

Nazi Tactics by the Cleveland County DSS Continue Even after having to Pay Off a Federal Lawsuit!!! Nobody Held Accountable at DSS—then or now!! Report forwarded by Robert A. Williams

Editor's Note:

Not long ago the Shelby Star reported that the Cleveland County Department of Social services and the Cleveland County Commissioners had to pay Rev. Dante Murphy \$55,000 for unconstitutional acts against Rev. Murphy as an employee of CCDSS. Rev. Murphy had announced his resignation from DSS at a County Commissioner's Meeting and asked the Commissioners to investigate such wrongdoing by DSS. The Commissioners did nothing, DSS did nothing, Rev. Murphy filed a Federal Lawsuit, DSS employees under oath and in deposition admitted guilt and DSS/Cleveland County was forced to negotiate a settlement with Rev. Murphy and ended up paying \$55,000. Not one person at CCDSS was disciplined or reprimanded, even after having to admit that wrongdoing went all the way to the top at DSS.

Now, DSS is at it again. They haven't learned their lesson and neither have the County Commissioners, especially Jason falls and Susan Allen who were on the DSS Oversight Board.

But folks, don't believe me. The following unedited written report to me as well as an in person interview with the victim's mother is attached below. Get out your checkbook, it is very likely you will soon be paying for the continued

wrongdoing at DSS once again. DSS seems unlikely to change their ways but cases like with Rev. Murphy and this one that get into YOUR checkbook may change your habit of staying home on Election Day. Also, Remember that the mess with the school Board regarding the banning of the Fair exhibit and the numerous scandals at Cleveland Community College are not all the bad things going on in Cleveland County. We cover them all. If you want the truth, you better come here.

PS: There are many things regarding this case that cause me to question other things that are going on at DSS. Please expect other articles that will come out of these questions. You might be very surprised.

Report of DSS/APS Illegal Removal of my Autistic Son- James George-Age 22.

By Angie Empath.

Due to the flooding in Fayetteville, NC caused by hurricane Matthew late summer of 2016 my family was homeless and evacuated from Fayetteville NC (Cumberland County), we were offered refuge under the care of APC (Abuse Prevention Counsel) Domestic Violence shelter in Shelby, NC.

Upon arrival in Cleveland County DSS/APS began to harass my family regarding my autistic son James, (Age 22 who draws a Disability Check) alleging that he was 'wandering' into the road in Shelby outside of the hotel we were placed in by APC DV shelter.

Two case workers came to speak with /investigate these allegations made by 'concerned citizens' Megan Carscaddon and an unnamed female DSS caseworker with APS~

We had an informal meeting/discussion regarding our situation and I shared our backstory timeline as to how we arrived in Cleveland county at which point I asked for additional leads/services or guidance to assist my family including services for my son James who again is HIGH functioning on the

autism spectrum.

After speaking at length with Megan Carscaddon and sharing all the details and facts of our situation I was then informed that after DSS provided 30 days of "financial emergency assistance we were pretty much on our own" This also was stated by the DSS /APS supervisor Tom Ensley as well as Courtney Morehead, Steve Shore. I called the County Manager to express my concerns regarding the lack of mental /developmental health services in Cleveland County I receive a call from Tom Ensley demanding that I not make those types of calls in this town.

After securing our own permanent residence without the help of social services after making SEVERAL request for information to services for my son and any assistance for our situation, the harassment began again with allegations of James wandering onto Blacksburg Road near the trailer we were leasing from Wane Allan who generously allowed us to obtain residence in one of his many rental properties.

Feb 2017:Megan Carscaddon & Steve Shore again showed up 2 weeks after moving into our rental on Blacksburg Road. Megan approached our home unprofessional antagonistic manner implying that we were attempting to avoid contact by moving from the hotel to a permanent residence after being homeless for several weeks.

After reminding Megan of our previous conversation from December, Megan C. also somehow still had the idea we were still homeless after updating her on the name address and phone # of our current landlord Wane Allen, as well as reminding her of the two employers that were awaiting us to obtain a permanent address and internet service so I could receive a start date and begin working again full time.

After posing several threats and accusing me of failure to update our forwarding contact information I produced proof of

dates and times I contacted DSS, APC, & all other agencies that had provided us services that required our updated contact information. I also reminded Ms Carscaddon of the release of information form I signed with Courtney Morehead in Dec 2016.

