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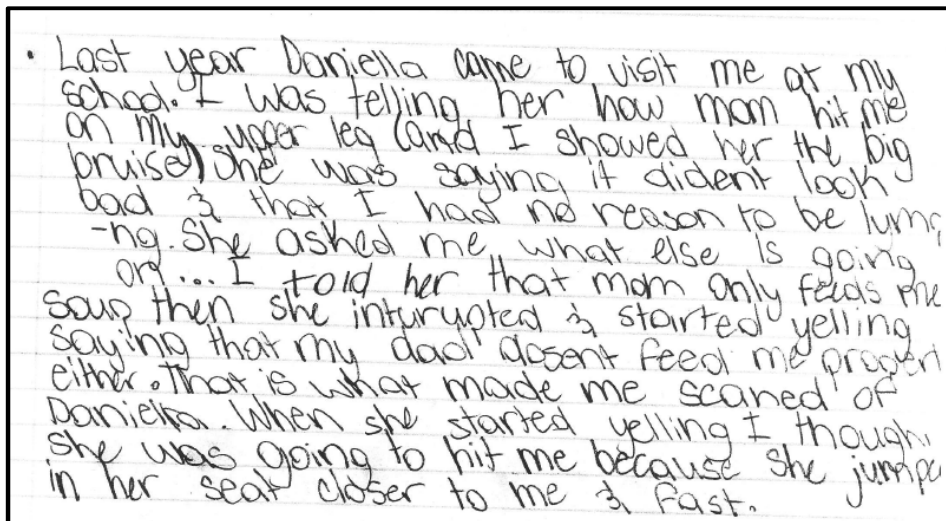
Dear Premier Wynne

**RE: Another example in a child's own handwriting about being terrorized behind closed doors by an unregistered York Region CAS worker!**

In a previous letter to your office dated February 17, 2017 (copy attached) I pointed out the need for CAS workers to be video and/or audio recording their meetings with children because children continue to report to Canada Court Watch how CAS workers are not only frightening and intimidating them during meeting but also lying about what is being said to the workers behind closed doors.

Below is just one entry from the extensive handwritten diary of an 11-year-old girl who reports in her diary that an unregistered York Region CAS worker yelled at her and scared her to the point where the girl was afraid that the unregistered York Region CAS worker was going to physically hit her. Daniella is the name of the CAS worker in this case. Like most other CAS workers in Ontario she is NOT registered with the College of Social Workers as required under provincial legislation.

The girl in this case was reporting being physically abused by her mother and was showing the CAS worker the bruise which her mother had inflicted upon her. Instead of helping the girl, the CAS worker told the girl that the bruise will go away. The unregistered CAS ignored the physical abuse perpetrated against the child by the mother and did not include any record of this in CAS notes.



• Last year Daniella came to visit me at my school. I was telling her how mom hit me on my upper leg (and I showed her the big bruise) she was saying it didnt look bad & that I had no reason to be hurt-ing. She asked me what else is going on... I told her that mom only feeds me soup then she interrupted & started yelling saying that my dad doesnt feed me properly either. That is what made me scared of Daniella. When she started yelling I thought she was going to hit me because she jumped in her seat closer to me & fast.

In effect, the CAS worker assisted the mother to conceal child abuse by not including in CAS notes about the assault which the child reported to the CAS worker during the private meeting between the CAS worker and the child.

