

Melanie's Cornwall County Council hell

Melanie, now 24, was awarded custody of her children, and returned to Falmouth to live with her parents, Paul and Elaine Garvey, on 27th October 2005. Melanie had post natal depression after a difficult birth and caesarean with her premature daughter. That was the excuse the council later used to pounce.

In November Cornwall County Council Social Services told Melanie she could not look after her own children, and forced her out of her parents house. Mr and Mrs Garvey, in their 40's and experienced parents, with six lovely daughters of their own, four now grown up, continued to look after them.

In December 2005 a Dr Metcalfe put Melanie on heavy medication for over a year (600mg a day of Quietepane "enough to bring a grown man to his knees"). In May 2006 social worker Ken Phillips came to their house and left saying "I'm off on a snatch now." That was a foretaste of the future.

Snatched by Ken Phillips

In June 2006, Social Services snatched Melanie's two children, both under four years old, from the safety of the Garvey's loving family home and put them in foster care with a view to having them adopted. They were devastated.

A Dr Choudry wrote a report in September 2006 saying Melanie had learning difficulties. This is extraordinary; Melanie has 10 GCSE's, and a City and Guilds in hairdressing and beauty treatments. He also accused her of substance abuse; she's never taken harmful substances and has hair strand analysis reports to prove it.

Threats by Social Services

Then Melanie was told she would have to live with her children in an assessment centre in Swindon, Wiltshire if she wanted them back. After a further 4 months she passed the assessment with flying colours, even though drugged with Quietepane while being assessed. Cornwall County Council said they would stop the adoption and look for a house for Melanie. Mr and Mrs Garvey suggested a second house owned by a family member, and then a flat they could rent. Cornwall County Council rejected both.

Just before Melanie left the assessment centre one of the staff verbally assaulted her son and shook him violently, and Melanie complained. Dr Hibbert, who runs the assessment centre, changed the report from good to bad. Ken Phillips and Dr Hibbert got Melanie in a room and told her she had to sign the children over for adoption or they would be split up and put in different foster homes. Melanie, who said she feels like a zombie on Quietepane, still had the sense to refuse.

Isolated and controlled

This has been the pattern; each time Melanie, or her family, try to stand up for her, Social Services wreak their vengeance on Melanie tenfold. With their threats against her children, they control her completely.

In February 2007 Melanie and the children were moved in with a foster family in an isolated hamlet north of Dartmoor. There are three caged dogs in the house which concern her. Ken Phillips has seen them; is that why he chose that foster family? When her family complained Phillips visited and again threatened Melanie with the children being moved up country and being split up.

Rigged trial No. 1

Melanie spent the 19th to the 23rd March 2007 in Truro County Court. Cornwall County Council had a barrage of "Expert witnesses" falsifying their statements to

suit the Social Services line. The trial was effectively rigged - the only person to speak up for Melanie was the CAF-CAS representative. Judge Vincent ruled in favour of the council - we ask is he incompetent or a member of Common Purpose?

The barrister appointed for her was equally useless, and Melanie quotes her as saying "I'm off to get my money now; don't worry you'll see your children in 16 years." (Barristers have to get a legal aid signature from the court before they can be paid.)

The Judge granted Cornwall County Council both a care order and a placement order for adoption. Now Melanie had lost her children, the Garveys were told she would be taken off the Quietepane - but now she seems to be back on it.

Injunction - Statement under duress

Social Services staff had recommended Foot Anstey, Plymouth Solicitors to represent Melanie. They did not seem to present any evidence in her favour or fight her corner in court. In fact their main contribution has been to write threatening letters to Mr. Garvey, and get an injunction against him to force him out of the proceedings and the appeal hearing altogether, to further isolate Melanie. She phoned to say she was under duress when they took her statement.

Foot Anstey have completed Melanie's isolation; she's cut off from all avenues of help.

The solicitors organised an appeal on the 9th May 2007 at the Appeal Court in the Strand, Westminster London. The court costs were astronomical - and delayed matters further by ruling for a full retrial in July. The total costs to your taxes are probably already over a million; clearly Social Service plan a larger jackpot on this case. The Garvey's have seen the Barristers fees quoted at £35,000 resulting in one hour in court.

Police threats to Paul Garvey

As all Paul Garvey's attempts to get his grandchildren back through official channels have been blocked, he has put signs up on the main A39 and outside his house telling the public Cornwall County Council are child snatchers. The police are threatening to arrest him, and called round several times; Mr Garvey had the good sense to be out or hide and pretend he was out.

