

Krysta Kolstad  
Type of Contact

F/F

Comments

Stepmother  
Contacted By  
CSC565

2023-08-22 13:57:27.061

1<sup>st</sup> Contact Name

Tara Kolsatd

Type of Contact

P/C

Comments

Relationship Type

Sister

Contacted By

CSC565

Date

2023-09-19 13:58:35.571

1<sup>st</sup> Contact Name

Type of Contact

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Relationship Type

Mother

Contacted By

CSC565

Date

2023-08-28 14:32:46.499

1<sup>st</sup> Contact Name

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FFA reviewed investigation closure and maltreatment

#### Nature

On August 18, 2023, CPS [REDACTED] spoke to the reporter. The reporter is concerned as [REDACTED] sent some text messages today stating that he was going to end his life. [REDACTED] recently came out as being transgender and parents do not accept this. They're concerned that dad drinks a lot and stepmother is verbally abusive. [REDACTED] is very depressed and there were concerns about having terminal cancer. Glasgow Police Department was called but were unable to meet with the child as it was reported he was in the shower. Stepmother did send a text message back. That stated that [REDACTED] is fine.

CPS [REDACTED] then spoke to the reporter regarding the additional information. The reporter stated that [REDACTED] parents don't support her being transgender. She had gotten reprimanded this morning and the Internet taken away and was upset. There was no contact made with the child.

CPS [REDACTED] arrived at the residence. Stepmother answered the door and visited with this worker on the deck. She explained that [REDACTED] (14) is their daughter. She has been running around lying for about a year as she is wanting to identify as a male and telling people her name is [REDACTED] and scientifically they have been telling her that she is a girl. Father came to the deck area at this time, upset and talking about the corruption of the police department and that they have a lawsuit against them. Stepmother calmed Father down and he went back in the home. Stepmother went on to explain that [REDACTED] has been working at Taco Shack and the other day stepmother received a phone call from the supervisor. The supervisor referred to [REDACTED] as [REDACTED]. Stepmother, replied I have a daughter by the name of [REDACTED] and not a son by the name of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] parents explained to [REDACTED] that she is a girl and if she is gay that is fine. However, they don't believe [REDACTED] is capable of making that decision and cannot go around lying about that. [REDACTED] has been yelling, being disrespectful, and earlier today, told her parents to "suck it." [REDACTED] got her phone taken away and lost Internet access. Stepmother stated she does not believe [REDACTED] is suicidal, but instead attention seeking. Stepmother explained



that she received a phone call from the police at 1:28 this afternoon. It was explained that her son was talking to someone in Glendive and they were concerned. Stepmother explained the [REDACTED] was in the shower and appeared to be fine. They never asked to see [REDACTED]. A male individual arrived at the home, and it was explained that they called him as a third party witness.

CPS [REDACTED] and Stepmother went into the home and Father had court paperwork he was trying to show and talking about a lawsuit and people in the community will soon know how corrupt the police department is. Again, Stepmother had to calm Father down and explain that was not the reason this worker was there and was a separate entity. Father then explained that their daughter is lying to people saying that she is a boy and that her name is [REDACTED]. They have explained that scientifically this is impossible and she needs to stop lying to people. This worker could smell alcohol in Father. Birth Mother showed this worker the home. The home was clean, had plenty of food for the family in the fridge, cabinets, pantry, and freezer downstairs. CPS [REDACTED] attempted to explain several times during the visit with Stepmother that I would need to see [REDACTED] to ensure that she was okay due to the concerns that were reported regarding her being suicidal.

