him, mean dad will get physical again, like it was when we lived in Woodbury... in Woodbury, mean dad used to hit us, especially Wyatt, mostly. He pulled his hair all the time. I would stay outside on my swings for hours and hours to stay out of his way. I liked to be in the shadows so he wouldn't see me. I'd be outside - feeling invisible, but then I'd feel guilty thinking about Wyatt being in the house with him."

...Even today, I still stay outside a lot because I'm used to it...outside just feels safer to me...

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...One time, I went in the house to ask Mom a question. Mom and Dad were talking and I heard a really loud slap sound. He hit Mom. When I asked the question, Mom's voice got really high, like she was trying not to cry....another time I was in my room, Dad was yelling at me...Mom was in the hallway, Dad yelled at her to stay out and locked my bedroom door with him in the room...

...I'm not a stupid kid, I look up legal things online sometimes. I know I can decide who to live with once I'm twelve...I have a year to wait, but Wyatt...it'll be so bad for him if he's stuck with Dad...I feel sorry for Wyatt because he just grabs at any little bits of attention he can from Dad...I don't. Not me...I'm harder to please...I don't just believe him right away that he's going to care about us and really be nice to us, for just us when we're alone with him...

...Dad gives us a lot of stuff, he gives me...gifts, presents...but he's still really angry a lot of the time...

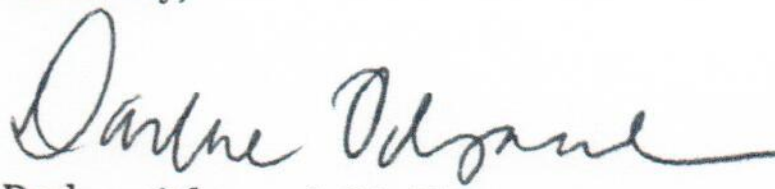
...Would you answer me this question...if I have a child lawyer, isn't she supposed to tell my parents to do what's good for me? I love martial arts, but I can't take it. Why doesn't she just tell dad that he has to bring me? The class isn't long. I can still see him. Driving kids places, isn't that what parents do that all the time?...Look at you and Victoria...what makes my dad so different?

...I also don't understand something else...why do they have a child lawyer deciding what's best for me, when this lady doesn't even know me? She doesn't know the books I'm reading, what series I like, when my birthday is, what I want to do for my birthday...she doesn't know anything about me...so how can she decide anything for me?

...I like my school...it's a fun school and it isn't like other schools...I'd have to leave it to live with mean dad...I don't get how that could be good for me and Wyatt.

...there's so many things I don't get about this divorce; things that are really stupid."

As an educator, I'm used to listening to children . I hope this sheds light on a truly painful family situation. Sincerely,



Darlene Odegaard, 8/16/11

August 16, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter to explain my relationship to the Tittle family for the past ten years. I am their Godmother. Due to a problem with tremors in my hands, I have asked my sister-in-law to type it for me.

I first met this family while I was working at the day care center that Anderson and Wyatt attended. After I had left that job, I was called to baby-sit on weekends or at other times. Once the children were enrolled in the Montessori School, I was asked to transport them due to the work schedule of the parents. That is the time when I became even closer to Anderson and Wyatt. We had lots of time to talk on the rides to and from school. Also during school vacation times, I would take care of them at either my house or theirs.

I have a great deal of respect for Susan as a parent, but I did have concerns about Sean because of comments the children made to me and things I observed myself. Sean was very nice to me, but I had an instinctive feeling he was not a sincere man. Anderson would make comments that her Daddy did not listen to her or understand her, Wyatt seemed to have a great deal of anger toward his Dad and when I tried to tell him that his Dad loved him and was trying to do what was best for him, he said "You don't know the real Sean Tittle". The children both told me at different times that they were afraid of Sean. I did observe empty liquor bottles on the counter occasionally when Sean had been home, but had no proof. I don't ever remember Susan drinking hard liquor. Looking back, I probably should have expressed my concern to Susan but I thought I should mind my own business.

The reason I am writing this is to say that I have no doubt that Susan is a wonderful mother who has always put her children's needs before her own. When she went shopping with me she always bought something for Emma, Sean's daughter from his first marriage. I also have serious concerns about Sean as a father because of things the children have said to me. I also observed that Sean always had new cars while Susan drove old cars. It seemed to me that Sean placed more importance on material things than Susan did.

In my opinion, it would be a shame to have anyone but Susan be the primary custodian of these great kids.

Sincerely,

Mary Welsh

Mary A. Welsh

Subscribed and sworn before me this 17th day of August, 2011.

Faythleen M. Duellittle
Notary Public



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Dear Judge

When I heard this was ending in August I knew I would live with my mom. Now that's all I want. Mary Brigham told me this was ending in August, Now I'll set the facts. I don't care what anyone else says.

- I want to live with my mom.
- Wyatt wants to live with mom.
- If Mary says otherwise, then that's a plain lie.
- My dad is mean to me. We fight a lot.
- I will be happier at my mom's.
- I will be normal.
- That "Lie List" is something my dad made me write.
- I hate this.

Those are the facts. I wish he just left me and Wyatt like he left Emma. I would've liked to go to Washington Montessori, but I'm not. Please allow me and Wyatt live with my mother. Would you like your children taken away and living in misery with some one they hate and are scared of? I would also be taken care of better at my mom's.

Gabriell Anderson Tittle
age 12

Court Letter

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Please read this silently to yourself
until I ask !!!!!