Demonstrating, with or without signs, is of course not an offence. But under the governments new legislation he could be arrested on this trumped up charge - or indeed no charge at all, and held for 18 days. Every knock on the door is a worry - presumably that was the intent behind the threat.

Malicious arrest warrant

That injunction was pure character assassination, and prevents him from doing things Mr Garvey would never do, but much of which Foot Anstey are doing right now, including harming his daughter. Mr Garvey is now not allowed to see Melanie.

Foot Anstey then falsely accused Mr Garvey of breaking their injunction, and set a warrant for arrest hearing with three days notice. Melanie was in court, guarded by three staff, to ensure she could not get help or speak to her family.

The trial date was set for 6th June. This necessitates employing a solicitor to defend, and Mr Garvey's been quoted £5,000 in fees. The crooked solicitors' cartel wins again. But the simple fact is he has almost no chance of a fair trial, with most of the judges hand in glove with the solicitors. We are watching perversion of the course of justice up close.

Staff responsible for this abuse

The Director of the Social Services division for children is Dean Ashton. He knows all about this case. We have documentary evidence that Cornwall County Council is working to adoption targets - they plan to snatch children regardless of the rights or wrongs of the case.

Maurice Emberson is his assistant, and denied this abuse is happening in reply to both the front page of the Falmouth Packet newspaper, and their columnist, the Skipper, who rightly deplored Cornwall County Council Social Services actions in this matter.

Alex Dashwood is Phillips' manager, (and stated Melanie had "a severe learning difficulty" which is a lie.) These two seem more like sadists than social workers, and in our view should not be allowed to work with children.

The council buries complaints

Mr and Mrs Garvey have been to the Council Complaints Department. The Garveys were warned no one who's children have been snatched get past the first level of three levels, and their complaints are buried. Elisabeth Taylor and Gill Dunstan are the Council complaints managers.

The Head of Council Legal Services is Richard Williams, in it are Karen Jackson, Ian Kennaway, Deborah Stoleworthy; they know what's going on and allow this horror to continue.

Mr and Mrs Garvey have been to the top - to the Ombudsman, who won't be involved until the case is decided. By the time he consents to be involved, the children are usually adopted and its too late.

Fire these abusive staff

We ask Cornwall County Council that Dean Aston, Maurice Emberson, Alex Dashwood, Ken Phillips, are fired immediately without compensation, and barred from all government or public posts for life. It appears their actions are closer to embezzlement and child abuse than social work.

We ask for an investigation into the extent to which Elisabeth Taylor, Gill Dunstan, Richard Williams, Karen Jackson, Ian Kennaway, Deborah Stoleworthy have perpetrated this miscarriage of justice.

We ask that Cornwall County Council bar members of Common Purpose, which is behind this and most council corruption, from both public office and employment within the council.

We ask that Foot Anstey be barred from all council, legal aid and public contracts until those involved, such as Nicki Cozens, have been dismissed from the firm, and their fees for this "work" be withheld.

Criminal charges against social services

We ask the police and Crown Prosecution Service to investigate all the above on charges of abusing children and the fraudulent misuse of public funds. Providing there are enough honest, non Common Purpose people left in the police and CPS to carry out a lawful and proper investigation.

We ask that a permanent restraining order be put on Social Services, preventing them from contacting Melanie or her children at any time, now or in the future.

Sheila Healy and David Whalley

The two people ultimately responsible are Cornwall County Council's chief Executive, Sheila Healy, and David Whalley, the council leader, both Common Purpose. We ask for the resignation of both Healy and Whalley for encouraging this horrific abuse and fraud in scores of similar and worse cases, to go on unchecked.

And finally we ask Cornwall County Council that Melanie and her two children are immediately returned to the loving family home from which they were stolen.

Luke 17:2 "It were better for them that a millstone were hanged about their neck, and be cast into the sea, than that they should harm one of these little ones."

After using Exeter Crown Court to try to lock both Paul Garvey and myself up for two years to shut us up, our Mackenzie Friends defence council were able to make it clear the prosecuting lawyers could be committing perjury, the court let us go, and we got the children back on 30th August 2007!!

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www.unity-injustice.com

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<http://www.forced-adoption.com/introduction.asp> has a list of good solicitors. And:

THE GOLDEN RULES!!

Do PLEASE remember the golden rules :- (By all means print this off and keep the copy near at hand if SS approach! Show these rules to your lawyer or social worker to prove that you KNOW your rights!)

REMEMBER THESE EVEN IF YOU FORGET EVERYTHING ELSE I HAVE ADVISED!

