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Dear Ms. Kitchings,

We are responding to motion by appellant for expedited relief, Case No. 2022-000577.

Respondent, Amy Hopkins, unequivocally DID NOT harass SCVAN nor any employees. Amy Hopkins, unequivocally DID NOT contact SCVAN multiple times to intimidate employees. Counsel is willfully and intentionally misrepresenting the facts in an effort to "oppress respondents. Oppression is the unjust or cruel exercise of authority or power. Counsel is attempting to do what was done to respondents in Magistrate court; making false allegations as to what transpired. Respondents feel like we are the ones who are being harassed by SCVAN. Why are they involved? Respondents have attempted to obtain some answers from SCVAN as to why they are participating in such an unjust, heinous case. A case where an organization that provides free legal service for victims of violent crimes in on board with Shanise Greenfield trying to reinstate an unlawful restraining order issued by Magistrate court between loving grandparents and grandchild. It is evil in every way. It goes against every fiber of decency, ideals and family values. What is happening in this country? The family structure is in trouble in today's society and you surround children with everyone who loves them. Loving grandparents are important in a child's life. Especially grandparents who were far more than grandparents for almost 9 years. Circuit Court Judge, Eugene C. Griffith, on April 26, 2022, stated in his reversal of Magistrate ruling- "This court is aware and acknowledges that the visitation involving a minor child are intertwined with extended family members, and suggests that the family court is equipped with jurisdiction and authority to hear the interdependent issues and can perhaps simplify the issues". This heartbreaking, senseless case is a prime example of why all judges should have a law degree. All of this happened because a Magistrate Judge with no law degree issued a life altering ruling that has caused respondents so much pain and suffering. Magistrate severed communication/ visitation between grandparent and grandchild. Magistrate had no jurisdiction.

Respondents feel like we are entitled to know the reasons SCVAN is a party to this case. Respondents have not been given a single answer. When you take a position in a matter and you feel you are right and justified, why would you not provide answers as to why you are involved? If SCVAN has no issues with being on board trying to reinstate a restraining order between loving grandparents and grandchild, why are we trying to be silenced? It is still

respondent's belief that appellant was not approved directly by SCVAN. We believe Shanise Greenfield recruited Tamika Cannon to help with the Circuit Court appeal and SCVAN was not aware. That is the opinion of the respondents. And we are entitled to our opinion. We stand firmly by our opinion. If this is not true, we want to know why SCVAN chose this particular case to be a party to? It is puzzling to say the least that SCVAN would choose to be a part of this case when there are so many true crime victims who need their help. Interesting to note when Amy Hopkins spoke with SCVAN CEO president Laura Hudson, Amy asked Ms. Hudson if she knew Shanise Greenfield. Ms. Hudson quickly and without hesitation responded with a firm, "No". Is Shanise Greenfield, who SCVAN's CEO, Laura Hudson, had no idea who she was on July 11, 2022, now the voice for SCVAN and speaking on behalf of the organization and Laura Hudson, 11 days later on July 22?

Respondents have no doubt there are many true victims of violent crimes in need of help from an organization such as SCVAN. We do believe they have been party to many cases that were deserving of their free legal service. This case is not one of them. The appellant is no victim here. She created the situation and has pretended to be a victim for years. Respondents are the victims.

Counsel is attempting to intimidate respondents for trying to seek some answers and information. It is our opinion that we are being abused and taken advantage of by a corrupt system and we believe counsel is attempting to bully us into silence as we are trying to bring awareness to this unfair, unjust situation. Do respondents not have a right to stand up for ourselves? This is a moral outrage. We have done nothing wrong. We stand by the truth. The truth is our defense. In today's crumbling society that is so lacking in God, morals, and family values, counsel is attempting to "cancel" us.

Amy Hopkins did indeed comment on the public FB page of SCVAN. This is a free country (we thought) and respondent stated the 100% truth. Amy never mentioned Shanise Greenfield nor Tamika Cannon's name. Nor Jaime Hood Hopkins name. The truth is respondents' defense. Respondents comment was deleted in less than 5 minutes and respondent was blocked from being able to post any further comments. Amy Hopkins did make the comment that counsel submitted. Amy Hopkins copied and pasted the same comment on 5 different posts from SCVAN at the same time. All 5 comments were deleted in less than 5 minutes. Are you only allowed to praise SCVAN and agree with them or you are canceled and silenced? Amy Hopkins comment was not inappropriate as counsel states. Amy Hopkins posted the truth. What Counsel, appellant, and SCVAN are doing to respondents is what is inappropriate. Counsel, appellant and SCVAN are the ones who have done potentially irreparable damage to respondents with their granddaughter. If SCVAN approved appellant and agreed to be on board and provide her with free legal service.... Why aren't they standing up, speaking up and defending their position? Why are we trying to be silenced? SCVAN being a party to this case is a moral outrage. We think everyone should be made aware of this reprehensible injustice. As counsel stated, we are not attorneys, we are just telling the truth and doing our best to represent ourselves. Respondents hired an attorney and attorney successfully had Circuit Court correct Magistrate Court's unlawful, inappropriate ruling. The

Circuit court did reverse ruling but this evil continues. And it continues at respondents' expense, heartache, stress, emotional wellbeing and countless hours we are having to spend defending ourselves. Respondents could not afford 20 thousand dollars plus for an appellate attorney but appellant is provided free legal service. This entire case is a circus and a moral outrage. It is a waste of precious time. Life is too short for all this hate, spite and vindictiveness. Does SCVAN get any of their funds from taxpayers? Are we funding this injustice against us?