Megan began to threaten us with making James a ward of the state, removing him from the home and admitting James into a group home as she recommended 24 hour supervision of which I shared James' high functioning afforded him the ability to navigate the public transit system in our home town of Chicago IL on his own since the age of 12 years old, which proves 24 hour supervision is not a requirement as my employer is a remote position allowing me to work from home as I have for the past 6 years in the Information Tech field as an at home adviser.

Megan C disputed our previous conversations and after more threats of removing James from our home, the case was again closed.

FEB 2017 Megan C. showed up unannounced with local law enforcement again alleging the resource officer of PS # 3 called in with an alleged "several complaints about James on school property during school hours" the school is located on the corner of Blacksburg Road and Davies road directly across the street from our home; I informed Megan that we already had approval from the school staff and principle approving the use of their walking trail after school hours: 4pm – sunset. I then showed her a my call log to verify the conversation between myself and the resource officer.

Megan C then attempted to further intimidate me with by standing law enforcement shouting and pointing her finger within 2" of my personal space shouting at the top of her voice making ultimatums and threats that we had 3 days to legally obtain guardianship of James or he will be removed from our care and placed in a facility and block all contact

with his brother and I.

I requested to file a formal complaint and was never given any information as to where to file the complaint. I asked for Megan Carscaddon to be removed from the case and document her unprofessional behavior of threats and intimidation using law enforcement which is a direct violation of DSS ethics as well abuse of authority by a social services agent.

April 2016: Tom Ensley refused to take my complaint and reassigned our case to Shelley Snyder who upon first meeting blatantly lied stating she was an eye witness to James alleged wandering yet she had no previous contact with our family or James prior to her first home visit. By this time I had the process 99% complete regarding connecting James to the Adventure house Day program with the help of private citizens I met in Grover who have a professional background of home health services working with disabled children and adults. From there we connected James with Monarch Mental Health where Candice Fewell picked up the ball that was dropped from Dec 2016 enrolled him in the Adventure House Day program with Donna Boswell after filing a formal complaint with Partners Behavioral Health Candice Fewell Clinical Operations Manager helped facilitate the referral for Adventure House Day Program.

At this point I made my 5th request to file a formal complaint with DSS/APS services refused to assist me with connecting to services for my family, mainly James. Within 2 weeks Tom Ensley again refused to acknowledge the direct refusal to assist my family after we made several requests for any information available and began to distort the facts of our case to cover up their blatant discriminatory actions by refusing to share any information about Monarch Mental Health services who are responsible for connecting families to the appropriate services. DSS/APS then appointed a guardian ad litem atty Andrea – Leslie Fite to represent James to adjudicate him incompetent without any professional evaluation

from a doctor or psychologist. Before obtaining guardianship Tom Ensley attempted to admit James to a drug rehab until they could perform an MDE Multi Disciplinary Evaluation to determine competence. Mr. Ensley and the rest of the staff on our case was well informed about James' plans to attend college at nonPariel in Plano TX to study video game design and has had this goal set since his h.s freshman year.

JUNE 2016 a motion was entered for DSS/APS to apply for guardianship and MOH was entered to adjudicate James incompetent and we no longer were residents of Cleveland County. We moved to Onslow county which is a better environment with access to a larger network of services for James and our family.

Upon returning to NC from Texas my oldest daughter informed me of an AUG 28th hearing to adjudicate James as incompetent and was placed as a ward of the state with DSS as his guardian, completely over looking and refusing to acknowledge James' rights to legal representation, his pending college classes in Texas and most importantly his CIVIL AND HUMAN rights as a Disabled Adult.

As of August 21 2017: Onslow County PD came to do a 'wellness check' and by 5:30 am an illegal warrant was obtained to forcibly remove James from our home preventing James from contacting his family or disclosing his physical location which is also a direct violation of his rights.

This all boils down to Tom Ensley and DSS/APS playing god and abusing their authority to obtain control of the rights of the disabled community to generate stimulus checks for the group homes that are monitored by social services.

~~This is the complete chain of events in a nutshell of how they used deflection in an attempt to cover up how they refused services and turned the tables to vilify our situation after falling on hard times. The situation got worse after our

many requests to file a formal complaint for discrimination and refusing to provide information to aid and assist families per outlined in the DSS Ethical Code. They dropped the ball purposely and used illegal tactics to cover up their direct violation of Human & Civil rights of a family seeking services and a disabled adult.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Best Regards,

Now Folks, here is the face and voice of a DSS victim telling her story to you in detail and giving the names of the DSS wrongdoers. Call you County Commissioners and demand action to rid the CCDSS of their Nazi ways as well as their Nazi employees who do such bad things.