

Hello,

My name is Kylee Dixon, I am now 18 years old, and I have experienced extreme physical/mental/emotional/sexual abuse at the hands of Child Protective Services (CPS/DHS) for the last 6-7 years of my childhood life. Here is my story/testimony.

Affidavit of Truth

My traumatic experience with CPS starts in 2018. After months of fighting for my life against cancer.

2/28/18: I was admitted to the E.R. at Providence Hospital with excruciating abdominal pain late in the evening on Wednesday, February 28th. After 8 hours of exams and x-rays, my family and I were delivered the news that I had a mass tumor inside my liver that had ruptured. The rupture had caused internal bleeding in my stomach, and the doctors at Providence Medical Hospital could no longer do anything further to save me. The Doctor then stated that Providence did not have the technology to do anything further including a blood transfusion, which was vital to be done within the hour, along with the emergency surgery. I needed to be transferred from Providence to OHSU Doernbecher's Children Hospital. The blood loss was so severe, they gave OHSU a very urgent warning on only having an hour window to give me the blood transfusion and emergency surgery as we were racing against time.

March 2018

The doctor stated a biopsy was done and it told us that the mass was a cancer called Undifferentiated Embryonal Sarcoma of the liver. I started chemo. I flatlined and was revived. I went into a 4-day coma and had severe lung injuries, neurotoxicity of the brain and permanent damage.

April 2018

4/6/18: My mother communicated with Dr. Pappo who is the director of the solid tumor division at St Jude. Dr. Pappo indicated that I was pre-approved, but that they would be happy to review the case based on the information and documents my mom already sent them. He requested that my mother have Dr. Krysta Schlis (my primary Doctor) contact their coordinator Joe Bringance so they could plan transfer details for me to be flown to St. Jude's immediately. Dr. Schlis

sent medical records to St. Jude falsely showing that I had a tumor in my lung. St. Jude declined treatment for me due to this false information. Because of this interference by Dr. Schlis, I was unable to get a second opinion regarding my treatment.

May 2018

I was discharged from Doernbecker Children's Hospital. Dr. Schlis gave me approximately 4 weeks to live.

11/10/18: For approximately 4 months my mom partnered with doctors all over the country to put together a treatment plan completely customized to me and my body. My health began to improve TREMENDOUSLY. My mother wanted to get a new CT scan to check the status of the tumor. OHSU refused to give me another scan until another round of chemotherapy was administered. Which was completely unnecessary due to how well I was doing. Since OHSU refused another scan, my mom took me to the Emergency room at Randall Children's Hospital in order to get a CT scan. The resulting scan showed a significant decrease in the size of the tumor. Randall Children's Hospital then sent the scan to OHSU. After receiving this new scan, OHSU wanted me to come in for a scan. I told my mom that I refused due to absolute distrust of the doctors, staff and administration at OHSU. It was at this point that OHSU and DHS became even more hostile and aggressive, including visits to my house.

March 2019

DHS improperly informed my mother through TEXT MESSAGE about a same-day hearing with only two-hour notice, mind you we had been living in Washington for over 6 months and the hearing was in Oregon City. At the hearing, the DA threatened and coerced my mother to sign away her medical rights to DHS. DHS told my mom that if we didn't show up, the judge would decide without my mom or me. We showed up for the hearing and my mother was assigned a court appointed attorney that told her to keep her mouth shut. The DA and DHS threatened to put her in jail for 20 years, give custody to my so-called father who had sexually assaulted me previously, lost all rights to me in 2016 and that she would never see me again if she did not sign medical rights over me to them. The judge decided to give my mom and I more time before resulting in my mother losing medical rights.