Amy Hopkins called SCVAN's Columbia office in July anonymously in an attempt to find out information and asked the person who answered the phone if SCVAN provided free legal service if you were the victim of a violent crime. The response by SCVAN employee was, "Yes". Amy Hopkins then asked if it took a long time to be approved? Employee responded that it just depended on the situation. Amy Hopkins then thanked the SCVAN employee and that was end of conversation. Very nice and polite conversation by both parties.

Respondent saw on SCVAN website that Laura Hudson was CEO. Amy Hopkins called SCVAN on the morning of July 11, 2022 and asked to speak to Laura Hudson. Laura Hudson returned Amy Hopkins' call after 5pm that same day and Amy and Laura had a 23 Minute conversation. Amy began the conversation asking Ms. Hudson if she knew who she was (Amy referring to herself). Ms. Hudson responded, "No". Amy asked Ms. Hudson if she knew Shanise Greenfield. Again, Ms. Hudson's answer was, "No." Amy explained the situation and every aspect of the case. Amy explained the unjust magistrate ruling of harassment for begging to see our granddaughter and the Circuit court reversal of the ruling. Ms. Hudson seemed genuinely concerned that they were involved and repeatedly asked Amy, "What was the crime?" Amy said there wasn't one. Amy relayed to Ms. Hudson that Shanise Greenfield was the one and only attorney in Magistrate court and Tamika Cannon showed up with Shanise at the Circuit court hearing in April. Amy told Ms. Hudson that she and her husband, Greg, believed that Shanise and Tamika were friends and Shanise recruited Tamika without SCVAN knowing. Respondents still believe this to be true. It is our opinion. Amy asked Ms. Hudson if she could email her proof of case. Ms. Hudson said, "Yes," Ms. Hudson said she would speak with Tamika Cannon and hear her side. Amy said she completely understood. Ms. Hudson told Amy that she or someone from SCVAN would get back in touch with her. Amy asked Ms. Hudson if this type injustice and corruption would surprise her. Ms. Hudson's response was, "You see corruption every day." Amy asked Ms. Hudson for her email address and Ms. Hudson said, "Laurahudson@scvan.org". Amy wrote it down. Amy emailed Ms. Hudson the case information. Later that night, Amy noticed she had received a Mailer-Daemon saying the account did not exist. **(EXHIBIT 1)** Amy looked on SCVAN's website and found Ms. Hudson's correct email address. The correct email address is laura@scvan.org. Amy resent information to Ms. Hudson.

There are different numbers listed for SCVAN on website but the number Ms. Hudson returned Amy's call from was (803) 413- 5040. Amy called that number on July 12 in an attempt to ask Ms. Hudson if she received the emails Amy sent since she had given Amy the incorrect email address. No one answered at that number so Amy dialed a different number

listed on their website and this particular number had a menu. Amy pressed the number for legal department. Amy spoke with a very nice employee (Amy cannot be 100% certain but Amy believes her name was Nicole?) and relayed that she was trying to get in touch with Ms. Hudson to make sure she received Amy's emails. Amy explained to the employee that Ms. Hudson and Amy had a conversation the day before and she had given Amy the wrong email address. Amy explained that she found laura@scvan.org on website and resent. Amy said she needed to speak with Laura and Nicole (?) said she would give her the message and have her call Amy. Amy never mentioned the case to this employee. Amy only told her she wanted to make sure Laura received emails and she needed to speak with her. The employee (Nicole?) was extremely nice, and efficient. Amy was very polite and cordial.

