

Honorable Charles A. Porter, Jr.  
Family Court Division  
Fourth Judicial District Court  
Hennepin County Government Center  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55487

Re: Holly Collins vs. Mark Collins, File No. DC 159283

Dear Judge Porter,

We are writing as the grandparents and great-grandparent of Zachary and Jennifer Collins, the subject of custodial and visitation disputes as well as other matters in the above-captioned case which is on appeal to the Court of Appeals.

Gerry and Nancy Ann Collins are the parents of Mark Collins; Eleanor and Thomas Gallagher are the mother and step-father of Holly Collins; and Mary Therien is the maternal grandmother of Holly Collins.

We have not intervened in the case because we do not wish to confuse or complicate an already complex case and it is our collective observation that Michael London and Mary Lauhead, the former and current Guardians Ad Litem have done and is doing an excellent job in protecting the interests and well being of our grandchildren.

We write at this time because of the continuing series of false statements, many of which are seriously disparaging of our names and reputations, and other mischaracterization which may harm the children.

This communication is intended to correct certain false and inaccurate statements set forth in the Brief of Appellant Holly Collins to the Court of Appeals. We will leave to others other issues that are false and misleading.

Holly Collins was not the victim of abuse throughout her life nor was she left by her mother to be raised by her grandmother (pg. 4, para. 1). I, Mary Therien, Holly's maternal grandmother, on my oath, state that I only baby-sat Holly (and her sister and brother) while Holly's mother worked and finished college after she divorced. Holly and her siblings lived with their mother in the downstairs apartment of my home for 8 years. Holly's mother remarried in 1977 and the entire family moved into a beautiful home where Holly was bought show-horses. Holly was outstanding student, member of the orchestra, and elected to "Who's Who Among American High School Students" and Holly was also very loved.

Holly suffered bouts of depression and was in psychiatric counselling since age fifteen (15). Holly left home briefly at the age of sixteen (16) because her mother insisted she finish high school

before marriage and Holly's biological father Ronald Tveter used the issue to be divisive.

Ronald Tveter, acting in collusion with his daughter Holly Collins, has made false and misleading statements on her behalf to the Minnesota Trial Court, Massachusetts Family and Probate Court and the New Hampshire Rockingham Superior Court.

Holly's mother and step-father provided Holly's wedding when she married Mark Collins and considerable financial assistance thereafter.

I, Eleanor Gallagher, on my oath deny that I ever abused Holly. Further, there is no restraining order in Massachusetts or anywhere else which prevents me from visiting with Holly's children.

I, Thomas Gallagher, on my oath deny that I have ever physically or sexually abused Holly Collins.

All Holly's siblings have denied that Holly was ever abused.

After Holly and Mark married, they lived with Mark's parents Gerry and Nancy Ann Collins who state under oath that they have no knowledge of Mark abusing Holly in any way. Holly received a contusion of the nose in 1982 while in family play with Mark which was not intentional but solely an accident. Gerry and Nancy Collins and Mark's sister were present in the home when the incident occurred.

In Holly's Appellant Brief (pg. 10, para. 3), Holly stated that "Zachary shared with Dr. Reimherr memories of his father breaking his mother's nose". It must be pointed out that Zachary was not yet born when Holly received a contusion of her nose.

I, Gerry Collins, on my oath, deny that I have ever contacted Holly's biological father Ronald Tveter to discuss getting Mark into Alcoholics Anonymous and deny ever stating that "I did not raise my son to beat up on women" (pg. 5, para. 1) and I have never known Mark to abuse Holly.

Holly stated (pg. 5, para. 2) that on April 3, 1982 (error, 1983) that she was "seven and a half months pregnant" when labor was induced by sexual relations with Mark. On April 3, 1983, Holly was nine (9) months pregnant and Zachary was born a full term, healthy, baby boy who weighed seven (7) pounds, ten (10) ounces.

We are concerned that in Holly's efforts to deny Mark's Court Ordered visitation with his children, Holly has attempted to create health problems for our grandchildren by taking them from doctor to doctor until one or more would agree with Holly's thesis that the children's health problems would not permit them to see their father. Holly has attempted to create purported abuse for the same purpose of

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THEN PERSONALLY APPEARED THE ABOVE NAMED  
*Mary Therien and Eleanor Gallagher*

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AND ACKNOWLEDGED THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT  
TO BE <sup>their</sup> HIGHER FREE ACT AND DEED BEFORE ME

DAVID A. CURTIS, NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES FEBRUARY 8, 1995

*David A. Curtis*

denying visitation.

Fortunately, court ordered health professionals and the trial judge have seen through this veil of falsehoods and ordered custody to be transferred to their father Mark. The results today are that the grandchildren are healthy, well balanced, bright and energetic and love both their parents as well as the undersigned grandparents.

Holly needs help as the trial court recognized and ordered. She will not benefit from help until she stops fantasizing about the causes of her problems and addresses herself.

Abuse is horrible. False accusations of abuse are also horrible.

Judge Porter, the Memo on Grandparent Visitation dated August 2, 1993 provides in Paragraph one (1) thereof that the Court "does not intend to attempt to determine whether Holly Ann Collins was abused by her mother or has manufactured allegations of abuse to punish her mother, ...". We have no objection to this ruling, but to the extent Holly Collins and her counsel continue to mischaracterize and add false accusations in legal proceedings, we feel we must attempt to correct the record.

We respectfully request this letter be filed with the papers in this case.

Sincerely,

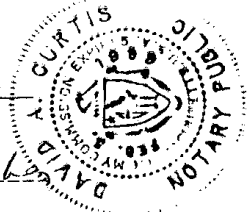
*Eleanor Gallagher*  
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*Thomas J. Gallagher*  
Thomas J. Gallagher

*Gerald W. Collins*  
Gerald Collins

*Anne Collins AKA Nancy Collins*  
Nancy Ann Collins

*Mary Therien*  
Mary Therien



*Then personally appeared before me Gerald W Collins and Ann Collins and signed this document in the County of Middlesex on the 8th day of December, 1993.*

c M. Sue Wilson, Esq.  
Mark Collins  
Mary Catherine Lauhead, Esq.

*Ann Marie Polansky*  
*Notary Public*  
*Commission Expires November 9, 1995*



*Ed Sullivan*  
*Then personally appeared before me Thomas J. Gallagher and signed this document in the County of Middlesex, Commonwealth of Massachusetts on the 8th day of December 1993.*