May 2019

5/13/19: My mother and I were forced to attend a surgical consultation with Dr. Gingalewski at Legacy Emanuel Hospital along with the case worker Zachary Tharp. Dr. Gingalewski is unable to provide a prognosis or chances of survival of the surgery for my mother and me. My mom, however, is told by Dr. Gingalewski that I have a higher risk of death and internal bleeding, necrosis of the liver, and bile leaking into my abdomen if I go through with the surgery. After leaving that appointment I voice my concern to my mother that CPS is saying this case is about my well-being, but my case workers aren't listening when I say I don't want to go through with the surgery. I have a higher chance of survival by continuing at home treatments that are showing more improvements than chemo or any previous surgeries ever done, than I do by doing the open surgery.

5/30/19: We had another court hearing. Again, the DA and DHS were adamant about my mother signing medical papers, so much so that they told the judge to wait in her chambers the DA continued to aggressively approach my mom and started threatening her to sign her medical rights away and to not move forward with trial. My mom and I began to cry as Christine Landers stated we were never going to see each other and as soon as my mom hesitated, former DDA Christine Landers grabbed my arm and started pulling me out of the court room saying, "say goodbye to your mom Kylee because you're never going to see her EVER AGAIN!" I started crying begging my mom to just sign whatever she needed to so I could stay in her care. She was not thinking clearly, she was under EXTREME duress, intimidated and had extremely poor legal representation. My mother was threatened and coerced to sign her medical rights away, but I was to stay in my mother's care before and after the surgery. I have multiple witnesses who can and will attest to this statement, if need be, as well as video evidence.

June 2019

6/5/19: My mother and I had a court order that not only allowed us to get a second opinion for the surgery but also, we had every legal right to do so. We reached out to Seattle Cancer Care Alliance and got in contact with a PA who prepared an entire presentation in three days to show on why I should be approved for a medical trial that was happening. The PA (Matt) had set up a meeting with the head doctor to present what he had prepared, but then Zachary Tharp (my CPS case worker at the time) contacted the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance and told them

they were not allowed to accept me as a patient as well as lying to the doctors saying CPS had full and sole custody over me. I have evidence to prove this statement.

6/12/19: I was forcibly removed from my mother's custody by over eight FBI agents and various other Law Enforcement personnel. I was then taken to a juvenile facility with barbed wire and fencing. While in state custody I was assaulted, beaten, and threatened by the other juvenile inmates. After that I was sent to a foster home where I was sexually abused for 5 months by my foster dad. I brought it up to my foster mom, but she asked me not to say anything because she was fostering her baby grandson. Later as the sexual assault began to progress, I decided to inform my CPS care worker of what my foster dad and foster mom had done, I was told DHS will investigate it, but nothing came of it. At that foster house my foster mom's friend was living there as well as her 19-year-old daughter who constantly brought drug addicted friends in and out of the house. Sometimes my foster mom and her daughter would become very hostile towards each other, even physically creating a very dangerous environment for me, especially when they would put me in the middle of their fight. Again, I brought this to the attention of my CPS case worker and again, nothing ever came of it.

8/19/19: The day we had a hearing the judge reminded CPS they need to expedite the process of a kinship placement as I had a long list of relatives I could be placed with. The judge even offered to sign an order expediting the placement process and interstate transfer to Washington DHS, since that was where I was living before and where I also have some relatives. I still had some in Oregon though. CPS rejected and said they would expedite it. But even after the countless lists I made of relatives I'd love to stay with and begging DHS to transfer me to one of them because I was being abused and just wanted to be with someone who I felt safe with and cared for.

November 2019

11/28/19: After losing all hope that I would get to return to my mother, and thinking the cycle of abuse would never end, I attempted suicide. I survived after being unconscious for almost four days.

December 2019

As the sexual assault and other abuse progressed and after seeing my CPS worker nor anyone at DHS was going to do anything about it, I decided to tell my school counselor everything! From the beginning of the abuse and how CPS wasn't doing anything about it to the suicide attempt. She immediately called Wilsonville Police. The officer questioned me for hours, and after that the officer and I waited at my school for an emergency placement to open for me. Finally, late in the evening one did and I was immediately placed into an emergency home and my CPS worker brought all my stuff to me in garbage bags from my first foster home.

