

Victim-Impact Statement (Father)

(Names and locations withheld to protect victim's privacy)

I submit this statement to express the profound emotional, psychological, and familial impact caused by the abduction and unlawful removal of my minor daughter, from our home.

On **February 18, 2026**, my daughter left our residence, after being picked up by an unknown individual behind her home. She was subsequently transported across state lines to **Kansas City, Missouri**, without my knowledge or consent as her parent. From that moment forward, our family entered a period of extreme fear, uncertainty, and emotional distress.

As a parent, there are few experiences more devastating than not knowing where your child is, who is controlling her movements, whether she is safe, whether she is being coerced, or whether she is in physical or emotional danger. When my daughter did not return home, I immediately contacted law enforcement. However, because the matter was initially treated as a runaway situation, our family faced the added pain of feeling that the seriousness of the circumstances was not fully understood at the outset.

During the time she was missing, we received only limited written communication. She refused to speak with me or with other family members by phone. That silence was deeply traumatic. Each hour that passed increased our fear. Each day without reliable information caused unbearable emotional suffering. Our family was left to imagine the worst possibilities, without any ability to protect or comfort her.

After nearly one week of anguish, we made the matter public in the hope that additional attention would help bring her home safely. When she was finally located on **February 26, 2026**, we learned that she had been staying in a residence with multiple individuals, including the suspect's parents, and that she had remained there for more than one week without the knowledge or permission of her custodial parent. We were also informed that she was forced to leave that residence shortly before law enforcement found her. Learning these facts intensified the trauma our family had already endured.

The emotional impact of this incident on me and on our family has been severe. We have experienced fear, helplessness, loss of sleep, emotional exhaustion, and lasting anxiety. A parent's most basic duty is to protect his child. To have that protection taken away through deception, removal, and isolation has caused deep and continuing pain. This was not simply a period of absence. It was a traumatic violation of our family's sense of safety, trust, and stability.

This incident has also affected my daughter's well-being and our family's ability to return to normal life. The trauma of being taken from home, separated from family, transported across state lines, and kept among strangers is not something that ends when the child is found. The emotional consequences continue well beyond recovery. Our family now faces the difficult process of healing from an experience that has left lasting scars.

I respectfully ask that the full seriousness of this matter be recognized. The abduction and unlawful harboring of a minor child causes deep and enduring harm not only to the child, but to the entire family. I ask that this impact be taken into account in any investigation, charging decision, or court proceeding related to this case.