

MOTHER WANTS JUSTICE FOR WRONG DONE TO SON BY MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOL

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The parent of a Sheldon Clark HS student says the school stepped on her son's Constitutional rights, and no one seems to want to help her do anything about it. Brenda Meade contacted TMW about this story. I told her to write all the details down, and send me documents of meetings, and any other paperwork associated with this matter. The following is the story Mrs. Meade sent to The Mountain Wolf. Mrs. Meade is currently seeking legal counsel for this matter.

**BECAUSE THIS COULD BECOME A LEGAL MATTER ALL NAMES HAVE BEEN
REMOVED FROM THIS STORY**

NOTE: The only editing done to the story below was the removal of names.

KEY – SC OFF = SCHOOL OFFICER
SC T = SCHOOL TEACHER
DR = DOCTOR

On March 10, 2010 my son wrote a poem for school and showed it to (School Off. #1). The person called me and said that I needed to come to school that my son was in trouble. When I got to SCHS SC OFF #1 told me that my son had written a poem and that he had threaten two girls and I needed to have him evaluated or he would not be allowed to come back to school. Before I got to school SC OFF #1 had already question him without my presence and went though the text messages on his cell phone. SC OFF #1 personally gave me back his phone. The same day SC OFF #1 gave me a copy of the poem and I took him to Mountain Comp in Inez for an Evaluation. DR #1 was the therapist that done his evaluation. She talked to him well over an hour and told me that he did not make any threats. She said most of his poem consisted of song lyrics and that type of poetry was popular and that he was very artistic. DR #1 told me that she was not allowed to put it into writing that he was not a threat incase something did happen because they would be liable. However, she told me that she would go to SCHS the next day and talk to SC OFF #1. She recommended that he do school based therapy to work on some anger issues because he had been in two fights in a week. SC OFF #1 had given me his cell number so I could call him. I called him and told him that DR #1 said he could return to school. He told me that he did not care if the paper was signed or not he was not coming back to school for 10 days. On March 11, 2010 DR #1, the therapist from Mountain Comp called and told me she spoke to SC OFF #2. He said that SC OFF #1 would not accept her evaluation and that he needed to be evaluated at Creekside. The therapist told me that SC OFF #2 said that he did not even want to go this route with him and he was more concerned with him being in 2 fights. I took him Creekside on Friday March 12, 2010. I waited for two hours and was told I would have to come back they couldn't do the evaluation because SC OFF #1 was not at school. I took him back on March 16, 2011 and he was evaluated by DR #2. She talked to him for 30 mins. She said that he could go back to school.

I took him back to school and SC OFF #1 told me that it was found that he was a moderate risk and he could not return to school unless he went into the Behavioral Disorder Unit. A meeting was held at SCHS on March 22, 2010. SC OFF #1 wanted my son to be put into the B.D. unit and I disagreed and told SC OFF #1 that I wanted another evaluation. SC OFF #1 said he would do another evaluation and whatever this evaluation said is what we would go with, and I agreed. I also signed papers for my son to be on homebound until after the evaluation. SC OFF #1 picked out DR #3, who is a child psychologist to do the 3rd evaluation and he was the one who called to set up the appointment.

I took him to DR #3 office on April 7, 2010. He told me that he would have two one hour sessions with my son before he could write an evaluation, that it's not something that can be determined in a few minutes. I took him back on April 15. DR #3 read the poem and determined that my son was not a threat to himself or others and did not threaten anyone. He also recommended my son be put on homebound because he refused to go back to school. SC OFF #1 had called the two girls' parents and told them that my son had threatened their daughters before my son was evaluated. My son got a message on MySpace from one of the girl's cousin cussing him out. He asked her what was going on and she told him that he had threatened her cousin and that SC OFF #1 had called her parents. He had also received other messages from students saying they were going to kick his a.. and calling him psycho. The threats got so bad that he had to close out his MySpace account.

