

March 9, 2024

AFFIDAVIT OF MARIE BILLS

I, Marie Bills, hereby swear, under penalty of perjury, that the following is true and correct:

1. My name is Marie Bills. I am twenty-three years old.
2. My dad, Clayton Bills, has been in the St. Clair County Jail since October 2023. Because the jail does not allow visits, I have not seen my dad in over four months.
3. I am very close with my little sister, M.M. M.M. struggles with virtual communication. She is hands on and active, and is way more comfortable talking to people in person than any other way. She does not like talking on the phone. She sometimes emails my dad, but I know she would be more expressive and honest if she got to sit with him in person.
4. My dad calls us when he can, and thankfully my grandma gives us money for phone calls because they're really expensive. I have a job at a restaurant but I definitely cannot afford jail calls or videos. I can just barely cover my own rent and food.
5. The phone calls never feel like enough, and we get upset and sad when we miss his call because we can't call him back. The sinking feeling when I see a missed call from him gives me anxiety, and I always wish we had more than virtual communication. We only do phone calls; we can't do the video calls because they're too expensive and just not even close to being the same as seeing each other in person. Things would feel better if we got to see him and reassure each other through our presence together.
6. It's hard to talk to my dad on the phone as normally as we would in person because I know the calls are recorded. I feel creeped out knowing someone can listen to or see all of our conversations. Sometimes I want to talk to my dad about things just between us.
7. I was really surprised when I found out we can't visit Dad in jail. When I was young, and my dad was in prison, my grandma would drive my sister and me two hours to visit my dad in person. It was so meaningful and important to me that I got to see him, and it really helped strengthen our relationship. I hate that M.M. is missing that right now and doesn't get to be with him in person.
8. If the jail allowed visits, we would visit my dad every week.
9. I know this separation is happening to a lot of other children and parents. I've talked to my lawyers about what it means to be involved in a class action. I want to be part of the case so that I can help other people like me be able to see their parents and help parents like my dad be able to see their children.



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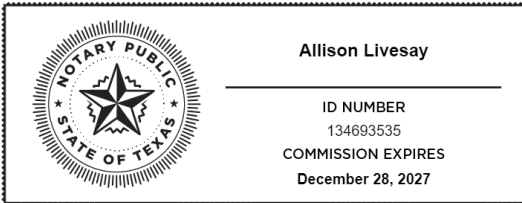
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On 03/09/2024, before me, Allison Livesay,
Date Notary Name

the foregoing instrument was subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) before me by:

Marie Alene Bills
Name of Affiant(s)

- Personally known to me -- OR --
Proved to me on the basis of the oath of Name of Credible Witness -- OR --
Proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence: driver_license
Type of ID Presented



Electronically signed and notarized online using the Proof platform.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Notary Public Signature: Allison Livesay

Notary Name: Allison Livesay

Notary Commission Number: 134693535

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