Laura Hudson called Amy back on July 14 at 3:49pm. **(EXHIBIT 2)** Amy was in the checkout line at Walmart and answered and Ms. Hudson identified herself. Amy said she was in line at Walmart and joked to Ms. Hudson that; as usual, there were 50 people in line and one register open. Amy said let her move out of line to a place she could talk. Amy then said, "Ms. Hudson?" Line was dead. Laura Hudson hung up on Amy in 18 seconds with Amy Hopkins talking. Amy was shocked. Amy thought, surely, they just got disconnected and this woman wasn't so rude that she hung up while Amy was talking. Amy went to the self-checkout at Walmart and attempted to get out of store as quickly as possible so Amy could return Laura's call. Amy called back at 3:58 pm and Ms. Hudson answered. Amy said she was in Walmart and told her she was moving out of line to talk. Laura curtly said, "You said you were busy so I hung up". Amy at this point was aware how this conversation was going to go. Amy said to Laura, "No, I said I was getting out of line to talk". Then Amy quickly said, "It doesn't matter... go ahead". Laura Hudson then said, "I believe we "inherited" this case because your husband committed a crime against this young woman. Shocked... Amy asked, "What crime is that, Ms. Hudson?" "Harassment", Ms. Hudson replied. Amy then asked, "Ms. Hudson, did you look at all the information I sent you?" She said yes. Amy then asked if she was a grandmother. Ms. Hudson paused for a couple of seconds and said yes. She then stated, "I don't like your attitude" and HUNG UP ON AMY. The entire conversation was one minute. **(ALSO, EXHIBIT 2)** Ms. Hudson saying they "inherited" "a case that she knew zero about 3 days before... in our opinion further confirms our opinion that SCVAN did not knowingly get involved in this case. That is respondent's opinion. We firmly stand by our opinion. On July 18, at 1:10 pm, Amy Hopkins missed a call from SCVAN. **(EXHIBIT 3)** The number that called Amy's cell was (803) 413-5040, which is the number Laura Hudson called Amy Hopkins from. Amy returned the call to SCVAN not long after she missed the call and got a voice mail. Amy Hopkins left a voicemail saying she was returning the call she had missed. Amy attempted to reach the number several times more that day to no avail. Amy Hopkins actually thought that if SCVAN was calling her, maybe it was to relay some positive news. That they were going to make this injustice right. Amy Hopkins never heard back from SCVAN so Respondents assume the call was a mistake from SCVAN.

Amy did not sleep a wink that night thinking about the cruelty of Laura Hudson saying her husband committed a crime against this young woman. Slander. I explained the situation to

Ms. Hudson on July 11 and she seemed concerned and sympathetic and this is the tactless, vile thing the CEO of an organization says to me? My husband committed a crime against this young woman??? We are begging to see our flesh and blood, our granddaughter, who we love and who we practically raised and these are her words? Respondents are not guilty of anything. It is reprehensible. Entire Magistrate ruling was a travesty. We are God fearing, law abiding citizens who have been defamed and slandered. Greg Hopkins, respondent, the man who Laura Hudson said committed a crime against Jaime Hood Hopkins treated Jaime Hood Hopkins like a queen. Both respondents did. Respondents were at her beck and call for almost 9 years. Greg Hopkins is the man who paid appellant's mortgage, utilities, bought her a new black-and-white wardrobe that was required for her to wear at her first hairstylist job at Frank's place. Amy Hopkins got her the job. Greg Hopkins put new tires on her vehicle so she could go see her parents at the beach when her own father refused to give her \$40 for an old used tire. Greg Hopkins paid off \$500 worth of speeding tickets for appellant when appellant's car was wrecked so she could rent a car through insurance. Respondents put their son in rehab in 2017 and Jamie Hood Hopkins told respondents that our son, her ex-husband, bounced \$900 of her checks buying drugs and respondents went to several convenience stores around Gray Court paying those bounced checks off for appellant. The truth of the matter was appellant participated in bouncing those checks and was also an addict but respondents were not aware at the time. Greg Hopkins paid every dollar of child care for Riley for almost 9 years. Respondents bought Riley's clothes, paid for gymnastics, tee ball, Doctors bills, toys, anything Riley wanted or needed, respondents paid for. And respondents never wanted nor expected to be paid back a dime for anything. We did it all out of love. But we expect some loyalty and appellant not removing a child from our life for no reason. That's all we expected. To see and love our granddaughter and be a part of her life. Appellant has a restraining order against grandparents in child's file at school. Respondents know people at school. Respondents do not discuss this restraining order with anyone but family and a very few close friends. The unlawful restraining order is very embarrassing. You automatically think if someone has a restraining order they must be a danger or threat. Appellant has defamed us to our own granddaughter. Poisoned her on us. Our son told us she has. Appellant is trying to teach our granddaughter to hate us and she is telling her lies about grandparents the child loved so much. She has for years. It is heinous.

Riley's great grandmother, Dotty Nix, text appellant 3 times in the last week pleading with her to stop this. Dotty Nix read appellant's affidavit stating Riley didn't want to see grandparents. Dotty Nix was very upset when she read appellant's words and text her, she would never believe Riley did not want to see us and you teach children to love not hate. (EXHIBIT 4) Amy Hopkins took a note and a gift for appellant to son on Friday, July 15, to give to appellant. (EXHIBIT 5) Again... a plea for peace, (EXHIBIT 6) Respondents have no idea if son gave her the note and gift.

Respondents have tried everything to repair this situation. Respondents are sure we didn't do everything right when we reacted to appellant's abrupt alienation of our granddaughter over 3 years ago. One thing is certain, we have done everything right where Riley is concerned.