CPS [REDACTED] interviewed [REDACTED] (14). [REDACTED] explained that she is transgender, identifies as a boy, and prefers to be called [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] lives with her stepmother and father. [REDACTED] explained that she has her normal chores of taking care of the animals and cleaning his room. When she gets in trouble she gets technology taken away. [REDACTED] stated that there is never any physical abuse towards her. [REDACTED] explained that there have been struggles between her and her parents for a while now. He came out as being transgender in 2021. Her parents do not accept this as "he needs to uphold the family name and God forbid he wants to be called [REDACTED]." She has been working at Taco Shack since June 1. However, her parents are making her put his 2 week notice in because her employer called the other day and asked for [REDACTED]. This made his stepmother mad because they cannot accept that she is transgender. This morning there was an argument between [REDACTED] and her parents regarding her wanting to be called [REDACTED] and her being upset over having to put her two-week notice in. [REDACTED] yelled "you can suck it" to her parents. [REDACTED] left the house and stepmother told her not to let the door hit her in the ass and then when she left the home and was about to the mailbox at the end of the driveway she told her she was going to call the cops if [REDACTED] didn't come back. She stated that her dad wouldn't stop harassing her about changing her gender and telling [REDACTED] he didn't raise a son, he raised a daughter. [REDACTED] texted her friend telling her goodbye as [REDACTED] was wanting to end her life because her parents do not respect or support her. [REDACTED] parents will not allow her to go to counseling as "the counselor may help with the transition." They had [REDACTED] see someone at the church but stated, "they just thought they could pray the gay away." [REDACTED] disclosed that today she drank toilet bowl cleaner, but it reminded her of the scent of marijuana and she didn't drink anymore, she thought about taking her parents prescription medications, debated jumping off the balcony or roof of the home. At this time, Stepmother came into the area that I was interviewing [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stated, "I do not feel comfortable talking in front of my parents." [REDACTED] said this several times. CPS [REDACTED] asked her if she was still feeling suicidal and [REDACTED] again repeated, "I do not feel comfortable talking in front of my parents." Stepmother sat down and stated she had rights and was not going anywhere. CPS [REDACTED] explained that I could not leave until I knew if [REDACTED] was still feeling suicidal. [REDACTED] refused to talk, but agreed to write her answer on a sheet of paper when asked if she was still feeling suicidal. [REDACTED] wrote the word yes on the sheet of paper. Stepmother and Father agreed to transport [REDACTED] to the hospital. This worker voiced concern of the smell of alcohol on Father and Stepmother agreed that she would be driving.

CPS [REDACTED] met the family at Francis Mahon Deaconess Hospital. Parents refused to let the doctor or nurses speak to [REDACTED] alone. Father kept talking about the lawsuit and Stepmother kept stating that she has parental rights. [REDACTED] told the doctor that she was uncomfortable talking in front of her parents and they declined to leave the room stating they had parental rights. [REDACTED] was asked to change into a hospital gown and CPS, and parents left the room. At that time, the doctor and lab technicians were in the room alone with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was admitted to the hospital for suicidal ideations and observation by Dr. Chelsea Headley, MD. [REDACTED] disclosed taking a handful of ibuprofen earlier in the day along with drinking an unknown amount of toilet bowl cleaner. [REDACTED] had a knife in her pocket and was also planning to use it to commit suicide. Parents consented for [REDACTED] to be admitted to the hospital for observation.



CPS [REDACTED] received several screenshots of text messages that [REDACTED] had sent earlier in the day from the Reporter.

IDA: Immediate danger is not identified at this time. [REDACTED] (14) identifies as a male by the name of [REDACTED] and parents to not accept this. [REDACTED] sent a text stating she was suicidal. Parents were unaware [REDACTED] was suicidal, but when explained agreed that [REDACTED] needed to be seen by medical professionals and transported to Francis Mahon Deaconess Hospital. [REDACTED] was admitted to hospital for a suicide attempt (disclosed drinking toilet bowl cleaner and ingested several Ibuprofen earlier that day). It was discovered that [REDACTED] had a knife in her possession. There were no disclosures of physical abuse.

On August 19, 2023, CPS [REDACTED] received a call from Stepmother. Stepmother has concerns and inquired about her rights as a parent. She has concerns that the hospital staff are referring to [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] and being male. She feels that this is supporting her daughter and making things worse. She has an attorney on standby that and has been reading about her rights as a parent. She talked to hospital staff and asked them to stop referring to her as a him as [REDACTED] is just continuing to get the attention wanted. She will be leaving the hospital soon as [REDACTED] will be kept in the hospital another night. [REDACTED] was started on 10mg of Prozac for depression. They would like a psych. evaluation done and want to refer to her a psych. unit. Stepmother only wants a referral to be sent to Billings as everywhere is far and they have work and animals to tend to. This may take some time to get [REDACTED] admitted and she will ensure that all medication and cleaning supplies at the home are locked up. Mother asked several times what was needed and if pictures needed to be taken of her home. It was explained that at this time there is not immediate danger and the Department has not intervened however I will continue to follow up with them to ensure that [REDACTED] is getting her mental health needs addressed and continue my investigation.

