

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Union County  
Court of Common Pleas

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Honorable Daniel D. Hall

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SC Court of Appeals

Jane and John Smith individually and as Guardians of H.A. and H.A. individually,  
Appellants,

v.

South Carolina Department of Social Services, South Carolina Department of  
Children's Advocacy, Tammy Gay Causey Dalsing, Edward Anthony Dalsing,  
Respondents.

Of whom Darryl & Ruth Armstrong are the Appellants.

Appellate Case No. 2023-001049

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RUTH ANN ARMSTRONG (VOLUME II)

1 haven't seen. I just know that we took her to the doctor  
 2 like we were instructed to do by OHAN; that's what we was  
 3 instructed to do.

4 Q. And you told DSS about SLED probably to help your case for  
 5 getting H removed from the Dalsing's home; correct?

6 A. Sir, no, that's not correct.

7 Q. Then why else would you tell them?

8 A. Look, my concern was about her wellbeing; okay? Anybody  
 9 that would listen to me, yeah, I would tell them how  
 10 concerned I am for her, and there's nothing wrong with  
 11 being concerned about a family member that you feel that  
 12 is not being treated right, ---

13 Q. You thought she wasn't being treated right ---

14 A. --- and have the bruises to back it up, have the black  
 15 eyes to back it up, have the busted mouth to back it up.

16 Q. Did you ever personally have any interviews or meetings  
 17 with Dr. Lamb?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Have you ever talked to anyone from her office or that was  
 20 calling on her behalf or meeting with you?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Did you know who Dr. Lamb was before that visit occurred?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Okay, and I asked you about the visit to the Palmetto ER,  
 25 but when you took H for the visit to Dr. Lamb, who

1 was present?

2 A. I didn't take her to no visit with Dr. Lamb.

3 Q. Okay, how did she get there?

4 A. You'll have to ask DSS; I don't know.

5 Q. Okay, so, you weren't present for that at all?

6 A. No, sir. I don't really know who Dr. Lamb is.

7 Q. Okay, so when you took ---

8 A. Wait a minute, wait a minute, wait a minute, let me - -  
9 because she had a couple of therapy appointments. When we  
10 went to Columbia she had to go to the ER, then we had to  
11 take her back to talk to a doctor, but I can't remember  
12 her name, but ---

13 Q. That is Dr. ---

14 A. That's Dr. Lamb? Okay, because there was more than one  
15 doctor. So, when we went and took her down there, we sat  
16 in the waiting room and that she talked to H . so, I  
17 don't know what she said to H though.

18 Q. You did not provide any medical history to Dr. Lamb or to  
19 anyone in Dr. Lamb's office during that follow-up visit?

20 A. I had to fill out a form and I told them what I knew, but  
21 I, that's all I ---

22 Q. That's what I want to know, what'd you tell them you knew?

23 A. About her medical history? I don't really remember  
24 everything that I wrote down, but I do know I filled out a  
25 form, and then we sat in the waiting room, they talked to

- 1 do with getting Harmony to Dr. Lamb?
- 2 A. All I'm telling you is when went to Columbia, Ms. Coretta  
3 Bush was there, that was with OHAN, and then OHAN told us  
4 to be in Columbia and that's what we did. My attorney  
5 didn't tell me, I didn't tell me.
- 6 Q. And I don't want to know anything about what your attorney  
7 told you.
- 8 A. Yeah, well, that's what I'm saying, OHAN told us to be  
9 there, and when OHAN tells you to do something, you do it.
- 10 Q. But you're not aware of your attorney having any phone  
11 calls or emails on your behalf with Louise Cooper or OHAN  
12 or anyone at DSS to influence a referral to Dr. Lamb?
- 13 A. I can't answer that.
- 14 Q. What do you mean, is that a no?
- 15 A. I don't know, I mean, I can't answer that.
- 16 Q. Okay. And give me one second, I might be about done.  
17 Have you seen any reports for an occupational therapy  
18 evaluation done by Stepping Stones Pediatric Therapy for  
19 H ?
- 20 A. No, sir, not to my knowledge.
- 21 Q. Okay, and I know Ms. Burton asked you a few moments ago  
22 about occupational therapy and speech therapy, and you  
23 told us what little bit you know about that; correct?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. And I asked you much earlier in the day if you were aware

1 of her issues with gait and unsteadiness on her feet and  
2 you told me you had no knowledge of that; correct?

3 A. To my knowledge, no, sir.

4 Q. Okay. Knowing the illegal drugs that H was exposed  
5 to in Andy's home, and then knowing about these gait  
6 issues and developmental issues, I mean, does that change  
7 any of your opinions or thoughts about the Dalsings at  
8 all?

9 BY MS. SAUNDERS:

10 Objection to the form.

11 REDIRECT EXAMINATION RESUMED BY MR. SMITH:

12 Q. You can answer.

13 A. No, it does not.

14 Q. Okay, and why not?

15 A. Because it happened to her.

16 Q. What happened to her, she got bruised by falling down?

17 A. You say it's falling down, I don't know. I wasn't there  
18 and you wasn't there. She had multiple bruises, multiple  
19 black eyes, multiple busted lips, and if she had such a  
20 problem, why wasn't she falling down like that with us? I  
21 don't understand what you're trying to say. I'm telling  
22 you something happened to her, that I believe something  
23 happened to her.

24 Q. So, you don't think it's simply a difference in parenting  
25 styles and a difference in having other young kids in a