

The first instance of my hearing of the allegation against my son occurred in the living room of my home in the summer of 2000; the allegation was made in my presence to a county investigator by Grady's former's wife Faith. Faith stayed at my home for three months that summer. Because Grady had obtained a restraining order against her, she had come to our house looking for a place to live; and I told her that as long as she kept her distance from Grady, she could stay temporarily.

On several occasions during the time she was staying with us pizza deliverymen showed up at our door, unrequested. Faith told us that this was a form of harassment instigated by Grady, but we later learned that it was she who had been placing the orders. She was also at this time dating another man, who often came to our house to pick her up. We learned, too, that she was continuing to meet with Grady despite the restraining order.

The county worker showed up well into her stay in our home to conduct an interview with Faith concerning the status of the children, who Grady had checked into a temporary public shelter (all but the oldest child, Ryan). When Faith made the allegation, I could see that it was written immediately into the investigator's notebook. I protested and told the investigator that the allegation was absurd, although the word I used was much stronger. Soon after, we asked Faith to make other living arrangements and to leave our house.

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