

Taking down the whistleblowers—Break her heart, break her will
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Joseph Carley probably never had a chance. The only and much desired child of medical whistleblower extraordinaire, Dr. Rebecca Carley, he became a pawn in a game to destroy his mother's career and her efforts to expose the dangers of vaccinations and other government programs.

Rebecca Carley wanted a family. She was forty-two years old, on her second marriage and her "biological clock" was definitely ticking. She had come from a lower middle class family and had made it up the educational rungs to graduate from medical school on her own accomplishments, not family reputation or money. After graduating from the SUNY Downstate, she began to research fetal echocardiography, which resulted in the publication of a groundbreaking article in the Journal of Clinical Ultrasound, June 1981 (Vol. 9, p 223-229). At that point, her entrance into the exclusive ranks of medical students became a slam-dunk. She graduated with honors from SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn in 1987.

Early on in her career as a surgeon, she became aware that things weren't quite right with the "white coats." She began to separate herself from the flock, and started a public access show in New York in 1997, entitled "What's Ailing America?" She covered such topics as vaccine induced diseases, police corruption and corruption in the courts.

But she wanted a family, and ended up investing tens of thousands of dollars in fertility treatments. When Joey was born in 1996, she was overjoyed.

Her marriage, however, was in trouble. She soon separated from her husband, Michael Carley, who had become physically abusive to her. It should be noted that Rebecca Carley states that Michael started the physical abuse when Joey was only six months old, stating "he did not want me to do these shows." It was on Father's Day, of 1999 when her son was raped and sodomized, apparently by his own father.

As usual, Rebecca picked up Joey from his father that day. Her son, then aged three, began to complain that his father had "punched me" in the butt, and had "stuck a magic marker up" his butt. Alarmed, Rebecca turned on the video camera.

The footage shows Joey Carley, obviously traumatized and terrified, telling his mother that he was assaulted by his father. Rebecca took her son to the emergency room, only to find the doctor on call indifferent and incompetent. The rape kit was thrown into the garbage and never evaluated. Concerned that the doctor was not adequately documenting the assault, Rebecca took one photograph of her son's rear, showing contusions around the area. It was this act of documenting the abuse that was used to sever Rebecca from her son.

Rebecca Carley had already encountered "misbehavior" by the justice system when she had attempted to get the police to protect her from her violent spouse. The first time she

called the police, they showed up and asked her “what she did to upset” her abusive husband, shifting the onus of responsibility on to the victim. In June of 1998, according to Rebecca, the police finally arrested him when he beat her up in front of her young son; in that instance, she had visible bruising. The District Attorney, Dennis Dillon (more on him later) dropped all charges against Michael Carley. He also was later to drop all charges against Michael Carley for allegedly raping his own son, even though Michael failed the polygraph.

Child Protective Services paid a visit to Rebecca and her son the morning after the hospital visit, along with Sex Crimes Detective Meehan. Later that day Rebecca took Joey to his private pediatrician, Dr. Monica Melamedoff, who also documented Joey’s anal abrasions, as well as a red throat and a rectal irritation. Joey also told Dr. Melamedoff that “Daddy stuck a magic marker” in his buttock.

CPS Agent Wilkins informed Dr. Carley on Wednesday, June 23, 1999 that there would be a hearing in Family Court at two p.m. to address Michael Carley’s actions. She showed up without an attorney, and was informed that the neglect hearing was about her, not Mr. Carley. Judge Lawrence determined that her actions of taking the photograph was “bizarre” and further deemed that since the visitation was “supervised” (and it was not supervised), no sexual abuse could have occurred. Mention was made of Dr. Carley’s views against vaccinations.

Rebecca Carley was subsequently charged with child abuse and child neglect for the act of taking one photograph of her child’s buttocks. Nassau County Judge Richard Lawrence ignored the fact that, as a mandated reporter for child abuse, Dr. Carley was operating within the law by taking one photograph to support her claims of abuse, and proceeded to find her guilty as charged.

As it turned out, this one photograph was the only one in focus of Joey’s wounds. All the photographs taken by Dr. Sofola at Nassau County Medical Center were out of focus and thus not admissible as evidence, and neither was, of course, the discarded rape kit.

Dr. Carley was able to achieve a protective order against Michael Carley, granted by the Judge. However, her own attorney, Mr. Cammarata, then went against Dr. Carley’s wishes and in Lawrence’s court on July 29, 1999, agreed to start visitation with the father while the order of protection was in effect. After Mr. Cammarata acted against Joey’s best interests, he then informed the court that he would not be able to represent Dr. Carley any further, on the bizarre grounds that he used the same pediatrician as his client.

