

March 24, 2014 Predatory System

For years now, we have been asking for Justice. For years we have been pointing out crimes. For years we have been demanding investigations into profound child abuse, neglect, torture, rape and murder. For years the system has been protecting the predators, threatening, harassing, slandering and libeling as well as retaliating against those who have been speaking up: Both the victims and those filing Urgent Statements of Crises and Mandated Reporters.

Throughout it all, children have been enduring unspeakable crimes of rape, torture, abuse, trafficking and being murdered while those in charge at every level of government, from Tribal Social Services to Department Heads in Washington, DC, have been dismissing the cries for investigations.

Tim Purdon outright stated that he had investigated all mandated reports and found them to be false, but would never say which cases he found false. He said he had the utmost confidence in the BIA and their Strike Team as they were professionals like himself, and they had already investigated all these cases...

Then comes the [Grand Forks Herald](#) and the [In Forum](#) with a stunning report on one family, and the horrendous abuse and torture heaped onto the children in their custody, with special torture reserved for the four-year old boy, and the community is outraged.

These children were given to their torturer, Jaqueline Brown Peltier, by Tribal Social Services back in 2011, just after they fired Betty Jo Krenz, who had removed them from a previous relative's care because of forensic reports detailing felony abuse, and had placed them in a secure care placement designed to help children with their level of trauma.

It was Kevin Dauphinais and Kris Wishinsky who decided, after Kris mucked up the paperwork and the tribe could not be reimbursed for the financial side, to retrieve those babies from that safe and secure placement and hand them over to a woman who was known to be extremely abusive to children, Jackie Brown-Peltier. It was 'cheaper' that way.

As soon as they got rid of Betty Jo Krenz, they begin pulling children out of safe homes across the board and stuffing these kids into horrifically abusive homes, to get them off the books. The horror stories are waiting to be told. They will never be investigated unless, like this case, the family moves off the rez.

Betty Jo detailed this and the other cases immediately to the State and to the Feds in hopes that something could be done to stop it or rectify it. For that she has been ridiculed by the very agency heads that should have been working with her to prevent these crimes and the subsequent murders/tortures of these and the other children listed in those Mandated Reports the government is so fond of dismissing.

Let's Blame Betty Jo!

Gotta love Facebook. No sooner does the Grand Forks Herald story break than some bimbo decides it's all Betty Jo's fault. Meada Jetty, not a brain in her head, responded to another woman who was saying how horrific this was:

"Ya Betty Jo ur heart should break ur the stupid bitch that placed these kids with her if u would have left them with their grandma she would still be alive and this would not have happen" She's neither a thinker nor a speller, but wow, that mouth is all over FB with the libel!

Again, I reiterate: Betty Jo removed the children from a felony abusive situation, based on a forensic report, and placed them in a safe, secure home. The children were yanked from that home, as were other children from other safe homes, AFTER Kevin Brownshield Dauphinais and Kris Wishinsky fired Betty Jo. *They were then placed with the monsters that tortured them and abused them just as bad or worse than the home Betty Jo had removed them from in the first place.*

But you see how the plan works? If you make reports, or try to protect the children you are fired, and you are smeared, libeled and slandered and when the crimes against these children become apparent, despite the facts to the contrary, you are blamed for them as well!

(Now, tell me again Melissa Merrick-Brady how it is you can't find good, qualified social workers to come and work on the rez? Bad publicity? Or the truth about the corruption coming out and the good, decent and qualified are forewarned and steer clear?)

The care of the children was not important. Getting the money was. Making a dangerous placement was the 'cheapest' route, and Kevin was ripping off the Tribal Social Services accounts pretty fast so all the money he could take away from the care of the children, he could pocket himself.

That little four-year old boy you read about in that article, was just an infant then. He has only known violence and abuse his entire life. Think about that. What do you think he will grow into? An addict? A violent felon? A sexual abuser himself? Perhaps he will suicide by the time he's in high school? Or maybe before? Perhaps, like Baby Laurynn, who was also placed in the home of a dangerous adult, he would have been murdered before anyone got the story of his abuse?

None of this was unknown to Tribal Social Services. These abuses and worse have been ongoing unabated for years on the rez, and law enforcement at every level refuses to look or even investigate.

The only reason this horrific case saw the light of day is because that abusive family moved off the rez and into Grand Forks. I guarantee you, what is going on now, on

the rez, is as bad or worse, and Tim Purdon has staked his professional reputation on the quality of work done by the BIA throughout this whole ordeal.

What Can \$4 Million Taxpayer Dollars Buy These Days?

Senator Heidi Heitkamp (D ND) has heard the concerns about the children and the violence and the abuse and she formed a 'committee' to study the problem. She did not insist on an investigation into the ongoing claims of rape and abuse, she obtained \$4Million Taxpayer cash to set up her 'committee'.

