

being first duly sworn, deposes and states the following:

“To All It May Concern: I make this affidavit in good faith. Indicate that the following is true to the best of my knowledge. I, Diane [REDACTED], submit this testimony of my own free will. I am requesting that my Children; Destinee, Kiana, Paradise and Tristan have contact with their Father, Russell J. Hatton. I don't understand how I can be considered a victim. Russell and I were both minors and not only was our relationship approved by our parents it was encouraged. I can only assume that you are looking for someone to blame or charge, but either way you should be looking at [REDACTED] because she was my guardian and responsible for me, not Russell. In my relationship with Russell I was never forced or taken advantage of in any way. Only after our first child Destinee was born did my parent, [REDACTED] have second thoughts of our relationship because we refused to sign over our parental rights to her and every day after, [REDACTED] tried to keep us apart whether I was aware of it or not, which at that time I wasn't. I do not have contact with my mother today because she has continued to tell our children through-out the years that I am not their mother and that she is. In 1998 we moved (me, my mother and my sister) to Squaw Lake. At this time it became impossible for Russell and I to take care of our child together and our communication was mostly limited through seeing each other only in school. [REDACTED] took advantage of me when I was at the lowest point of my life when her live-in boyfriend [REDACTED], molested, and tried to rape me. I became severely depressed, suicidal, on medications and forced to be a single parent, with my mother hoping I might change my mind about keeping my daughter Destinee. This is where you might play me the victim, because all [REDACTED] had to do then was take me to a couple places, tell a story, have me write what she said word for word and sign. There is no way I was in the right state of mind to do this, but she was so consistent and I felt so pushed. In a way, I blamed Russell for not being there for our child and I blamed him for not being there to protect me when I needed him the most and she used that against me. And I feel that Russell's attorney used our family against him before court in saying; “plead guilty and you can go home to your family today.” Just as I perceive is happening in using

us against him today in saying; "admit that I am a victim and he might be able to speak to his children." Doesn't anyone see how wrong this is? Our first child turned our lives around for the better, that is why we chose the name Destinee and it was so casually put in the evaluation reports that; I "eventually" had three more children with Russell. I perceive you have no idea what has been taken from these children, and I have to assume that you have no idea of how great of a father he was and how much he was and is loved. My girls ask about their father often; "where he is, when he is coming home, why won't he talk to them, and if he's dead?" Our son has never met his father but constantly calls out "Daddy" because of how often his sister's speak of him. So he knows that somewhere he has a daddy that loves him very much and hopes of one day meeting him. As parent's I perceive you might understand how I am at a loss of words because I feel that there isn't anything I could say to make my children understand how horrible some people can be, why they do the things they do, and how their father was wrongfully mixed up in all of this. My children need their father to be a part of their lives. Even if it's only 15 minutes of phone time split between the four of them, because the words , "I love you!" can mean the world."

(Beltrami Court Records, 2008)

Tragically, Diana [REDACTED] passed July 1, 2014 due to undetermined circumstances, leaving this world at the young age of 30.