We have apologized for any hurt we caused appellant. Appellant refuses to communicate and has not spoken a word to us in 3 years. We just want to move forward. We are not trying to parent Riley or tell her anything about what has happened in all this senseless situation. Riley has been through so much. We don't want her to suffer anymore. We just want to love her and be in her life. Respondents are aware that many of the truths told in this case are hurtful to appellant. It is certainly not our intention to hurt her. We are just defending ourselves against all this injustice. It is appellant who attempted to put in place a restraining order between us and our granddaughter. Then appellant appealed reversal. It is a shame it has gotten this bad. We can all forgive and put Riley's best interest ahead of hate and move forward. That is respondent's prayer.

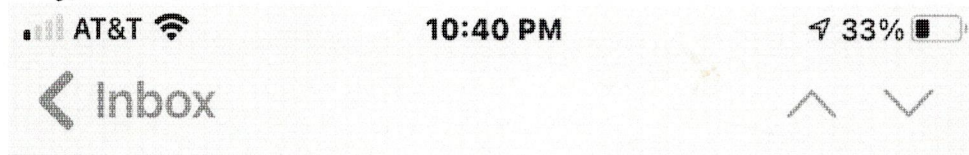
In conclusion, Amy Hopkins has never harassed or attempted to intimidate anyone at SCVAN. Amy Hopkins has never discussed the case with anyone at the offices of SCVAN but Laura Hudson. Amy Hopkins did text Mary Ann Stroop about the case in an attempt to find out why SCVAN was involved. In the text to Ms. Stroop regarding Tamika Cannon... when Amy referenced Ms. Cannon, Amy said, "I do not think or I believe. "That is not a false accusation. That is respondent's opinion. Respondents stand firmly by that opinion. Interesting to note, Ms. Greenfield did not include everything Amy Hopkins text Ms. Stroop. Ms. Greenfield included the text that said, "On your Instagram. Very ironic. We need a lot of sun shine because we have suffered so much corruption in the last three years". The post on SCVAN legal Instagram page was a sunshine picture that said, "Sunshine is the best disinfectant for a corrupt system." (EXHIBIT 7) Amy Hopkins also sent Ms. Stroop the letter from Raejean Lipscomb.

Respondents have never personally attempted to contact Shanise Greenfield nor Greenfield Law Firm employees; respondents were not aware Shanise Greenfield had any employees. Respondents have never attempted to personally contact Tamika Cannon. Respondents have never harassed nor spoken with anyone at SCVAN office except Laura Hudson. Respondents feel they are the ones being harassed as the result of an unlawful Magistrate ruling that was reversed. We are begging for expedited relief to dismiss this case.

Respectfully,

Greg and Amy Hopkins

EXHIBIT 1



Found in Inbox



MAILER-DAEMON... 7/11/22

To: amynhop@netscap... > 

Failure Notice

Sorry, we were unable to deliver your message to the following address.

<laurahudson@scvan.org>:

550: 5.1.1 The email account that you tried to reach does not exist.