During July of 2010 we had a meeting at SCHS that DR #3 requested. (I do not have documentation of this meeting, no one was there to do it.) I requested that SC T #1, Miss. SC T #2, and Mr. SC T #3 be in attendance, they were some of his teachers. In the meeting none of the teachers showed. DR #3 told SC OFF #1 that my son did not threaten anyone and that he could be in regular classes. SC OFF #1 said that he disagreed. SC OFF #1 still wanted my son in the B.D. unit. I agreed to have my son in the B.D. unit for 3 classes for 9 weeks, so he could get used to being back in school. During the meeting SC OFF #1 told DR #3 in the first fight that my son was in that he went across the room and Karaoke chopped another boy in the arm and almost broke it. After the meeting I ran into SC T #1 (who was suppose to been at the meeting.) He told me that SC OFF #1 told him he could go before the meeting started. I asked SC T #1 what happened the day that my son got into the first fight (it happened in his room.) SC T #1 told me that my son went across the room and punch the other boy in the face. I asked him did my son hit him in the arm, he told me no, just in the face. He also told me that the other boy deserved it that he'd been picking on my son all year.

On August 18, 2010 we held another meeting at SCHS because when my son received his school schedule SC OFF #1 had him placed in the B.D. unit, and DR #3 said he needed to be in regular classes. I asked SC OFF #1 to call the girls' parents that he called and tell them that my son did not threaten their daughters and he refused. DR #3 again told SC OFF #1 that my son did not make a threat in the poem. SC OFF #1 said he disagreed with DR #3. SC OFF #1 refused to take my son out of the B.D. unit. He had to stay in the B.D. unit and was only allowed out for a couple of classes.

This was the last meeting that I had at SCHS. My son ended up having to stay in the B.D. unit all day except for JROTC because he was being harassed by other students. SC OFF #1 slandered my son's name. He told parents that my son threatened their daughters when he didn't. He refused to call these parents back and tell them that my son did not threaten their daughters. SC OFF #1 went against DR #3 instructions and put my son in the B.D. unit when he should have

been in regular classes. My son lost a year and half of education because of SC OFF #1. My son was supposed to have a Aid helping him and the homebound teacher, myself, and my daughter had to do my son's work so he would get credit. Then he spent his junior year in the B.D. unit where he wrote a few definitions and then went to the gym. My son has had students come up to him and threaten him. My son called me and told me that 2 boys threatened him his junior year. I called SC OFF #1 and told him about the situation, and he hung up on me.

Even now SC OFF #1 is harassing my son. Tuesday January 10, 2012 SC OFF #3 told my son that SC OFF #1 said he could not walk to the Community Center until 4, after all the buses left. My son told him it was no problem. On Tuesday January 17, 2012 at 4 my son was walking to the community center and SC OFF #1 came up to him, jerked his ear buds out of his ears, and started yelling at him. SC OFF #1 told him he could not go to the community center and he would let him go this one time because he missed the bus but would not be allowed to leave anymore. In regards to this situation I went to SCHS on Monday January 23 and told SC OFF #1 that my son was 19 and allowed to go to the Community Center anytime he wanted. SC OFF #1 told me that no he couldn't and my son would do what he said. I told him when the bell rings my son could go wherever he wanted. SC OFF #1 told me he could not leave until 4 and I told him that was fine with me. Later the same day I stopped by school again to check on my son. SC OFF #1 apologized, he said he did raise his voice at my son but he said he didn't pull his ear buds out, he just removed them. SC OFF #1 told me that sometimes he does the wrong thing I told him yes, just like you telling parents that my son made threats at their daughters before he had the evaluations and wouldn't call them back and tell them that my son did not make a threat. He told me if he had to, he'd do it all over again.

I've tried everything to get my son's name cleared. When I got the Creek Side evaluation I went to the Board of Education to talk to SC OFF #3 about putting my son on home school. I let him read the Creek Side Evaluation. He laughed and said that Charles Manson could show up with a knife and not get a moderate threat. He also made the comment that there are kids that bring guns and knives to school and they don't get moderate threats. It makes me wonder what SC OFF #1 told the woman at Creek Side. After my son was placed into the B.D. unit I saw SC OFF #2 at school. I told him how SC OFF #1 went against DR #3 and placed my son in the B.D. unit and wouldn't let him attend regular classes. SC OFF #3 made the comment, "My son will like the B.D. unit" and walked off.

I called the State Board and they told me unless I have a lawyer that I cannot do a thing. I called a lawyer in Prestonsburg who recommended Attorney from Lexington. I talked to Lexington Attorney and told him my situation. He said he would call me and if I didn't hear from him to call him. I tried calling 3-4 times and he wouldn't return my calls. I talked to One of Newspapers who scheduled an interview and then backed out at the last minute.