

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors **PROCLAMATION**

in honor of

Child Support Awareness Month

WHEREAS, August is Child Support Awareness month, an annual time to raise awareness about a critical income support program that helps millions of children and families; and

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, Child Support programs nationwide collected \$29.6 billion and served 1 in 5 children in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in FY 2023, our local Child Support program distributed \$10,016,901 directly to families in Humboldt and Trinity Counties; and

WHEREAS, in FY 2023, our local Child Support program increased the number of cases with support orders for families by 1.8%; and

WHEREAS, Child Support is recognized nationwide as one of the most cost-effective government programs, collecting over \$4.00 for every \$1 spent; and

WHEREAS, our local Child Support program has provided engagement, education and crucial financial support to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, proclaims August, 2024 as Child Support Awareness month and commends the North Coast Regional Child Support team for their commitment to serving the families of our community.

Dated: August 20, 2024



Rex Bohn, Chair

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From: Honsal, William <WHonsal@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Sent: Sunday, January 7, 2024 7:51 AM

To: Kent Sawatzky <kentsawatzky@hotmail.com>

Subject: Re: lawyer

Good Morning Kent,

Thank you for the email and I understand your frustration. I ask you and the family to give us time to do our job so we can uncover the truth. I spoke to our investigators this week and we continue to fully investigate this case, interview all witnesses and examine all evidence. I assure you that this case is being taken seriously and you have to know that we have to look at all of the evidence to determine what has occurred. Child crimes are difficult so we have to make sure to get our case in order before we act. We can use probable cause that a crime has occurred to make an arrest or to write a search warrant, but for the DA to file the case we need evidence that proves a crime beyond a reasonable doubt. I used to investigate these types of cases, and I know how frustrating they are. They take time, but we can't rush these cases. We know something happened to these children, now our job is to prove it to the DA. If this case goes to court, the children and Nona do have to take the stand and testify. We have to look at this case through a critical eye and ask the tough questions now. Because the defense attorneys will ask these same questions to verify all the evidence in court. We have learned in these cases that often times it takes more than just a statement made to a loved one to get a child molester convicted in court. That is why we take time, examine all possibilities, and pieces of evidence. At this time, we do not have a smoking gun, or hard physical evidence that proves this case. That is why we are slowly and methodically examining all evidence and continue to ask the tough questions of all parties involved.

I have faith in our investigative team and Investigator Henderson that they are all doing their very best to find the truth in this case and present those facts to the District Attorney for prosecution. We will continue to be in touch with the family and hope to get the evidence that uncovers the truth and also get the children the help they need to be protected and safe.

Take care,

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From: Versa Pitts <momsnewlife2023@yahoo.com>

Sent: Saturday, January 6, 2024 3:48 PM

To: Kent Sawatzky <kentsawatzky@hotmail.com>

Subject: Fw: lawyer

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

On Saturday, January 6, 2024, 1:41 PM, Versa Pitts <momsnewlife2023@yahoo.com> wrote:

January 8th, 2023

My common law husband Christopher Hudson was molesting and sex trafficking our two children, Charles (age 6) and Gracelyn (age 4 on January 11). My son has shared with me that his Dad would take him on so called training missions. On these trips Chris would take Chuck to a forest and there would be a man waiting on a trail to molest my son. My son said Dad and others hurt him on every occasion they left for these Dad and son excursions. In October my daughter had a bad burn on her hand which there was no explanation for. My sisters and I all discussed how bad the burn was and discussed what could have caused such a burn. When I asked my daughter she would tell me " I don't know". In November once my children had opened up to me about the ongoing abuse they were enduring my son told me how he had watched his father hold a match up to his little sisters hand burning her, "Just to be mean". He said it made him and her cry and his sister begged him to stop but he continued to burn her with an "angry face". I have been told about my children being dressed in mine and Chris' clothing and being shown how to kiss eachother in excess and touch eachothers' private areas. They were told it was good for them. On Thanksgiving my kids told me of a horrifying time in which they were taken to a field by Chris and were met with three other men. The men they met at the field are the same men who have repeatedly abused them. The kids had a gun pointed in their direction and were told that they would be shot. The gun was shot off to scare the kids as they both cried. Chuck told me that day his father put his mouth on my sons privates again. He said he doesn't know what was happening to his sister during that time because " I was always told to close my eyes when he did that."

