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From: Craig Mills [craig.mills@cox.net]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2016 12:03 PM
To: 'McGough, Lucy'
Subject: RE: adoption conversation with Darrell Ourso

Lucy,

Thank you for the response. I am not requesting that you be my counselor. I did not realize you were not a member of the Louisiana Bar and that is understandable considering the circumstances. I am looking for someone who can articulate the basis of the CHC guidelines to the LSP...for the benefit of our citizenry, not just the Mills. Based on our own counsel, it appears to me that LSP is receiving advice from people who are unfamiliar with adoption laws. Is there someone on the LSU staff that would be able to talk with directly about the laws currently on the books?

Sincerely,
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From: McGough, Lucy [mailto:Lucy.McGough@law.lsu.edu]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2016 11:45 AM
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Dear Mr. Craig: I regret that I somehow led you to believe that I could act as your counsellor. I thought our meeting was to hear suggestions for how the adoption laws of this state could be improved for everyone – which is a part of my responsibility as a member of the Children’s Code Advisory Committee. I can’t give legal advice to anyone about a specific case for several reasons, but the easiest to understand is that I am not a member of the Louisiana bar.

I know your situation is very troubling to you and your wife, as it would be for me if I were in your position. I do wish you well and hope you can find peace. Lucy McGough

From: Craig Mills [mailto:craig.mills@cox.net]
Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2016 9:19 PM
To: McGough, Lucy
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Lucy,

We spoke a few months ago regarding a situation we found ourselves in with our daughter’s natural sibling’s adoption. Darrell Ourso introduced us and we shared our story with you, Isabel and others. Thank you for your interest in hearing our story. During that meeting, I asked if you would help law enforcement understand the basis of the adoption laws and guidance provided to the Revised Statutes by the Children’s Code. It has come to my attention in the recent weeks that the Louisiana State Police considers our situation a civil issue and there will be no investigation into our claims. I’d like to follow-up with you on my previous request. Would you be willing to speak with Major Paul Edmonson at LSP?

To remind you of some of the basic elements to our situation (and our claim to LSP):

The birth parents contacted us (we did not seek them out) to keep the siblings together and accepted support from us for two months.

We have documentation revealing the birth parents were offering their baby to multiple families after they began

receiving support from us.

The birth parents left Baton Rouge without notifying us they did not want our support any longer.

We have receipts, phone records and documented testimony that the birth parents accepted support from at least two families at the same time.

We were asked by Lisa Harell to pay for a portion of the 3 month lease the adopting family financed for the birth parents on April 19th in exchange for surrendering the baby to them.

We have documentation from medical visits on April 11 and April 16 the due date was predicted to be April 21 and the baby was born on April 22.

In all of my own research and reviewing previous Louisiana cases (Heather Hill was convicted of theft by deceit and extortion in Bossier Parish & Jennifer Harrod was convicted of theft by deceit in Tangipahoa Parish) similar to ours, other law enforcement authorities did not treat this as a civil matter. If you would like to discuss this in person this week, I can make myself available.

Thank you again for your interest.

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