Judge Lawrence was later to incarcerate Dr. Carley for criminal contempt for her telling the judge not to yell at her. Judge Lawrence also refused to allow Joey to be evaluated by a sex abuse validator and refused to refer the case to the DA for prosecution, even after the foster mother filed an affidavit with the court revealing that Joey had also told her that his father had raped him.

The foster mother, Ruth Porcaro, provided the court a clear and concise statement of what Joey Carley told her had happened to him at the hands of Michael Carley, as well her own observations: "When Joseph first came to my home he was traumatized," she wrote in a statement to Family Court of Nassau County on September 1, 1999. She reported Joey as saying to her, "My Daddy hurt my butt," and "My daddy punched my butt," and other, more graphically disturbing statements.

Rebecca Carley's divorce from Michael Carley was granted on the basis that he abused her. Nevertheless, on October 4, 2000, Judge Lawrence placed Joey Carley into the custody of Michael Carley, whom Joey Carley claims sexually assaulted him. Judge Richard Lawrence put the abused child into the hands of the abuser, and continued to sit on the bench and to decide the fate of other families at risk.

But Rebecca Carley is a fighter, and she wasn't going to give up that easy. She took the case to appeals, where she (and Joey) again lost.

Sharon Commissiong, Deputy Majority Counsel of Nassau County Legislature, wrote a letter to Elliot Spitzer, who was State Attorney General at that time, declaring that this case needed his investigation. In an act consonant with his moral turpitude, Spitzer turned around and moved to dismiss Rebecca Carley's federal civil rights lawsuit against Judge Lawrence.

During a supervised visit with Joey in October of 2003, he began to cry and beg her to help him. Immediately, her visits with Joey were pulled by Nassau Supervised Visitation. Shortly thereafter, she was accused of telling her son to have sexual contact with Michael Carley.

She took her story to the airwaves, and in late summer of 1999, she went onto her public access television show and disclosed what had happened to her and her son. District Attorney Denis Dillon (who previously cut Michael Carley loose from abuse charges) then forwarded a copy of her show to the New York Medical Board, who initiated proceedings against Dr. Carley to have her medical license revoked. The charges? That she had a "delusion of conspiracy."

We have seen, in the cases of Eric Shine, Susan Lindauer and other whistleblowers exactly the same forces at work. If a person should fall victim to collusion by state agencies and is robbed of his/her rights and should have then have the courage to protest against this, that person is often charged with being "paranoid" or having a "conspiracy mindset."

Curiously, at the very time that Rebecca Carley was fighting for her son's safety, a law was introduced into the New York State Assembly addressing a similar issue. Law 542 made it mandatory for the Board for Professional Medical Conduct to notify law enforcement of alleged criminal offenses, should the Board receive complaints of a criminal nature. This law was introduced due to reports, received by the Board in 1999, that a prominent pediatric neurologist, Dr. Phillip Riback, was allegedly sexually abusing

children. The Board did not disclose this to the police, and it was not until 2002, when a parent of one of the allegedly abused children brought the matter directly to the police, that the doctor was arrested and charged. Riback was sentenced to 48 years in prison, on twenty-eight counts of sexually abusing boys. The new law substantially expanded the understanding that medical practitioners, including the Board for Professional Medical Conduct, have an ethical and legal necessity to report crimes of sexual abuse. This fact also provides troubling questions as to how Dr. Carley could have been charged with abuse for her act of documenting the abuse of her own son.

Richard Lawrence, who lost his seat on the bench in a recent election, is now practicing law in Merrick, New York. In an interview on June 17, 2008, he declined to explain any of his actions to this reporter, stating he was disallowed by the “canon of ethics” to comment on his decision.

It has been five years since Dr. Rebecca Carley has seen her son. Her radio shows are now aired on BBS radio, which is internet, and on Republic Broadcast Network, which is both internet and also aired on thirty terrestrial stations. She has become a potent voice in the outcry against forced vaccinations, and through her diligent research, she has been able to reverse many autoimmune diseases caused by vaccines.

This past Mother’s Day found Rebecca Carley in the company of friends. It was a day of sorrow for her, not rejoicing. Her voice, which is the voice of wisdom and protest, has become very strong. However, she knows that her own son has fallen prey to the very forces that she speaks so powerfully against. And while she attempts to inform and protect all of us from the dangers of the shadow government, she has paid the highest price for her courage.

You can check out Dr. Carley’s story and more at her website: Drcarley.com