Dear Court

When I was young, my father (Shawn
Lesly Tittle) was mean and abusive. Now if you
confront him directly, he will deny it, so
this is where I come in. He was abusive by
hitting, hair-pulling, threatening, and slapping. He
was mean by yelling, and always angry from
being drunk. His "talks" included threatening,
scary low tones, and sometimes hair-pulling.
Now I'm positive you didn't know about the
Shawn Tittle. This winter my mother is often
able to support our house, and lived at a friend's
house for three days. There was barely
any food in the house and the heat
was usually's out. His lying and tricks
caused my family Wyatt my brother,
Susan my mom, and me to go to the
wall. I used to lie because I was
scared. I didn't make friends because
I lied. And then last May when my
father left us hanging. It was
okay because we were at peace.
Then Mary Brigham popped in.

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Horrible child addition by the way.
She automatically made my life from
bad to worse.

NOW PLEASE READ THIS CAPITALIZED
PART ALOUD. (note anything not capitalized you read to
Shawn)
SHAWN TITTLE AKA HORRIBLE, STUPID,
FATHER WHO LIED TO ME, YOU ARE
A THING WHOM I HATE. I NEVER
EVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN. AND
IF YOU THREATEN ME THE
NEXT TIME I SEE YOU, I WILL
TELL THE COURT! MARY BRIGHAN,
YOU ARE A Liar AND YOU NEVER
ASKED ME WHO I WANTED TO LIVE
WITH. AND MARY DON'T YOU
DARE TELL MY MOM WHAT I
THINK WHEN YOU DON'T
EVEN KNOW WHAT I THINK.
SHAWN, PARENTING IS
YOUR CHILD TO A
YOU NEED A BUNCH OF
PARENTING CLASSES. YOU
KNOW BECAUSE I'VE BEEN
WHO WANTS THE
AND WHAT, A
OTHER CH

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THANKS TO YOU "DAD" WHO
LEFT BEHIND A CHILD BEFORE
ME. LAURA CHOI EVEN IF YOU
NOT HERE I DON'T CARE I'M STILL
WRITING MY FEELINGS. YOU LAURA
CHOI I HATE YOU, AND THINK
THAT YOU, SHAWN, AND AT THE MOMENT-MARY
ARE LARGE-PEOPLE OF LIES.
DO NOT THREATEN ME, SHAWN OR
I WILL THREATEN YOU! I NOW
AM NOT AND WILL NOT PLAY
GAMES. I MAY BE ONLY ELEVEN,
BUT IF YOU GUYS WON'T TREAT
FAIR THEN SINCE CHEATING IS
WRONG. AND CHEATERS NEVER WIN,
I'LL TELL. SINCE YOU, SHAWN,
AND YOU, MARY, NEVER LISTENED
TO ME EARLIER LISTEN TO ME NOW.
FOR ONCE MARY, I'M SORRY, YOUR
ACTIONS AGAINST MY WORDS
CAUSED MY JUDGEMENT ON YOU.
TO BE FINAL PLEASE ERASE MY WORDS
AND LOT YOURS, YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW
MY FAVORITE CANDY. SHAWN, STOP
FEELING ME LIES, AND DON'T
ROLL YOUR EYES LIKE YOU HAVE
BEFORE. I DO NOT LOVE YOU, I DO
NOT HATE YOU, I DO NOT WANT TO
LIVE WITH YOU, I DO NOT
WANT TO SEE YOU. I WOULD IN
FACT BE HAPPY IF YOU LEFT
ME ALONE. I PITY YOU AND HOPE

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YOU GET A LITTLE HELP AND
PATCH YOURSELF UP. I HOPE YOU
LIVE A TRUTHFUL, HAPPY, LIFE, AND
THAT YOU STOP RECORDING AND TWISTING
MY WORDS. BY LEAVE ME ALONE I MEAN
LEAVE ME ALONE LIKE YOU LEFT EMMA
ALONE. Thank you for reading that outloud.
I myself if I had to say that last paragraph
outloud I wouldn't have been able to.
I would have been so scared. I now
write a quote by an author whose name
I don't remember; "They won't remember
your words, but they will remember how
you made them feel." Alone with my
mom made me feel safe, and happy.
The only memories I have alone
with my dad are bad ones. This year
about a month ago, my dad yelled at
me for half an hour for not answering
my phone. I told him that my phone
was not charged and I don't
often use it in the summer. The
other memory I have is when my
dad got really angry at me (I have no
idea why) and locked me in my room.
After my mom sat outside my room,
listening. He yelled at me and threatened
me. In my opinion of my parents, I think
my mom is the most smart, caring, kind,
strong (mentally), hopeful, loving, parent
and person in the whole wide world.
My dad is... uh... yeah mean, harsh, scary.

Court Letter

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twisted person I would love
to live with my mom when I
lived with my dad I was a lonely
Sad, scared girl. Now I clearly
state: I do not want to live with
my father. I am scared of him. I do not
trust him. I want to live with my
mother. She is the best. I trust more
than almost everything in my life (I
trust myself the most)"

Hoping the right choice is
made.

Gabrielle Anderson (Skipp)
Tittle

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To whom it may concern;

The life I'm living right now is horrible. When I'm at daddy's house Wyatt is a jerk. When I'm at mom's house, he's nice, friendly and relaxed. I told Mary Brigham, Linda Keeler, and Sydney Horrocks that I'm scared of my dad. They did not listen to me. The DC F guy said "Parents have their own methods of punishment" when I told him of the abuse my father did. I would like to have my schedule like this:

Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
mom	mom	mom	mom	mom	alternate	alternate

People like Mary ~~help~~ said she would help. She lied. Now after the scene when Laura kissed my dad, SHE MOVED IN! My dad says "She's just a friend." I would like to live with my mom. That means: ME LIVE WITH MOTHER, NO FATHER. My mom gives me the feeling of safety. I trust her. So please, please, please listen to this letter from Gabrielle Anderson (Skipp) Tittle.

P.S. Don't show this letter to my dad.

- Gabrielle