

Dear Ms. Williams,

Before your tenure at the University of Missouri Extension as a County Engagement Specialist in Community Economic Development, it seems you did work as a guardian ad litem in the family court system that is [under fire in the national press](#) for putting children in danger and conspiring with court professionals for big money. You were appointed the guardian of 14-year-old Mikaela Haynes who committed suicide while you were supposed to be advocating for her in court. I'm an investigative journalist looking into her death.

I have reviewed the case file. I have some questions.

1. On Jan 29, 2018 you wrote "I don't want to walk away without following up on that and something awful happen to these kids" referring to your repeated interference into Cynthia Haynes's ability to parent. What was the "awful" thing that you thought would happen that could be worse than rape? At the time you wrote this email, Charles Haynes was charged with raping and sodomizing Melissa. He is now serving time in prison for that rape. You knew that. What concern did you have with Cynthia that was so bad you thought it was worse than the trauma that had already happened to the girls in the care of Bernice Haynes, the rapist's mother, who you recommended they live with?
2. You recommended that the girls live with Bernice Haynes even though you told the court that she did not properly supervise her molester son who had already raped their older sister. According to your own emails "none of the allegations were hotline-able" against mom while dad was charged with rape and sodomy. Why did you remove children from a mom with no credible allegations and give them to their 90-year-old grandmother who allowed her rapist son access to them where he then proceeded to molest Mikaela? To refresh your memory, Judge John Shock wrote on December 15, 2016 "After all other evidence was presented, the Guardian Ad Litem testified that, even though she has concerns about Bernice Haynes' failure to fully supervise Father's visits in the past, her recommendation is that the minor children be placed with Bernice Haynes." Why?
3. How much money did child rapist Charles Haynes pay you for your services?
4. You were reported to have brought bags full of gifts to Mikaela at school from her grandmother and her father. Her therapist wrote that he recommended that she not have any contact with those people including gifts because of the trauma of it and the pressure on her with the upcoming trial. Dr. Jerry Marks wrote on March 20, 2018 "I have to be on the record saying that I think what has happened in the last two months with Mikaela and the GAL is a form of witness tampering." Did you tamper with a witness in a criminal trial who then killed herself to escape that pressure?
5. On November 23, 2018 did you announce that you would be testifying as a character witness at the sentencing of convicted child rapist Charles Haynes?

6. Were you aware that on November 24, 2018 Mikaela Haynes hung herself in her family home? Her suicide note said she could not take the court process anymore. Her therapist named you as a reason for her demise. Dr. Marks wrote on March 17, 2020 "It is my understanding that the GAL who was appointed to the cases of both Sara and Mikaela testified at trial on behalf of Mr. Haynes. This testimony, if it occurred, is in my opinion more than just a conflict of interest and may rise to the level of professional misconduct...and may have been the cause of Mikaela's death by suicide." Did you do this?

7. If so, do you regret testifying on behalf of a child rapist?

6. Do you take any responsibility for the death of Mikaela Haynes?

8. Do you believe you upheld the standards of care that your are required to give as a GAL in Mikaela Haynes's case?

9. You appear to have ignored every recommendation by the court-appointed therapist Dr. Jerry Marks over a period of many years. Why did you do that?

10. Did you disclose to your employer that you are involved in a case in which you have been accused of professional misconduct and witness tampering?

I'm working under deadline and would appreciate a response by 5pm EST.

Thank you,

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Dear Ms. Williams,

You refused to respond to my press inquiry but you did decide to name me and hurl unfounded accusations at a member of the media for doing her job and filed it with the court in your motion to withdraw from the Haynes case. Without a response to my questions, there is no way for you to defend against the so-called defamation you claim has occurred by asking you questions about a case you were involved in that resulted in the suicide of your minor client Mikaela Haynes. I would like to give you another opportunity to respond to those questions before I go to print with your refusal to answer them.

I would also like to add a few more since I am now in receipt of the court transcripts from the sentencing hearing at which you testified that Chuck Haynes might not be a threat to his minor daughter despite being a child rapist.

1. Is it your expert opinion that child rapists would abuse a child in front of their lawyer and that if the lawyer doesn't witness any abuse in the 20 minute meeting she has with said rapist that no rape would occur at any other time when the lawyer is not in the room?

2. Who asked you to testify on Chuck Haynes's behalf at his sentencing hearing?

3. Why did you decline to speak with rape victim Melissa Hogg who lived in the same house as your clients Mikaela and Sarah? You testified that you refused to speak with her fearing you would be called as a witness in a criminal trial and yet there you are in the sentencing hearing for that criminal testifying as a character witness for him. You don't appear to have problems being involved in the criminal trial because you were there. Did you only have problems speaking to Melissa because you might then have to testify against Charles Haynes instead of for him?

4. What is your relationship to Charles Haynes?

5. Have you given testimony as a character witness for any other child rapists or is it just Charles Haynes?

6. In the court transcripts you said in relation to Chuck Haynes going to prison for child rape, "I always have concerns when a child is limited in contact with a parent." Do you still hold that opinion when the parent is a child rapist? Could that be true?

7. In the court transcripts you said "I do however have concerns that father and his family have not seemed to be able to have any access to the children for quite some time." Why did you want convicted child rapist Chuck Haynes to have "access" in your words to minor girls?

8. You said "my concern with that was the level of influence exerted by mother and MSH" about the girls being placed with Cynthia. Why does "influence" bother you more than child rape?

9. How does 8 hours of guardian ad litem training make you an expert in how child abusers behave or in recognizing grooming or other red flags? Are you qualified to determine if child abuse is happening?

10. In the court transcripts you admitted to knowing that Chuck Haynes made sexual advances to Melissa's sister Mindy as a young teenager. Why did you give Mikaela Haynes, a young teenager, to Bernice Haynes who gave Chuck Haynes unfettered access to her allowing him to use that opportunity to sexually molest her as she reported to her foster mother?

11. When asked if you had concerns about Chuck doing the same thing to Sarah when she is a teenager you said, "I don't know that I think anything would happen..." How could you know that? Chuck Haynes showed you that he repeatedly molests teen girls. How could you come to the conclusion that he might not do it to Sarah though he had done it to Melissa, Mindy, and Mikaela? On what basis did you determine he might not do anything to Sarah?

12. You also said on the court record that the children were highly sexualized for their age but you could not conclusively figure out why. Did you ever consider that it was because they all suffered sexual molestation at the hands of Chuck Haynes, an admitted child rapist who you kept returning them to?

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