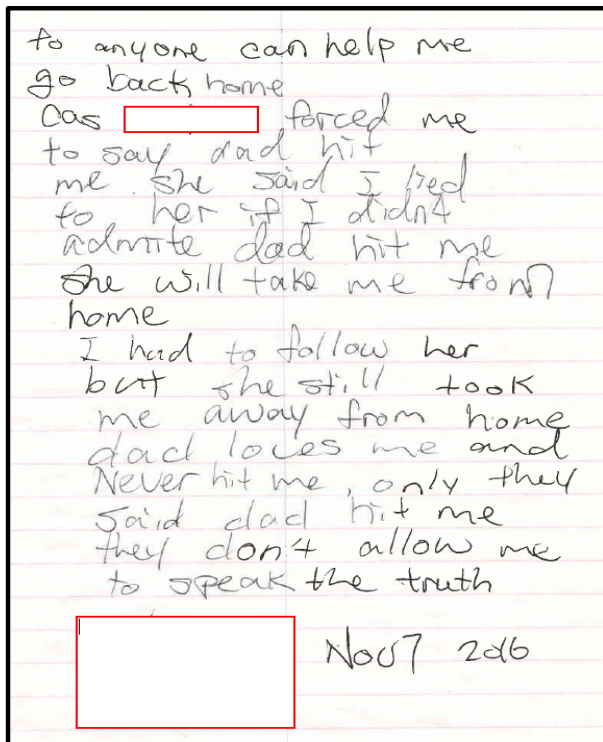
Canada Court Watch has dozens of other pages from this girl's journal which disclose numerous incidents of physical and emotional abuse by the mother against this girl. There are other handwritten notes where the girl writes how the CAS workers are doing NOTHING to help her. The girl's journal has been passed to the York Region CAS but in response the York Region CAS took the child from her father so that the girl could no longer tell other family members about how she was being abused by her mother. The CAS in effect became the gatekeeper to all information from the child.

### **The Provincial Advocate's office did not help as well**

The girl called the Provincial Advocate's Office and reported being abused by the mother. Canada Court Watch has a copy of the girl's disclosure to the Provincial Advocate's Office. The Provincial Advocate's office did nothing as well except to report back to the same York CAS agency worker who appears was helping the mother conceal the abuse. The girl only got punished for reporting!

The once normal girl is now exhibiting the full spectrum of Parental Alienation Syndrome (PAS) symptoms as a result of the actions of the unregistered York Region CAS worker and the dismal failure of all government funded agencies to help her. She is totally afraid to tell the truth now because she sees that the unregistered CAS workers are helping her mother and not reporting what she is saying to the CAS workers.

As brought to your attention previously, below is another example from another child in another case dealing with the same York Region CAS. Note how this teen has written in his note how another unregistered CAS worker with the York Region CAS forced him to lie and to admit being slapped by his parent. He was taken away by force by York Regional police even after telling the CAS and the police officer that his father did not slap him. These kinds of stories are far too common.



to anyone can help me  
go back home  
cas [redacted] forced me  
to say dad hit  
me she said I lied  
to her if I didn't  
admitte dad hit me  
she will take me from  
home  
I had to follow her  
but she still took  
me away from home  
dad loves me and  
Never hit me, only they  
said dad hit me  
they don't allow me  
to speak the truth  
[redacted] Nov 7 2016

In light of both examples of children reporting being abused by different unregistered CAS workers with the York Region CAS, it would be reasonable to conclude that a culture of cover-up of child abuse by mothers may exist at this agency. This is worthy of further investigation. We have at least 2 other ongoing cases of children being abused by mothers in York Region and that in spite of the York Region CAS being aware of the abuse, doing nothing to help the children.

**Recording of meetings with children and parents is the only solution to this problem**

Video recording of children’s interviews and meetings between parents and CAS workers is the **ONLY** solution which will put an end to much of this CAS incompetence, cover up and in some cases criminal activities by CAS workers. The Supreme Court of Canada had ruled that video recording of children is the most reliable forms of evidence in investigations involving children as witnesses.

Two days ago (May 23), I spoke with a police officer with the Toronto Police force who showed me a personal video recorder similar to the one shown below which he purchased himself for his personal protection while on duty. If police officers can purchase such equipment from their personal funds, there should be no reason why CAS workers cannot do the same. Such devices protect both members of the public and the workers themselves. What are CAS workers so afraid of?



**A body mounted video recording device like the one shown here will provide inexpensive protection for CAS workers and members of the public by maintaining an accurate record of conversations.**

In closing, Canada Court Watch and its supporters strongly recommend that legislation under Ontario’s *Child and Family Services Act* be amended quickly to require that all interviews with children by CAS workers in situations where child abuse is suspected be recorded on video for accuracy purposes. I believe that this one measure to implement mandatory video recording with children will improve the outcomes for countless families and save the taxpayers of Ontario tens of millions of dollars annually.

Yours truly

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

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