CPS [REDACTED] spoke to Ann Millard, MD @ FMDH. She explained that [REDACTED] also has knick on her throat as yesterday she attempted to slit her throat but stated she was "was too big of a pussy." [REDACTED] is medically stable however not mentally and there are worries that suicide will be followed through if she has to go back home. The hospital has also called their attorney to get clarification on how to deal with Stepmother's request of the gender concerns. Stepmother refuses to go anywhere other than Billings Clinic for [REDACTED] to get the care she needs.

CPS [REDACTED] arrived at the hospital to see [REDACTED]. Dr. Millard asked me to come to a room in which several nurses and the Director of the hospital were talking. They were discussing the concern of Stepmother only wanting [REDACTED] to be seen in Billings and the bed availability. They feel that [REDACTED] would not be safe at home and she is in need of acute psych. care. They currently have 1:1 staffing with [REDACTED]. Hospital has concerns regarding [REDACTED] mental health needs, the relationship between [REDACTED] and parents due to [REDACTED] coming out as transgender and parents not supporting this and or believing the suicidal attempts to be true. Stepmother has also told hospital staff that the CPS case was closed. Father was not seen at the hospital today.

CPS [REDACTED] spoke to [REDACTED] in the hospital room. [REDACTED] has been thinking about getting emancipated when turning 16. [REDACTED] does not want to go home and still has thoughts of suicide. It was explained that when her parents transported [REDACTED] to the hospital, they continued to yell at her about how this makes them look and they give [REDACTED] everything. [REDACTED] stated, "money doesn't fix everything." [REDACTED] explained that her dad is always slamming things around at home, and drinks alcohol a lot. He doesn't put his hands on [REDACTED] but it is scary when he is slamming stuff around and when her parents argue and yell at each other. [REDACTED] explained that there is a hole in the wall next to the room where the sugar gliders are as she and SMR "got into it". They yell and insult one another. SMR blames it on dad's TBI from [REDACTED] calling the cops. [REDACTED] didn't mean for anything to happen but she was worried because they were fighting so bad. When the cops arrived to the home, BFR was yelling at the cops for them to get their hands off him and the cops beat him up. [REDACTED] did disclose cutting in the past. [REDACTED] would cut her wrists and used a box cutter, kitchen knives, and razor blades to do so. When asked about the mark on her neck [REDACTED] reported that yesterday when she was in the "shower" she did that with the knife that was in her pants but chickened out. [REDACTED] went on to say that is how much her parents do not pay attention to [REDACTED] because when the cops called and she was in the "shower", when [REDACTED] came out of the bathroom her hair wasn't even wet.



On August 20, 2023, CPS [REDACTED] arrived to the FMDH hospital and Stepmother was present. CPS [REDACTED] asked her if Father would be available to join us at the hospital so we could discuss [REDACTED] care. Father arrived to the hospital shortly after, and CPS [REDACTED] met with Birthfather and Stepmother at Francis Mahon Deaconess Hospital. It was recommended that referrals be able to be sent to more facilities than Billings as there is still a wait list. Birthfather and Stepmother were very reluctant to do this as they will be out of town for Birthfather's medical appointments this coming week in Billings and that would be the most convenient for them. They also own a business in Kalispell and could make that work. They agreed to allowing referrals to be sent out to more facilities but still had reservation about transport.

An in-home plan was implemented as there were concerns that Parents would not be able to transport [REDACTED] if accepted to a facility for acute care.

On August 21, 2023, CPS [REDACTED] received a phone call from Stepmother. She cannot get to the hospital as she has a prior engagement. While at the hospital earlier Stepmother was telling [REDACTED] she was leaving and [REDACTED] made a scene and yelled out "Don't you touch me."

On August 22, 2023, CPS [REDACTED] spoke to Dr. Ross from Francis Mahon Deaconess Hospital. Dr. Ross explained that there is a bed available at Wyoming Behavioral Institute and [REDACTED] has been accepted. Stepmother took the phone away from Father and was quite nasty. Stepmother is refusing to sign paperwork to admit [REDACTED]. The medical recommendation is for this bed to be accepted, as there are wait lists everywhere and [REDACTED] is still reportedly suicidal. On this date, CPS [REDACTED] went to the Kolstad residence. CPS Baillargeon spoke to Stepmother and Birthfather regarding the bed being available at Wyoming Behavioral Institute and [REDACTED] still being suicidal. Stepmother and Birthfather stated that they will not allow [REDACTED] to receive the care from Wyoming and will not sign paperwork. Stepmother and Birthfather became upset very quickly and voiced concern of the state of Wyoming mutilating [REDACTED] body and giving [REDACTED] medication to alter her body.

