

Grandchild: Tiana Garrison
Grandmother: Theresa Mabery

In December of 2007, Tiana Garrison's biological mother left Tiana, her younger sister and brother with her uncle, a licensed foster care home. It was found out, uncle was administering corporal punishment and the 3 children were removed, separated and placed in three different foster homes.

In Tiana's next home, the male figure and Tiana had conflict, by now it's 2009 and Tiana was removed again and placed with her sister in a third home. In May of 2010, it was discovered domestic violence had been occurring on a regular basis in the foster home along with the children being unkept, stinking, wearing dirty clothes, home environment dirty, and breeding animals on the property for profit. The children were removed and the Gully's license was revoked from them. Tiana had been telling her grandmother what was taking place and Theresa reported it to Tammy, KVC Therapist, and Jennifer Clark, Case Worker multiple times, but allegations were never investigated. KVC would not work with grandmother or biological father in any situation. All the while, the grandmother had been wanting and making it known to KVC she wanted her granddaughter, Tiana. The biological father's rights were severed in 2010. KVC said it was due to him not getting an apartment in Olathe. He got an apartment in Wyandotte County. They said his neighborhood was not suitable to raise a child. He had consistent daytime appointments for parenting classes which interefered with work schedule. He lost his job and they severed is rights.

Grandmother was told by KVC in 2010 if she wanted Tiana, she had to take all three children. The grandmother agreed and said she would do it. KVC still never gave her granddaughter or made arrangements for a home study or took any initiative towards this end.

Tiana and her sister has been moved to another home and have lived there since May of 2010 with a family that works with KVC and Theresa is now allowed visitation without any conflicts. When trying to visit her granddaughter when granddaughter was with the Gully family, they were always unavailable. Theresa has been in this battle for three years now.

When KVC revoked the foster care license from the Gully's, Judge Sloan ordered visitation be given to the Gully's who had neglected the children. Judge Sloan is urging the family to get their home in order, receive counseling and have their license reinstated to them. KVC stated in court they would not allow this family to get their license back. The courts are looking at other agencies to help them get it back.

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The Judge told KVC if they did not give visitation to the Gully family, KVC would be in contempt of court.

Theresa Mabery has gone through the trouble to get her foster grandparent license and has had it for seven months. She has had quarterly home studies since last February and she has been approved by Missouri. She has done this to no avail. Her granddaughter is still in the custody and care of The State of Kansas. The grandmother has fought this long fight from the State of Missouri. The State of Kansas would have saved thousands and thousands of dollars had they done the right thing and given this child to her grandmother. Where her emotional and physical needs would have been met..

Signed/ Theresa Mabery

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