Please try

5.1.1 double-checking the recipient's email address for typos or

5.1.1 unnecessary spaces. Learn more at

5.1.1 <https://support.google.com/>

*Returned
email sent
to Laura
Hudson, CEO
of SCVan*



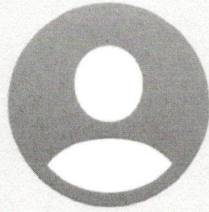
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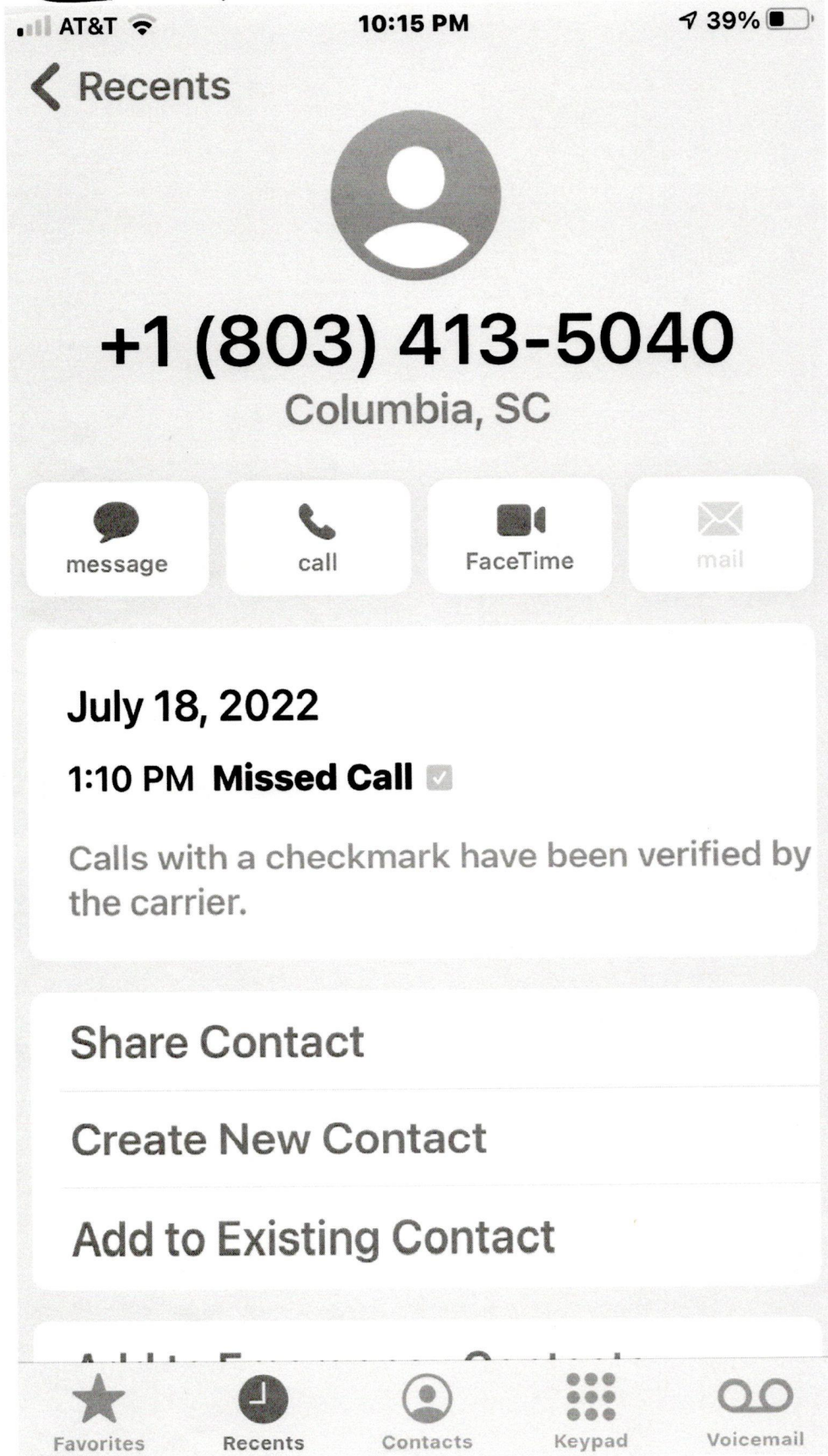
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CEO SC Van
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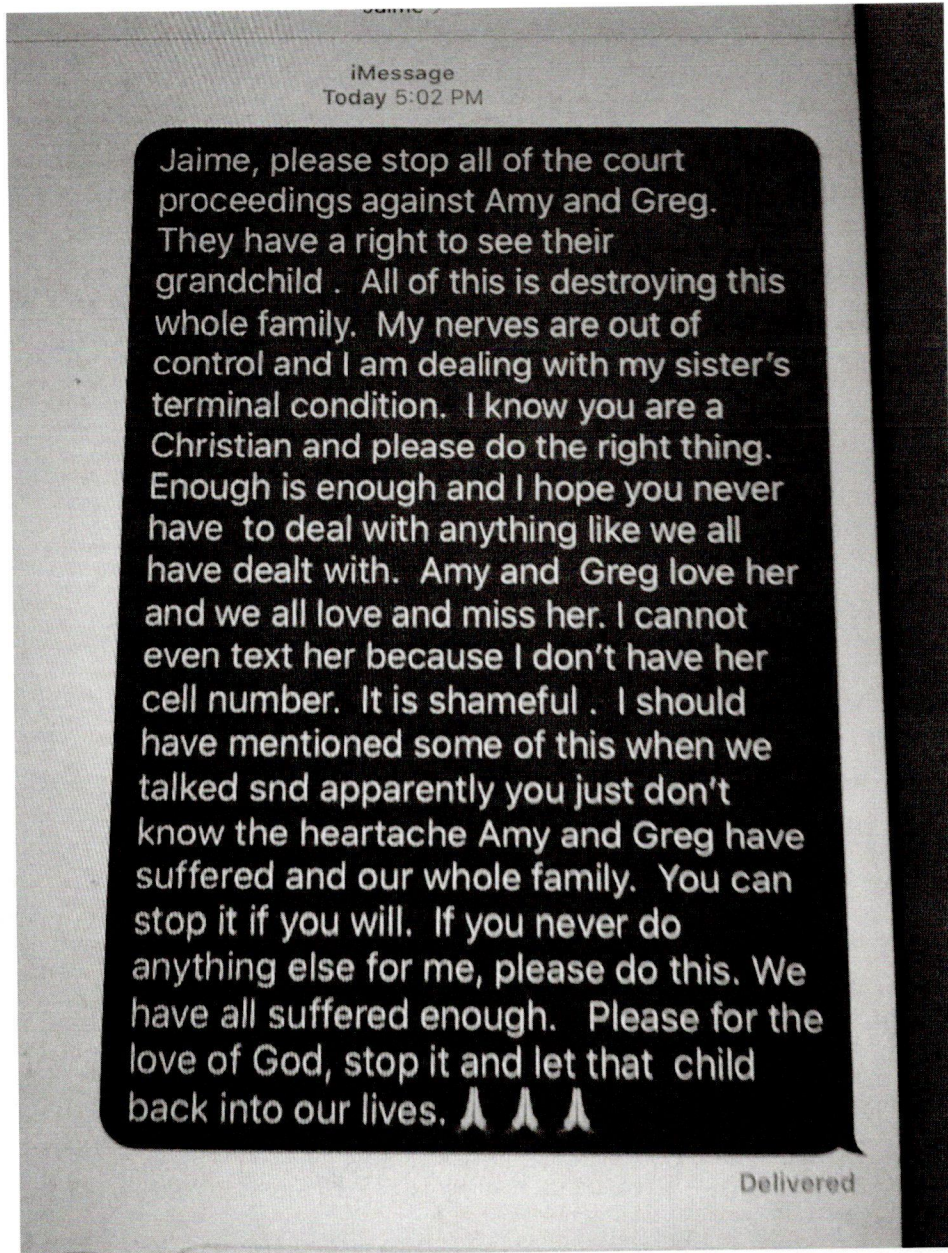
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EXHIBIT 3



