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The Honourable Ernie Eves, Premier of Ontario
Room 281, Main Legislative Building
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Dear Premier Eves:

Re: Abuse of my rights and my daughter's rights by Police and Crown Attorney's Office under the shady veil of domestic violence

Last year, I was wrongfully charged with criminal harassment by the Owen Sound Police. Charges against me were pure hogwash based solely on the words of my ex-wife to police at a time when she wanted to gain an advantage in matters affecting custody and control of my daughter and to get me fired from my job. She desperately wanted to get me charged with something just to seek revenge on me because of our marriage breakdown.

And guess what – her false allegations made to police worked!!!!

Based on no evidence other than just her word, I was arrested and charged with harassment. During my interrogation, the police officer got angry at me and said that I could not be believed because my ex-wife's lawyer was more believable (I have this on tape). The interrogation of myself by police was not about finding the truth, rather it was about degrading and humiliating those citizens in the community who just happen to be fathers in divorce court and subject to false allegations by their ex-wives.

In order to get myself out of jail, I was forced to agree that I would not speak to my ex-wife and any communications were to be through her lawyer only – even on matters relating to the care of our three-year-old child. Up to that point I had never been in trouble with the police and had a clean record. Prior to my marriage, my wife had been living off welfare for years and now that she walked out on our marriage was back on welfare again and visiting the local bars, just as she did prior to being married. Even one police officer said that they were aware of her name because of her attendance at the local tavern.

Several lawyers in the region I spoke to told me off the record said that no matter how bad my wife was and no matter how flimsy the evidence, that charges against fathers are processed almost automatically and pursued vigorously. I was told that because I was a father, I didn't have a chance in court. Men are run over by the family courts and turned into "road kill" for the vultures (lawyers) to pick clean. I was told that a woman's word is taken as the gospel truth by

domestic violence court judges. They told me that men in Ontario are basically “screwed big time” if their wives or girlfriends make false allegations against them. One lawyer I spoke to said that justice for men was “nothing but a joke” under Ontario’s domestic violence laws. Only if I could prove myself innocent might I have a chance and even then the judge could find me guilty anyway, depending on which side of the bed the judge woke up on that particular day.

This bias was reflected in family court as well. Even though the evidence showed me to be a good father and the mother abusive and from a dysfunctional family where there was a documented history of domestic violence, the court gave my wife custody of my three year old child to the mother. The presiding judge, Justice Belleghem, even so bold as to say in open court:

“whenever there is conflict between parents, mothers get custody of the children, those are the rules”

It seems however, that the strategy of women making false allegations against their former partners works very well - so well that I believe that many lawyers may actually be advising their female clients to create problems before court so that they will get everything they want in family court.

On the front page of the National Post, on Saturday February 22, 2003, I read the article about how a 5-year-old child died after the Toronto CAS gave custody of the young child to persons with criminal convictions of child abuse. **In my own case the Ontario’s Office of the Children’s Lawyer provided a report to the family court in which they stated in writing that my three year old little girl had the right to a relationship with a person who was a convicted child sexual offender and the person who had sexually molested her mother!** In my own case the family court was not concerned with protecting my child, but only concerned about ensuring that mother got custody and control of the child.

Today, I am an early childhood educator and do a wonderful job at caring for young children. Yet the Police and the Crown feel that I, the father of my child, have no right to take my own daughter to visit her grandparents and extended family members just a mere two hour drive from my home town of Owen Sound. The courts have determined, however, that it is OK for my young daughter to be in the care of a convicted child sexual offender who is not even related to my child. This system of justice that we have here in Ontario is perverted. Many of the judges’ decisions often make absolutely no sense at all!

Since my charges, my ex wife has called me many time to speak to me, knowing that I am in violation of the Court Order when we speak. On one hand she lies to the police and tells them she fears me, but on the other hand calls me repeatedly to annoy and harass me and tells me that we get along just fine. When I call the police about her calls to me the police do nothing. The police don’t even bother to respond to my faxes. Yet, I am sure that if I was to call her, the police would not hesitate to charge me again for violation of my bail conditions.

The court Order also says I must only speak to my ex-wife’s lawyer, yet when I call the lawyer he tells me that he is no longer representing my ex-wife but at the same time he refuses to

provide me with a copy of the official release of him as a lawyer which is supposed to be done to confirm that she is no longer using a lawyer. I try to complain to the Law Society, but they too, do nothing. When it comes to accountability in the court system and with the lawyer, there is none. The Justice system seems to be about lies, delays and deceptions with most being done by the lawyers and those working within the Justice system.

In reality, I believe that my wife's lawyer is only trying to create an incident in which I can be charged again for talking to my ex wife. In my case, the system has no credible evidence on which has based charges so it needs to entrap me into violating bail conditions. In order to force fathers to plead guilty to crimes they did not commit, the system imposes bail conditions that are excessive and punitive. It seems that the police and the Crown will use any underhanded tactics to extract that guilty plea, including keeping a young child from being able to visit her grandparent's home.

A few moths ago my father became deathly ill in Kitchener. I called police to see if I could get permission to take my daughter from Owen Sound to see her grandparents in Kitchener. My requests were refused. I was told I would be arrested and jailed if I was caught taking my daughter to see her grandparents. I was told to call the Crown. Five times I went to see the Crown. I was laughed at and basically told to get lost and get out of their office. There was no compassion and no interest in justice. Their attitude was that if I want to be able to allow my child so see her grandparents then I should only come back when I was ready to plead guilty to the charges they had laid against me. Their message – plead guilty or else we will make your life and the life of your child as miserable as we can until you do plead guilty!

It is clear to me that the Police and the Crown Attorney's Office do not have any respect for Justice. Their goal seems to be to make life so miserable on fathers and their children that the father will be forced at a time of weakness to plead guilty to a crime he did not commit. The Justice system is about the blackmail and extortion of good loving fathers.

It seems that there is no justice for fathers here in this country. If you are a man, you are presumed guilty until you confess. If you confess then those in the system stand back and say "You see, I told, you he **WAS** guilty!" The presumption of innocence in criminal matters in this country seems to be only a privilege reserved for women in our biased anti-father court system.

As one, hard working, law-abiding Canadian father, I am absolutely disgusted and ashamed of Canada's morally corrupt domestic violence and family court systems! Shame on our politicians who allowed our justice system to get this far out of control to the point where we have lost our basic freedoms in this country.

When is someone in Queens Park going to do something to fix this problem?

Your comments would be appreciated.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Krieger". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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