

February 2019 Hon. Judge Helen Wallace and Magistrate Trent Sulek, of the Montgomery County Juvenile Court, along with the Montgomery County Children’s Services awarded me 12 months temporary custody of the following two children;

Ruby Ann Johnson, 8 months old. Dob 6-14-2018. My great niece
Biological parents; David Roscoe Johnson, (my nephew) and Jennifer Ann Sizemore

Bailey Marie Douglas, 8 years old. Dob 4-6-2010. No relation
Biological parents: Matthew Douglas and Jennifer Ann Sizemore

Reason; Child neglect and drug abuse by their parents, David Roscoe Johnson and Jennifer Ann Sizemore

During the 12 months of temporary custody to me, the Mont. Co. Children’s Services records will show that I did not receive any financial assistance, either by state or federal funds, to support the children and fully supported them myself, voluntarily. Both girls were witnessed by many family members and friends to have greatly flourished in my care. I worked with Bailey to get her educated to the level she’d enter in school, 2nd grade. By the second semester, she earned the Honor Roll.

February 2020 temporary custody expired. To avoid the girls being separated, I hired attorney Charles Slicer of Dayton Ohio and purchased a 3-bedroom house in Kettering, Ohio, (two blocks from my house), to enable my nephew David Roscoe Johnson, father of Ruby, to get custody of both girls. David was awarded custody of both girls. For the next two years, the majority of that time, I continued providing daily care of the girls in my home, Mon – Fri, and many weekends. Ruby, being so little, usually stayed over, nights with me. Bailey would occasionally stay overnight, especially through winter months because I transported her to and from school every day. The girls continued to flourish in my care and that, again, was witnessed by many people, including our church congregation, and Baileys teachers. Bailey stayed on the honor roll in school. Ruby’s doctor exams always stated that she had excellent health and growth.

David didn’t pay me for childcare, meals, clothing, toys, furniture, activities, pool memberships, library memberships, transportation, etc., during those years. On the occasions his mother watched the girls, David paid her. By this time, 2022, I’ve had both girls for three years. Ruby being 4 years old, Bailey being 12 years old.

Approximately April, 2022 to July 2023, David, was heavily influencing and impacting Bailey very negatively about me. Soon she stopped coming to my home unless David was with her. He said Bailey would no longer need me for after school/before school care or transportation. Any questions I asked David about Bailey were brushed aside with hostility.

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I purchased Bailey a cell phone when David allowed her to walk by herself to and from school. After catching her on the internet a few times, in chat rooms, I told David I was going to take her phone and suggested we go through her phone, together. David brought her phone to me after deleting all data and setting it back to default settings. The next day, David bought Bailey a phone, instructing her not to tell me about it or she'd get in trouble, and I'd take that phone, too. He told her to wear a mask over her head if I tried to talk to her. She chose to be transgender, and David convinced her that I'd not accept her or love her anymore "due to my religion". He made her believe she was getting fat due to my cooking. He became her buddy and shared secrets with her that I wasn't supposed to know about. He allowed her to break rules we had set for her and tell her not to let me know. He meticulously, methodically molded Bailey into someone that didn't like me anymore. He used her fears of past abandonment from her father, to control her. She finally had a dad and didn't want him to not want her. He coerced Bailey to tell teachers, school counselors, and psychiatrist that she feared me and was intimidated by me. Bailey told me about it and when I asked her what intimidated means, she didn't know. David immediately entered the room, took Bailey, and left. When I filed for companionship rights with Ruby, David focused a lot of energy on having her lie about my supposed abuse of her and Ruby to the magistrate, more school counselors, and more mental health professionals. David was trying to create negative records on me that would suit his agenda of painting me unfit and not safe for companionship or visitation time with Ruby. All the while, David was still leaving Ruby with me most of the time.

Ruby continued being in my care the majority of the time until about April 2023 when David reduced my time with Ruby, age 5, to two days a week. I began to see her regressing and very troubled over being separated from me too long at a time. I shared my concerns and observations with David, but he ignored me, further reducing my time with Ruby to one night a week beginning June 12, 2023. The usual days and nights that I had been keeping Ruby, were the nights he took her to Monroe, Ohio, to stay with his girlfriend. Memorial weekend David, Bailey, and Ruby moved in with his girlfriend, Courtney Daudistill Leeds and her three children. In July 2023 David stopped all visits with Ruby and I. Courtney harassed Ruby for calling me mamaw and insisted she stop. Her and David began creating stories that I was, delusional, unsafe, and abusive to the children, thus they had to stop the children from having contact with me. Ruby began chewing holes in her sleeves from nerves and anxiety after being separated from me. She started biting her nails, was suddenly being diagnosed with numerous mental health issues, like separation anxiety, emotionally infantile, attachment disorder, a.d.d., then a.d.h.d., then mildly autistic and put on medication, She was given a chewing necklace by her psychiatrist to help her with such extreme anxiety and nervousness and to try to prevent her from chewing holes in her sleeves. David and Courtney have hid the truth of whats wrong with Ruby from her psychiatrist. Instead, they have told Ruby's health care providers numerous, false stories about me, and using these health care professionals to convince Ruby to accept the stories they've told. She's so confused. The damage to this little girl is unreal. It's lifelong. Its mentally and emotionally destroying her little by little. Our current laws don't acknowledge her wishess because of her age, being 5 years old. Children need a voice. They need to be recognized and acknowledged too. Most often, the truth lies in the mouths of babes. Listen to them.

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In August, David and Courtney married. Bailey played her part well and got the adoption she always wanted. Approximately two weeks prior to my trial for third party companionship, Ruby was adopted. Suddenly, stepmom becomes mom, thus meeting the requirements of the law stating that parents wishes take precedence. The guardian ad litem I hired, didn't observe me with the children as I requested. Instead, she twice referred to the law stating "It is my understanding under the law that the parents wishes are to be given greater weight." She also stated that she "feels that the parents' wishes in the situation should prevail." In the courthouse, before trial was to begin, Magistrate Trent Sulek told my attorney, John Dever, that he was going to rule in favor of the guardian ad litem's referral of that law. In lieu, my attorney said we had no chance, and to close the case. He said it was no use wasting trial time. I've not seen or had any contact with Ruby since the summer of 2023. She's still wearing a chewing necklace for her nerves. She's now uneasy to ask David and Courtney if she can see me. Bailey doesn't want to see me and is of age to choose.

These kinds of parents wishes take precedence in a Ohio court of law when determining visitation or companionship rights for minor children. There are no background checks, no mental health assessments, no drug testing, no checks for prior child neglect and abuse, or anything else to help establish that these parents are qualified and competent enough to determine the best interest of children. Currently, innumerable children have suffered isolation from their loved ones, families have been torn apart and lost loved ones due to the current law. Some are even chewing holes in their sleeves.