

October 22, 2007

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To: whom it may concern
Re: complaint against attorney:

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August 22, 2007 Domestic Violence Court- EPO filed on behalf of Matthew Choate, age 10 and BreeOnna Choate age 8, by the father Roger M. Choate, against the mother Lisa Russian.

In her deliberate and intentional misrepresentation of the facts.
In her deliberate and intentional badgering of the witnesses, including the father.
In her deliberate and intentional withholding evidence and documents from the court containing information vital to the deliberation of this hearing:

1. Natalie Bash continually presented false and misleading information to the court regarding Roger Choate. (See court video of the August 22, 2007 hearing.) Including statements by Natalie Bash vehemently blaming Mr. Choate for Matthew Choate's behavior while with the mother, in Mr. Choate's complete absence. Matthew is excelling at school and at home while in his father's care. **This was a DVO hearing against the mother, not the father.**

Some of the many false statements made by Natalie Bash were;

- a. That Roger was completely out of Matthew's life for four years.
- b. That Roger manipulated and intimidated his children by threatening to "kill their cat", if they didn't do what he wanted.
- c. When Roger stated that Lisa Russian had left BreeOnna alone while she worked at Sonic, Natalie Bash stated emphatically that Lisa had not worked at Sonic for over a year. (According to the interrogatories Lisa had worked at Sonic in May of 07, just three months before the hearing.)
- d. Natalie Bash did not even bother to reply to one set of Roger's interrogatories for the October 1 custody hearing, and provided inaccurate information which she did not clarify upon Roger's request. This included not identifying which convicted felons were Lisa's partners, and had actually baby set Matthew and BreeOnna. Natalie Bash told Roger it was up to Roger to "figure that out for himself".

2. Natalie Bash continually badgered both the father simply trying to protect his two minor children, and the witnesses. (See court video of the August 22, 2007 hearing.) Two of the witnesses were Lisa Russian's mother, Gail Evans and her sister, Rebecca Evans, both of whom were very stressed at having to testify against their own sister and daughter. At one

point Lisa Russian's mother, Gail Evans stated I can't get a word in, I don't know what I can say and can't.

Natalie Bash bragged on herself out loud in court for successfully preventing the witnesses from presenting their testimony regarding the abusive behavior against the two minor children.

3. At the time of the August 22nd hearing, Natalie Bash had in her possession a copy of Roger Choate's verbal argument for the DVO containing copies of affidavits and signed statements from the witnesses attesting to the abuse against the children by the mother, Lisa Russian. (enclosed)

Natalie Bash is paid by the state and as such has a legal obligation to report child abuse when she has reason to believe it has occurred. Natalie Bash not only failed to report this abusive behavior, she deliberately and intentionally concealed this abuse from the court, and even bragged on preventing the father, Roger Choate from being able to present this abusive behavior to the court!

Why is the State of Kentucky paying a lawyer to conceal child abuse???

FATHERS and Roger Choate are asking for the immediate suspension of Natalie Bash's license to practice law in order to prevent similar incidents of her complete disregard for the safety of our children, and her obstruction of justice regarding child abuse in who knows how many other cases.

We are also asking for an immediate investigation into why the State of Kentucky is paying a lawyer to conceal child abuse.

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