January 2020

I was forced into another surgery that was no longer needed. They threatened and coerced and manipulated me by promising to drop all charges against her mom and let me return to my mother's custody if I cooperated with the surgery. CPS also forced me to write my mom a letter by saying I was never going to see her again if I didn't write it. They told me they would throw her in jail and send me to an out of state facility if I didn't get her to stop speaking out and raising awareness against CPS. So, I did what they said and wrote to her saying she must stop trying to get help with this case or speaking out against DHS and that I am going through with the surgery because they promised I could be in her care again. My mom had been granted a court order to be there in the surgery with me and be there with me after the surgery, but the CPS agent Marty J McMahan refused to let my mom in. Even after it was court ordered by the judge. The surgery did not go well, and the doctors weren't sure if I was going to make it through the night. I was losing mass amounts of blood and falling in and out of consciousness. My new (third) foster mom was crying and screaming at the doctors and CPS agents that they needed to get my mom in the hospital room to say goodbye to me and that this wasn't right! It got to the point where my foster mom was going to call my mom herself because CPS wasn't doing anything! My mom found out from the foster mom that all this had occurred two days later when CPS finally let my mother visit.

Feb 2020

My mother self-represented in court and was able to tell the judge everything we experienced for the first time. The judge called for a recess while she went and watched the court room cameras, and she witnessed the DA

(Christine Landers) and DHS/CPS threaten, coercing my mom to sign the paper for medical rights. As soon as the judge witnessed that she came out, looked at the DA, AG and my CPS worker and said "You have absolutely no further reason to keep this mother and daughter apart. My mom won the case, and I was immediately released into my mother's custody once again.

Again, I have PROOF/EVIDENCE to prove my ENTIRE testimony.

There are many of you senators and representatives my mother and I cried out to for help, and we were denied the appropriate response, but I come to you as an adult now asking you to truly and fairly look at my case (case#: 19JU02327). For the last 6-7 years my childhood/teenage years have been ripped away and permanently marked as traumatic because of the CPS/DHS organization. I will never get those years back and my mother and I are still trying to pick up the pieces mentally/emotionally, physically and financially. CPS has almost single handedly ruined my life and I won't ever be able to undo the trauma they've caused, and I'll never be able to be a teen with a normal life again. My mother is the only one who voiced my opinion for me because nobody was listening to me, and the system punished both of us for speaking out. Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony/statement.

Here are just a few factors of how this entire case has affected my life personally and currently.

- I have Night terrors until present day.
- I have a loss of interest in all my past hobbies, sports and most activities.
- Due to the sexual abuse that happened in the first foster home Oregon CPS placed me in, it has caused me to have a lot of fear and no trust for men, and so much more.
- The surgery CPS forced me into has caused me numerous chronic and long-term health issues. Before the surgery I was able to physically still do almost everything I was able to do my whole life. I'm currently seeing over 5 specialists and counting. No matter what I do I can't lose any weight. After the surgery the doctors struggled for over 48 hours to even keep me alive. After finally being stabilized in critical care unit only then did CPS allow my only parent that has loved and raised me my entire life to visit me for just one hour. No one will ever understand and know the brutal emotional pain, and suffering that I endured in CPS custody.

- I pray that NO other family ever has to go through the 6 years of unjust and unlawful suffering that my family and I have suffered.

- I was punished for surviving cancer. CPS never had my best interest in mind. I was taken from a good, healthy, safe, loving and happy home and placed into a home with nothing but abuse, drugs, unsafe, and terrifying home.

- I'm begging you all to please step up and be a voice for all the children being wrongfully taken and placed into CPS care. I barely survived and barely made it out alive. This is not fair, and something HAS TO CHANGE.

Sincerely,

Kylee J. Dixon