

## Statement of victim's brother at 9

Steph really hurt me and this is how.

I hate that you starved my sister but the thing I really hate is that you made me hit (her) with a hard metal spatula. Do you know how much that hurt her and me? So bad. I can never think of a time that you were nice to (her). My life is so much better without you.

You have caused lots of problems like me having to sleep with my light on because I am scared you are gonna climb in my window while I'm sleeping. A real mom would not tell their child to lie but that's all you ever taught me. Now sometimes I get in trouble for lying.

My real mom tells me to always tell the truth but you made me lie every time the ladies came to check on (my sister).

This makes me feel so sad and guilty and it is all your fault. I cry a lot because of what you made me do to (my sister). I never wanted to hit her. It hurts me inside but my sister says she forgives me.

I hated when you hurt me and my sisters, and I wish I never had to watch (her) go through all that. I have been learning how to protect my sister but you made it hard for me to do that when you drove by my new house.

I watched you bully (my sister) and now all of my therapists had to teach me how not to be a bully. I never want to be like you. I know I am a good person inside and outside.

Me and my sisters did not deserve anything that you did to us. I think you should go to jail for a very long time.