

Statement of victim's mother

This entire situation has impacted my life immensely.

After you completely cut me out of my children's lives with lies and manipulation, I went into a severe depression.

You had full control over the best part of me — my children — and you used it to your full advantage. Without them, life didn't feel worth living. I turned to hard drugs, attempting to numb the pain because of the emptiness my heart had without my children, not caring if it took me out of this world because, to me, my world meant nothing without them.

Even after proving I was stable enough to be in their lives, you convinced the court over and over again that nothing I did was enough to be allowed to be a part of my children's lives.

After countless nights of crying myself to sleep, I convinced myself that at least they were with family who loved and cared about them just so I could make it through each day. But that was so wrong!

You were the adult in charge of them, the adult put in place to protect them. But, instead, you decided to physically and mentally abuse them over and over and over again. It makes me sick to my stomach when I sit in their therapy sessions and have to listen to the disgusting and hurtful things you did to them.

There are people in this world who wouldn't even treat animals the way you treated these children.

I'll never understand why it was mainly directed towards one. As of now, through countless years of intense therapy, all three kids don't understand why either. But it's something we are going to have to let go.

I just want to end this by saying I do feel sorry for you. I feel sorry that the hatred you had in your heart never allowed you to experience (my daughter's) love. Her love has made me the person I am today, and maybe if you allowed yourself to know the real her, you wouldn't be where you're at now.

None of these babies deserves what you did: The psychological or emotional abuse, the lies or manipulation, or keeping them from a family who wanted and needed them. For that I pray that your consequence matches your actions.

I don't understand how the justice system works, but to me the agreed sentence is not sufficient.

Steph will be out of jail in a short period of time while (my older daughter) will live every day of her life with the disabilities brought on by the abuse.

The one adult in charge of protecting her failed her miserably. I am begging the court to give her the max sentence. My children deserve some peace and closure.