

House Standing Committee

House Bill # 2613

Re : (aka) Kristy Beaudette's Testimony

For Monday February 6<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30pm

Everyday somewhere in the news you read or hear about it- Another child tortured, abducted and/or a parent being killed in front of their children. Scars that are so deep that it's amazing that anyone could endure. Yet through God, Family & Friends you seem to find the strength to go on.

Almost any parent says: "If anyone every hurt my child, I'd kill them." I truly understand that, yet the truth of the matter is: When you have gone through a horrific trauma, your child needs you and you need them.

My daughter, Sidney, is the main reason I'm here today.

She is my Heart, Strength & Life.

\*We need a Lifetime Protection order\*

This is my testimony-

I grew up in Goddard, Kansas, a small town just west of Wichita. I am blessed with a wonderful family. My mom was a school secretary and active in church; my dad worked for Sedgwick county Sheriff's Department needless to say my sister and I led sheltered lives.

In September 2002 I went out with some friends and I met Ty Barnett. He was so unlike the guys I normally dated. He was 5'10, fat, and bald. I told myself not to be shallow. We sat for hours talking about church and our loves in life; little did I know I was sitting with a sociopath. We became best friends, or so I thought. I loved him, so that's what makes this story so hard to tell.

August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2003, we had a beautiful baby girl. I was on top of the world, and felt like I had everything. My life went from Heaven to Hell in a matter of seconds. At 1 month of age, my baby Sidney was intentionally tortured by her biological father, Ty Barnett. When I heard her sudden cries of anguish I ran inside. Ty told me her arm got

stuck in the crib. He had this deer-in-the-headlight look and I knew something was terribly wrong! I was terrified. I immediately picked her up gently. Her little arm hung limply, like Raggedy Ann dolls and she instantly became quiet. I took her to the hospital; Ty refused to go with me. The next day my daughter was taken from my arms at the doctor's office and placed into police protective custody.

Later experts confirmed that my 1 month old baby had a full break to her upper right arm, most likely caused by a powerful twisting motion. Physicians also found two chip fractures in her left knee and wrist. They had scar tissue around them which means they were trying to heal on their own. I was numb and felt like someone had ripped out my heart. My daughter is lucky to be alive!

Ty Barnett served 6 years for this heinous crime. He has no parental rights. Sedgwick County gave him intentional aggravated battery charges because it pulled more time than basic child abuse. But this is not the first time Ty has harmed a child. In 1995 Ty tortured a 3 month old Peyton Blick, in Saline County. She suffered lighter burns to the skin, and intentional broken bones. The Salina district attorneys allowed Ty to plead too early to intentional torture to an infant. Within weeks of his plea, Peyton Blick died due to her injuries. Ty got away murder. In the State of Kansas, to have charged him with murder would have been double jeopardy. He doesn't even have to register as a violent offender.

In the year and a half since he was released, Ty has been sent back to prison twice for parole violations. Once for drug usage and the second time was for theft. We are watching him from a distance, watching his crimes escalate. Department of corrections informed me that while in prison, he journaled that he would be with my daughter in the near future, without me. He gets in trouble on specific dates, for example on my birthday and around Sidney's birthday. He even drives the same car as I do. He is teetering on stalking. While out on work release, he had contact with a minor in the city of Lyons. The city of Lyons denied his parole there.

In my opinion my little girl, Sidney, fits the Sanderholm Stalkin Statue. However, the 3<sup>rd</sup> party contacting us is the KDOC. I'm grateful for the pre-warnings however it feels like the system is safeguarding the offender not punishing him.

August 27, 2010, I received a letter from the Department of Corrections. It stated, "Given this offender's actions and tracking, it would be in your best interest to relocate as soon as possible." I listened, and did move out of state for a short time. Then I got

angry. I thought, "I could run for the rest of my life with my daughter, trying to stay ahead of a psychopath, or I could come back to Kanas, and plead for the laws to be changed, to help protect our children."

Through Kansas Legal Services, my daughter and I have gone through a sealed identity, met with the missing and exploited children's unit & KDOC about a life time safety plan, spoken with KBI, FBI, and many other agencies not listed had Sidney fingerprinted, and I have also saved her teeth. (That way, if she is abducted, tortured, or killed in future, we will have DNA.) It is frightening; we see many red flags. I keep a current PFS order in affect. The problem with this is that I have to update its yearly. So once again, I have to tell our story and be re-victimized. I should not have to go through this every year pleading for a protection order. Right now his parole officer will not allow him to appear on this matter; however, in the near future when he is off monitoring, he can rightfully appear in court. That would mean I would have to face the monster that intentionally hurt my child. Not to mention how dangerous this is. At this point a lifetime Protection order is imperative. This would help law enforcement tremendously to illuminate any confusion.

No one can comprehend the mental anguish and the amount of stress I live with on a daily basis due to what my child & I have been through. Not to mention, the challenges of our system failure. These offenders have more rights than our children do. As a parent, I have taken extreme measures to protect my child. Gone above and beyond what any advocate would advise you to do. Bottom line my child isn't safe, your children & grandchildren aren't safe with an offender like this. Just envision him set free. No ankle bracelet, no monitoring- Perhaps we need to change or create new laws, statutes with no plea-bargaining. Perhaps harsher sentencing or indefinite (Lifetime) GPS monitoring or imprisonment. (Example: Jessica's Law in California.) Not limiting it to only violent sex offenders but any violent offenders who torture and harm our children. The Kansas Department of Corrections website can also be misleading. These heinous offenders should not be able to walk the streets where are children play.

How many more Kansas children will have to fall prey? How many others have gone unaccounted for by this offender alone? I'm not only here for my daughter, Sidney, but for all Kansas children. Also in remembrance of Peyton Blick; which words she cannot speak. I once heard a saying that "Evidence Speaks when victims can't" it gets your attention. Why is it that victims have to die before it truly gets your attention?

I would like this Bill to be called: P.S. Lifetime Protection Order. P- for Peyton Blick (in remembrance that a precious baby died. S- for my daughter Sidney who suffered intentional broken bones at 1 month of age. -Or- the P.S. could be looked at as: P.S. - I love you. Show Kansas children you love them & truly care. I want you to know that when my little girl, Sidney, says her prayers at night she says: "God please fix him." What powerful words coming from an innocent child who was intentionally tortured by her biological father, Ty Barnett.

The safest and yet kindest punishment is for him to live behind bars. However he will be walking our streets soon and he could even choose to live in your neighborhood.

\*At the very least we deserve a lifetime protection order from a psychopath who is a known danger to society and my child is still in his thought pattern.

Please help Kansas Children & Victims!

If anyone has any more ideas on how I can protect my child, Please let me know.

The system failure I have experienced is "incomprehensible" Our current system is "Broken" in my opinion. I am open to any discussions regarding this.

I'm grateful for your time & help. Please help me regain faith in our system.

Sincerely,

Aka Kristen Beaudette

