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Waterloo Children's Aid Worker Commits Perjury!

Woman CAS worker submits false and misleading information about her qualifications and work experience in documents submitted to the Kitchener family court.

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In what would appear to be yet another example of incompetence and bureaucratic bumbling by over zealous, power tripping Children's Aid workers, court documents submitted to Court Watch would appear to support allegations by a Kitchener couple that an unqualified and unlicensed CAS worker who refers to herself as a "social worker" with the Waterloo Region CAS may have committed perjury by submitting false and misleading information before the Kitchener court.

The Kitchener area couple reported that the CAS intruded into their lives as a result of a minor domestic situation and that the CAS has refused to back off ever since, even though the couple were previously found innocent of any wrongdoing by the criminal court. In their opinion, the CAS has taken on the role of God over them and their two children.

According to this couple their lives and the lives of their children have been turned upside down and that the family has been forced to spend thousands of dollars to defend themselves and their two children from interference by the CAS.

In an affidavit submitted to the Kitchener court sworn under Oath on Dec 11, 2003, by CAS worker **Seana Dobbin-Gayowsky**, the worker swore under Oath that she was a "social worker" who was employed by the Children's Aid Society of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo.

Although the various CAS agencies in the Province of Ontario, do not like to advertise this fact, under the current laws of Ontario, all persons

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who designate themselves as "social workers" must be registered and licensed as a social worker with the Ontario College of Social Workers. Legislation was introduced a number of years ago in an attempt to bring more accountability to Children's Aid Workers in the Province of Ontario after a number of horrific child deaths involving the CAS. Having CAS workers who do social work become licensed by the College was intended to ensure a higher level of protection to the public, but it seems that CAS agencies continue to use unlicensed and unregistered workers to skirt around the intent of legislation which was intended to protect families in Ontario from over-zealous workers who abuse their influence and power.

In a letter from the Ontario College of Social Workers, dated Dec. 15, 2003, the College wrote that Ms. Dobbin-Gayowsky was not registered with them.

In general, the documents submitted to the court by Ms. Dobbin-Gayowsky seemed to show a significant lack of care and professionalism in their preparation. Some of the glaring and disturbing things

noted with the documents put together by Ms. Dobbin-Gayowsky and the Waterloo CAS legal department include the following:

- **A number of the letters put in court documents by Ms. Dobbin-Gayowsky were supposed to be copies of the letters sent out by the CAS, yet the copies put into the court record were not on CAS letterhead and not true photocopies of original documents.**
- **Some of the letters copied for the court record which were supposed to have been sent out by Ms. Dobbin-Gayowsky did not contain her signature nor the signatures of other workers who co-authored the letters.**
- **The Assistant Crown Attorney for the Attorney General Office sent a letter to the CAS indicating that they had serious “concerns” about a videotape that the CAS workers has taken of one of the children. It appears that the CAS had botched up the child’s videotaped interview so badly as to make the tape inadmissible for evidence purposes. It would appear that there was an unexplained missing section of the interview tape in the middle of the tape of the couple’s 4 year-old child. Notes in relation to the interview were added after the fact.**
- **One of the exhibits in Ms. Dobbin-Gayowsky’s affidavit was not even witnessed as required by the court.**
- **Another letter exhibit from Ms. Dobbin-Gayowsky dated November 10, 2003, contained no signature and was not on CAS letterhead as it should have been. In the letter, 3 pages were added but no reference were made to the “extra” pages on Ms. Dobbin-Gayowsky’s letter.**
- **In a letter dated November 10, 2003, this time properly on CAS letterhead, Ms. Dobbin-Gayowsky did not sign the letter nor did supervisor Joanne Burton who was shown as a co-writer to the letter.**
- **In another letter dated December 1, 2003, again Ms. Dobbin-Gayowsky and Ms. Burton did not have signatures on the letter to the mother.**
- **The parents sent a letter to Ms. Dobbin-Gayowsky on October 8, 2003 specifically requesting for her to disclose her qualifications to which Ms. Dobbin-Gayowsky did not respond. Yet knowing that the parents were pressing her for her credentials, went ahead and misrepresented herself to the Court by swearing under Oath that she was a “social worker.”**

Court documents would appear to indicate that CAS workers have engaged in what many would consider as a pattern of malicious prosecution.

In the pages and pages of court documents

which likely cost the taxpayers of Ontario thousands of dollars to prepare, no evidence of abuse of the children could be found. The only thing that the CAS workers seemed to be basing their involvement on was the workers own unfounded “perceptions.”

Waterloo CAS workers went so far as to make notes as to what kind of shoes they saw at the entrance to the house and as to which gender the owner of the shoes might be.

Although the children loved their father and he had never done anything to hurt them, the CAS wanted the father out of the family home and away from the children. Ms. Dobbin-Gayowsky, who would appear to be an unlicensed social worker seemed to be the leader in what many citizens would refer to as a modern day witch hunt.

Each year, tens of millions of dollars are being paid out by the taxpayers to CAS agencies. The taxpayers have the right to expect worker accountability and performance.

The intent of Provincial Legislation requiring that social workers be licensed was to protect the public and raise the public’s confidence in the Province’s child welfare protection system. But it would seem that the workers and the CAS agencies who hire them have found a loophole to skirt the intent of the legislation.

The loophole where workers continue to do the work of social workers but change their title to “child protection worker” to skirt the intent of the law should not be tolerated and must be closed by our provincial legislators. The people of Ontario do not want more children’s deaths as a result of incompetence by unlicensed CAS workers.

CAS workers who cannot do their job professionally and accountably should be fired immediately as should those who submit false and misleading information to the court.

Those workers who do not have their license to work as a social worker should be limited to administration duties only, not to be turned loose on the unsuspecting public and given the power to abuse families by taking their children away.

Although there has been much talk in the past, it’s time to get tough with these agencies once and for all. The Province of Ontario can ill afford the millions of dollars it is costing taxpayers to have CAS workers engage in witch hunts against Ontario families in order to keep their case loads topped up and money flowing into bottomless CAS coffers.