Missed
call from
SC Van
to Amy
Hopkins

EXHIBIT 4



Text Dotty Nix, great grandmother
sent Jaime Hood Hopkins
July 16, 2022

Text Dotty Nix, great grandmother, sent
Jaime Hood Hopkins when she read her affidavit that said
Riley did not want to see us

Monday 9:47 PM

You could never convince me that Riley would not want to see her grandparents that she was with constantly for Eight years!!! Children just don't forget that easily. If she says that, she has been poisoned by other people. Children should be taught to love, not hate. Shame on y'all! She has to still love Amy and Greg. You don't kill love that easily and you shouldn't!

Jaime >

Jaime, I think enough damage has been to all of us. Only you can stop it. Let's have peace now and let Riley back into Amy and Greg's life and ours as well. We all love that child and miss her. After all, they are Riley's grandparents and we are great grandparents. She is related to us and we miss her. She had two bicycles that we bought for her 9th and 10th birthdays at Amy and Greg's that she has never ridden. Please stop this hate and let's have peace. That's what God would

EXHIBIT 4

EXHIBIT 5

I left something on your car fir you to give Jaime. Please do.

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Fri, Jul 15, 12:20 PM

OK I put it up I'll call u later

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Give it to her Please It is

Amy ~~Q~~ left card for Jaime Hood Hopkins on son's vehicle at his work on July 15, 2022. Text him and asked him to give it to her.