At this time CPS [REDACTED] served the Notification to Parent to Birthfather and Stepmother. They were also provided with a copy of the Protection Plan. CPS [REDACTED] then drove to Francis Mahon Deaconess Hospital and completed the paperwork to accept the bed available at Wyoming Behavioral Institute for [REDACTED].

IDA: Immediate Danger Identified. [REDACTED] is suicidal and needs acute psychiatric care. Birthfather and Stepmother refuse to sign paperwork in order for [REDACTED] to get the care that is recommended by medical professionals.

On August 23, 2023, CFS staff transported [REDACTED] to Wyoming Behavioral Institute in Casper Wyoming to receive the psychiatric care recommended by medical professionals at Francis Mahon Deaconess Hospital.

On August 23, 2023, Birthfather and Stepmother did not attend the meeting at 11:00 AM that was set forth in the Protection Plan given to them the previous day.

On August 25, 2023, Stepmother brought file folders to the office to show that they do provide medical care to [REDACTED]. Stepmother met with CPSS [REDACTED] and CPS [REDACTED]. Stepmother's concern is the laws in Wyoming and that they would like their parental rights respected and they have contacted many attorneys regarding the rights as parents.

On August 28, 2023, CPS [REDACTED] spoke to [REDACTED] (BMR) vis phone. BMR explained that her and Todd separated several years ago. She has not had much contact with [REDACTED] as BFR would obstruct this when she was supposed to have time with [REDACTED] during the summer by enrolling her in camps and such. [REDACTED] and BMR were "nearly estranged" until [REDACTED] got a cell phone and could communicate that way. [REDACTED] expressed concern that she has not had much contact with Todd regarding [REDACTED] as "it's always Krystas and to get him to speak 3 words is hard pressed" until Krysta intervenes. She doesn't know much about the functioning of the household now but had concerns when [REDACTED] went to school at Eureka school. He was attached to [REDACTED] and would walk her into school and stand by the lunch tables while she was eating and then walk her to class. [REDACTED] explained that her older kids do not want contact with BFR. [REDACTED] is 20 and will not speak to BFR. When the kids were younger they would make fun of Todd being bald and she described him as being a "hot head". He would emotionally abuse the kids and hasn't spoke to one of his kids since making this statement. According to [REDACTED] Todd will never see anyone else's perception of situations and does a great job at presenting that he does everything for his kids. [REDACTED] expressed that she loves her children,



March 5, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Dawn Brennan, LCPC (licensed clinical professional counselor) and I have been in private practice in the state of Montana for 18 years. I have been asked by the parent/step-parent of T.K. (DOB 3/7/01) and [REDACTED] to summarize their time in therapy with me. A release of information has been provided to facilitate the sharing of this information with their mediation attorney.

T.K. began coming to therapy in February of 2018 and completed eighteen sessions. T.K. was struggling with a number of therapeutic issues but primarily was working to restore her sense of value/self-worth. T.K. focused primarily on her childhood/adolescence while still living with her biological mother. T.K. described her biological mother as uncaring, unloving and detached. T.K. could not recall a single instance of feeling loved or nurtured by her biological mother. T.K. described witnessing almost daily incidents of domestic violence/arguing between her father and biological mother that often ended with her biological mother hitting her father, throwing objects at him or smashing/breaking household items. T.K. described her biological mother's behaviors as 'crazy'.

T.K. also described incidents of violence directed at an older sibling, once seeing her biological mother throw that sibling against the refrigerator after becoming enraged at her for wearing a necklace that belonged to her mother without permission. T.K. described incidents when her biological mother would punch, hit, slap and kick her and her siblings when her biological mother would become enraged. T.K. described hearing her biological mother scream obscenities at an older sibling, calling her a "cunt", "bitch" and "whore".

