

Social Workers: Stop Kidnapping Kids

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Michael Chambers is living a nightmare.

His young daughter, Belle, has been taken away by social workers — without any reasonable cause or due process.

When Belle was two, her mother relinquished care to Belle's grandmother. Then Michael accepted the responsibility. Periodically, his vindictive ex-wife would sic Child Protective



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Services on him. At first, the annoyance was as benign as such an intrusion could be. The social workers where he lived understood that there was a troublemaking ex-spouse in the picture.

But when Michael and Belle moved to a different Mississippi county, a new social worker, Kyra Reed, got involved. Reed seemed determined to intrude, make demands, and eventually remove Belle by force from Michael's custody.

For example, Social Worker Reed early on demanded that Michael let her search his home. He was uncomfortable permitting it unless she obtained a warrant. Reed never did get one, or search the house — not even when accompanied by sheriffs. But somehow she didn't need any legal authorization to steal Belle from Michael. Belle ended up in a foster home, where she was treated badly, before ultimately being forced to live with her mother, whom she hadn't seen in four years.

The many ugly details of this case cannot be recounted briefly. Michael's fight to get his daughter back is an expensive one. You can find out more about what happened and, if you like, contribute to Michael's gofundme campaign to raise money for his legal expenses.

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