1:- Never contact social services for help or advice .Usually you should not report a partner who batters you or even a stranger who sexually assaults your young child, as if you do the SS will as often as not take your children into care(and later for adoption) to "protect them" from risk !If they have your children and you are fighting to get them back,NEVER NEVER tell social workers how you think you are going to defeat them, or what you are going to do next !Remember ,without mentioning it to "them",that even if your children are "in care" social workers do not have the legal power to stop your children going to a call box to phone you or even meeting you for a meal as long as they return "home" to the fosterers afterwards!

2:- Never believe a word they say and always insist they put their promises down in writing.Always be pleasant and polite to social workers,and remember that they may deliberately try to provoke you into shouting or violence that they will exaggerate in court leaving you with a criminal record and no children!When they shout at you forget your "pride" and look very hurt saying "why are you being like this to me?" or"I thought you were so nice until now, please don't bully me!" Be very respectful "tongue in cheek", but never follow their "helpful advice" especially if they say your only chance of getting your children back is to split from a partner, or parent you love and respect! They will try and turn you against each other as the "divide and rule" principle makes sure you are confused and demoralised when you lose your case and your children too ! Quite often they arrange deliberately awkward contact times with your children. This can result first in the loss of your job and then as a consequence of that ,your accommodation also.Object loudly and forcefully in court to their plans and fight hard to keep your job and your house or apartment.

3:- NEVER,NEVER,NEVER, sign any documents they present to you,even if they say "you have to!" Social Workers rely on BLUFF.In reality they have NO POWER and no right to threaten you or give you orders of any kind!Only a COURT via an order from a judge can give you orders,and you always have the opportunity to contest those orders in court either before or after they are given to you.No matter what threats,or promises they make ,you can be 100% sure that if you get intimidated into signing they

will break their word and expect you to keep your's! so, DO NOT SIGN !!

4:-Never, never agree to let your children go into foster care (especially if they say it is temporary) Never "agree" the thresholds even if you are advised that this will ensure the return of your children,because if you do you will have admitted neglecting or abusing your child and the only question left will be to decide if you have really repented and are capable of "change"! Usually the answer is no !Sometimes your own lawyer may tell you to agree the thresholds and/or agree to an interim care order otherwise "you will never see your children again !"That is a wicked lie designed to save the lawyers work and to help you LOSE your children ! BEWARE !

5:-Never answer questions at case meetings , in court, or when you are being assessed by so called "experts,"(psychiatrists,therapists,psychologists, counsellors,professionals, and the like) with more than 5 or 6 words (they write down anything unhelpful you may let slip). Try indeed to answer "yes" or "no" whenever possible . Never explain or elaborate as this only gives extra material to those who wish to discredit you.

6:-Protect yourself against social workers barging uninvited into your home by fitting a small chain inside your front door.This means that if you do not unlatch the chain when you see who is calling that person would have to push the door hard enough to break the chain which would be a "forced entry "and a criminal offence if committed without a document from the court such as a "recovery order" specifically allowing entry using reasonable force .Unless they have good reason to believe someone in the house is in danger of severe physical harm police also would have to have a warrant before breaking the chain . Usually they will not have one and would have to convince a judge that a serious crime had been or was about to be committed before one was granted.

7:-If social services request a look at your medical records (probably to try and find something to discredit you) ALWAYS write to any doctor or psychiatrist that has seen you as follows:-

"I respectfully request you to keep all my medical notes strictly confidential as I intend to take legal proceedings against social services and any other persons who might obtain my medical details without my express authorisation".

8:-Never write a letter to anyone connected to Social Services as you might include something that could damage your case in the family court.Only accept a solicitor if he/she promises to allow you a free hand to speak in court! You should be asked this simple question in the witness box "Have you anything you would like to say to the court?"Without this promise you may be "gagged" and you can lose your case without being allowed to say a word!

And YES! They really,really do make up false evidence as "The Times" points out.....

The Times October 19, 2006 - Blind justice without a name -Camilla Cavendish - If social workers really are manufacturing evidence in child abuse cases, their anonymity is assured Read article...

And YES some people are making a fortune out of the misery of others !

The Guardian - March 28, 2007 - by Lucy Ward - Concern over vulnerable children placed in isolating care homes - Councils are paying up to £6,000 a week to place children with extreme and complex needs in "one-person children's homes" without any proof that this will help them. Read Article...

<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2005/20052795.htm> is a link to a comprehensive summary of the laws governing family court proceedings and adoption in particular.

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