We last saw Chris on October 25, 2023. I left town to my sister's house in Calaveras County on Thursday October 26th. My intention was to get to safety, to get away from danger with my children. In a few days I went from thinking I had a normal life to learning that my kids were being extremely mentally, sexually and physically abused. During the drive to my sister's house I attempted to pass my daughter a dissolvable kids dramamine. We were traveling seven hours. When I went to hand my daughter the pill she immediatly waved her hands as to say no and started to sadly say, "No,no,no." I told her that it was going to help her not to feel sick during the long drive to which she replied, "Dad puts white pills like that in my booty." I looked at my son who was in his carseat next to her and he started nodding his head in aggreance and told me, " I knew it was bad Mom because he was making me eat dog pills." That evening we arrived in Calaveras County and my first stop was to law enforcement to report the abuse. I took my kids to an emergency room where I requested they get tocixology tests and requested to meet with child protective services. The Police had directed make me a report to Humboldt County Sheriffs since the crimes had taken place in Humoldt County.

In Calaveras County a CAST interview was done. Although there were discolusures of abuse they were minimal in comparison to the disclosures my children were telling to me. I have been in regular contact with Child Protective Services and the Humboldt County Sheriffs since

returning home. I have done my best to support my kids in getting back to as 'normal' as we can. They have been signed up for counseling, seen their pediatrician, my son has returned to school, and began the healing process. My son was seen under 'emergency' counseling because he was doing self harm on himself. His Dad had instructed him to hurt himself rather than cry. Charles completed the four sessions that were available through that service and received a referral for more counseling through the Department of Health and Human Services. At this time both kids are on multiple waitlists to be seen as soon as possible. I've gotten the kids to all for their appointments including numerous for myself regarding this case. It seems that having a clean conscience and the truth on our side is not enough. Which is why I am writing this. I fear for my children and my safety. During court on December 6th Chris stated that he has no access to firearms. In November, when Chris took his belongings from my house, he took with him a hunting rifle and the clip which we stored separately while stored in the house. There was some ammunition left behind but multiple boxes of bullets were taken. Chris told me in October that he would "Bring back three bullets" before allowing me to coparent with him, specifically "Another man to be here with my kids." I am aware as well as my children are aware that were in danger. My son has repeatedly told me " You were supposed to be dead or in jail by Christmas." I know we have escaped a very scary dangerous situation, yet I fear for our lives to this day. The level of abuse that my young children have had to endure absolutely confirms this fear. I am desperate for help, from whoever can. I'm seeking legal guidance to help me navigate this terrible situation me and my babies have been brought into. Thank you for your consideration and reading this.

Sincerely,

Verda Pitts

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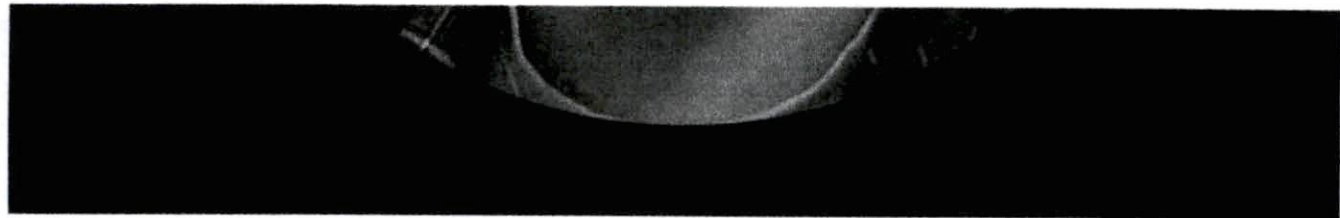
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He talks down to women, major gaslighter, and is an alcoholic. Clearly has a lot of shit to work out on himself and how he treats women. Don't be stupid like me just because he's attractive. It's not worth it. He'll make you feel bad, won't take accountability for his actions at all. He's awful and it's disheartening





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