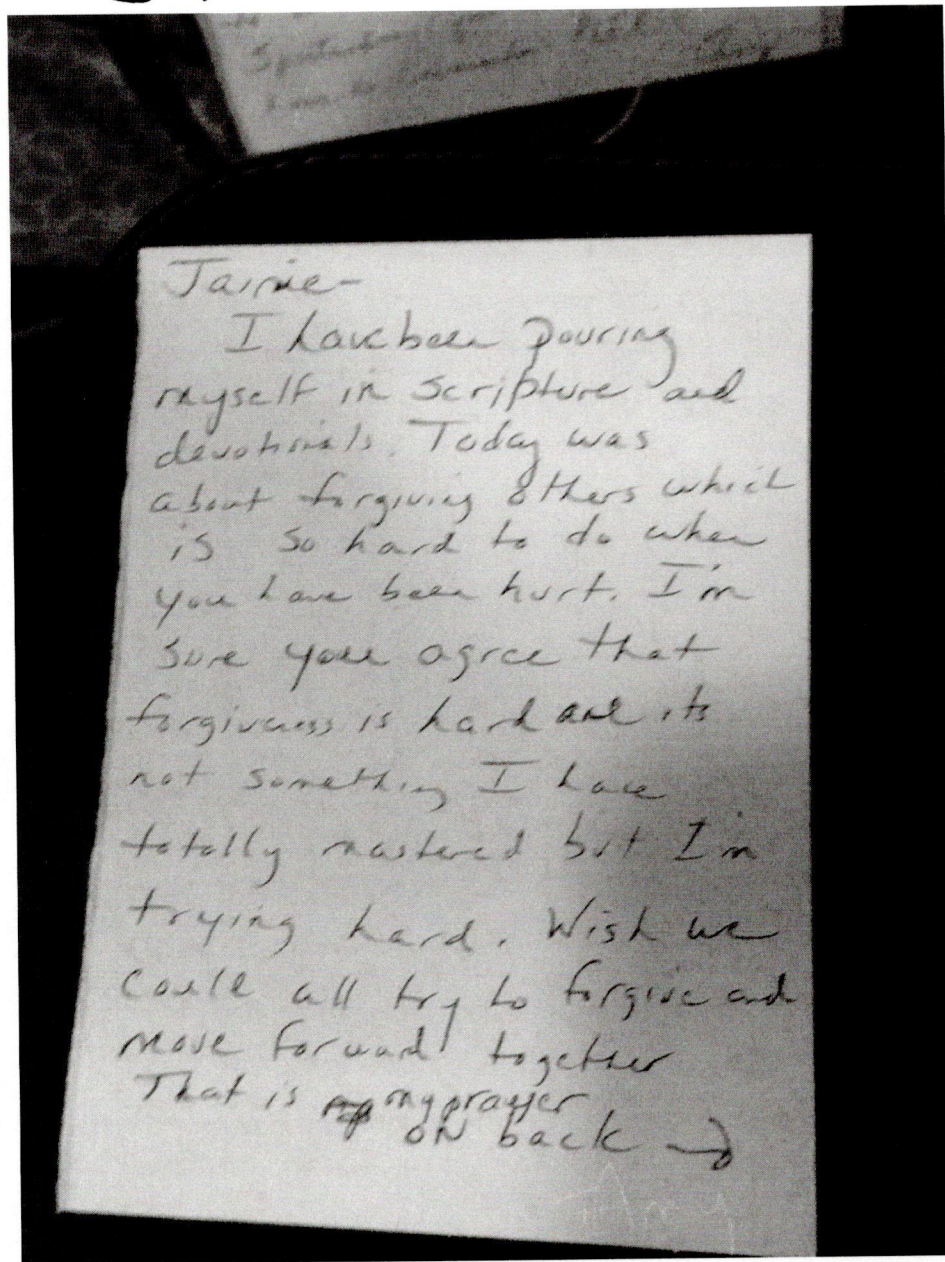
EXHIBIT 6

Amy N. Hopkins

Jaimie, Once again, I am attempting to throw out an olive branch of peace. Please let me take you to lunch in Greenville or Spartanburg (your choice) and lets have a conversation. PLEASE
Amy