T.K. stated her biological mother worked from home. She described the work as being on the computer talking with men about sex. At times, T.K. would see the computer screen which was not located in a private area of the home. T.K. described what she believed to be animated figures on screen performing sex acts on each other. She found it 'disgusting and gross.'

Most disturbingly, T.K. described an incident that occurred in the backyard of their home. T.K. was with her biological mother helping with a yard/garden chore when her mother became enraged, grabbed T.K. by the neck and forced her to the ground. She then proceeded to wrap a garden hose around T.K.'s neck while trying to force the running hose down her throat. T.K. said she did not tell her father about this incident but witnessed her biological mother repeat the same abusive action with her younger brother.

T.K. has stated repeatedly and emphatically that she is looking forward to turning eighteen because it will mean she never has to see or talk to her biological mother again.

Regarding [REDACTED], I began seeing her in January of 2018 and completed twelve sessions. Primary concerns being expressed by the parent/step-parent were the lasting effects of growing up in a violent home. [REDACTED] experienced and witnessed many of the same incidents described by T.K.



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█ seemed spared being the direct target of their biological mother's rage. █ did recall one year, on St. Patrick's Day, while still living with her biological mother, she pinched her older brother as is often the custom. █ remembers her mother grabbing and holding her around the waist while repeatedly slapping her face as a punishment. █ shared that she often slept in her Dad's room because she was afraid of her biological mother. █ reported that her mother would frequently 'beat on us' while yelling and screaming. One most notable incident in █'s mind was when her biological mother became enraged and grabbed a kitchen knife and began chasing her father. █ was terrified witnessing this but followed her father's direction to go upstairs with her siblings. █ reported her biological mother then locked herself in the bathroom, refusing to come out and was threatening to kill herself.

█ and T.K. shared, that they could not remember receiving medical, dental or vision care while living with their biological mother.

█ shared her experience of her recent two hour visit with her biological mother. █ stated that it was 'weird' because although her biological mother was stating she "missed us" that she had "never been a bit nice to us in our entire life." █ stated her biological mother stated how much she "loved us" which █ said was "weird" because her biological mother "never did that before."

█ stated she is scared and frightened that her biological mother will "steal me away" and "never give me back." █ stated "hopefully she doesn't come back." It was reported by the parent/step-parent that following the two hour visit, █ remained emotionally unsettled for several days, having 'meltdowns' over trivial issues.

I have repeatedly used the term 'biological mother' throughout this report as both girls refuse to refer to their mother as their mother citing the lack of any emotional connection to their mother now or in the past. They call her by her first name when referring to her while having other disparaging names for her when they are recalling abuse or frightening incidents.

They are in agreement that they cannot recall a single instance of having fun with or feeling loved by their biological mother. T.K. stated, 'she never even baked cookies with us.'

It is alarming to presume that █ would be expected to resume contact with her biological mother after reportedly almost a two year absence from her life with the exception of an occasional phone call. █ stated she did not want ever to talk to her biological mother on the phone but was often "made to" by her parent/step-parent. The disclosures of abuse/violence that both sisters shared as victims and witnesses is incomprehensible. Neither sister was able to recall any CPS investigations/interviews as it appears none of this abuse was ever reported or noted by school personnel or other adults involved in their lives. Their disclosures, in session, were not something that could now be reported to CPS as they had been safely out of their biological mother's life for some time and reportedly their biological mother had relocated out of the country.

It is clearly not in █'s best interests to be expected to resume a relationship with her biological mother at this time. Her emotional and physical safety are of great concern should she do so. She is able to clearly and unequivocally indicate her fear for her safety when she is



with her biological mother. It would seem indicated that if [REDACTED]'s biological mother wishes to resume a relationship with her, that first these instances of abuse/violence as reported by both girls need to be further discussed/disclosed. Psychological evaluations, parenting assessments and reunification therapy sessions might be some indicated outcomes of those discussions. Children rarely misrepresent the level of violence and abuse in their home. They are often relieved to finally be able to tell and talk about it and understand that they are now safe. Both T.K. and [REDACTED] were able to discontinue therapy when they arrived at that point resuming briefly following their biological mother's unexpected visit. T.K. will now be allowed to determine her own relationship status with her biological mother however [REDACTED] will need further protection until a clearer picture can be established about the risks/benefits of a relationship with her biological mother.

Respectfully,

*Dawn Brennan* LCPC