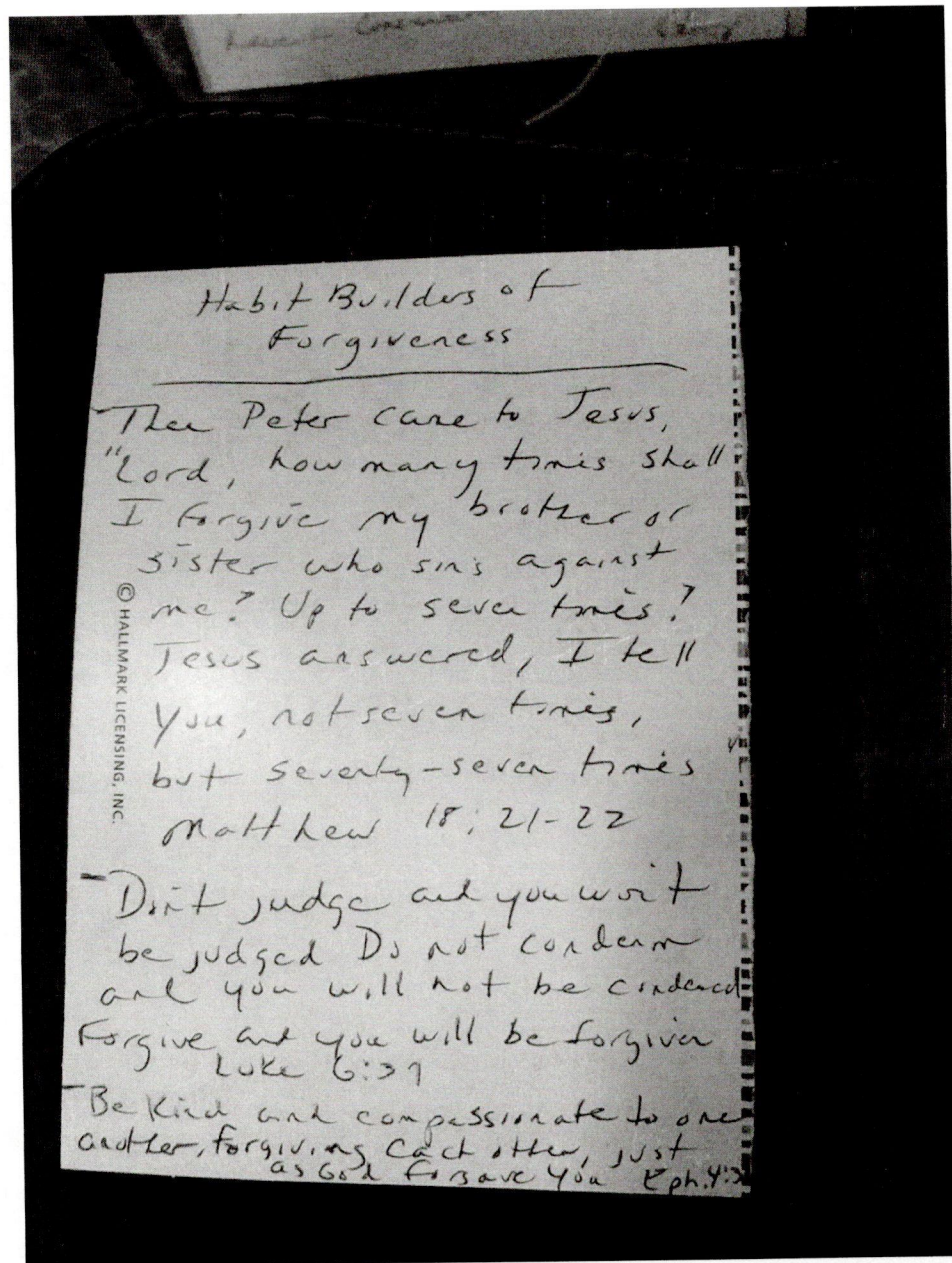
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card Amy left on Son's
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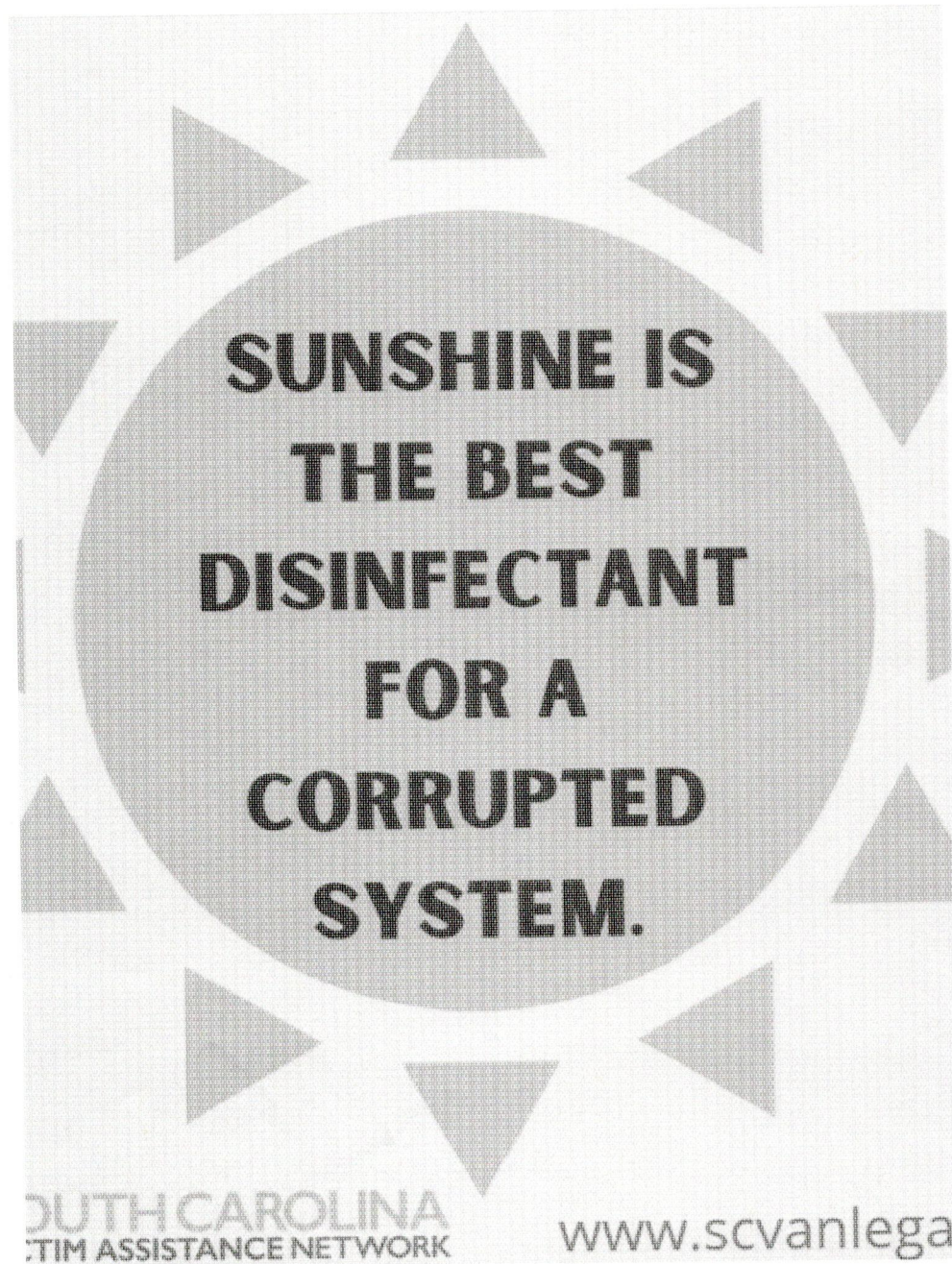
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Card Amy left on son's
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