So far, she's had Purdon 'testify' that nothing has changed but that he will look into issues... laughable at best, but now, she's really taking a bow on a great accomplishment of her work in this area. [She's come up with a big solution:](#) Better fund the languages and culture classes so that people on the rez can learn their language and culture....

Nowhere does she ask for investigations into crimes against children, rapes, or violence. Nowhere.

Yes, rapes are not being investigated, children are being brutalized, violently tortured and killed, let's talk about funding languages (which they already have) and culture projects (which they already have), and ... applause.

If anyone thinks for a minute that Heitkamp or Purdon, or the BIA or any of the other agencies that have been repeatedly notified of these issues and crimes against children takes them seriously, you'd have to provide me with proof. All I have seen is dog an pony shows, and a complete mockery of all that is decent or courageous in people who are, every day, every single day, struggling to get law enforcement to do their jobs.

It's not complicated and it has nothing to do with sovereignty. The protocols for handling these felony abuses are clearly laid out by the Federal Government and have been for years.

Culture of Corruption

The entire system, ACF, BIA, HHS, IHS, FBI... all of them have been led by the inept and the corrupt for so many decades that only the corrupt and the inept can climb the ladders or be appointed to leadership positions, leaving those who can do the work, subject to restrictions applied politically, by the corrupt and the inept.

This family in Grand Forks was also listed in those 13 Mandated Reports filed by Thomas Sullivan. Purdon blithely dismissed the concerns over this family, and over the family that murdered baby Laurynn, as 'taken care of' or 'false'. Hard to tell which because he would never say which cases he deemed were false and which were investigated or what those findings were.

This isn't just happening on the rez... it was perfected in Indian Country, this callous disregard for the safety of Indian Children, children who were raped, tortured, murdered or worse, but who never were counted among the statistics of death by disregard... it was perfected there, and is being carried out wholesale throughout Social Services all over the country.

Top echelon management and administrators, politically appointed as 'Party Favors' generally for successful political fundraising, affiliating with politically powerful foundations and organizations who masquerade as charities or child welfare outfits, but which are nothing more than political machines, using tax deductible status to hide billions of dollars transacted, these people take these jobs and fail, but never miss a paycheck.

They fail out of one agency, such as George Sheldon did when in 2010 he was tapped by Marrienne McMullen to be her Under Secretary, despite his having put policies in place when head of the DCF in Florida, that led to the highest mortality rate for children in the system, in the entire nation. In fact, the dead babies in Florida stacked up to more than the sum total of dead children in all the other states combined!

He also created a system whereby records could not be kept, histories were deleted, and files were closed after each contact, with no follow up, and everyone act shocked if a child was raped, murdered, stuffed into a barrel and had caustic solution poured on her until she died. "Slipped through the cracks".

He also ignored reports, as did all the Law Enforcement and heads of all the agencies in Florida, the blatant danger to children from the Pill Mills that were operating as open air drug marts. The agencies said they didn't have to investigate those pill mills, were under no obligation to investigate those pill mills because they were a 'cash only' business and were not using government checks or payments to buy those drugs.

That, my friends, is the clear definition of a drug dealer: "Cash Only". The cops would bust them, but they would be open again within hours... because those in government who should have been sounding the alarms, were silencing them.

Children who were killed as the result of their parent or caretaker's addictions, violence, neglect or carelessness in leaving pills out where hungry children can grab them to eat them... those children 'were not counted'.

That kept the statistics low. Yet, even with that, more than half the deaths of children in government care in the entire USA, were in Florida.

What did Sheldon get for that? Promoted to the national level.

Now that it is coming out about George Sheldon's and others' neglect to address the crimes and crisis, Sheldon is on the record recently stating: *"I was never fully aware*

of the depth of it." (Read the entire article here: [Miami Herald](#)) The research, the charts, the numbers will stun you. The team that compiled the investigative series is top notch. I will list additional links at the bottom of this posting. It's the most in-depth articles on the failures to date that I have seen. They are talking about Florida, but the problem is national and many of the players you see showing up in Florida crises are the same as the ones in North Dakota, Spirit Lake Nation issues and crimes that I have been blogging about.

Having seen how hard Mr. Sheldon worked to stifle reporting from Thomas Sullivan, I am sure he practiced the same restrictions on those working for him in DCF at the time. So, by ignoring and ridiculing reports and those who make them; and by preventing further reports from being issued, one *COULD* say they were never fully aware of the depth of any problem, could they not?

It's a Numbers Game

George Sheldon, in his campaign literature claims that "*Everywhere he goes, he makes things better!*" And then he touts that during 2009 he reduced the number of children in Foster care from 81 – 21. Wow! Yes, 69 of those missing 60 were horrifically murdered, so that does essentially 'cut that number way down'.

One of the 'talents' politicians look for in themselves is the ability to turn a negative into a positive. So, if you don't know that the majority of that reduction was due to children being murdered, you could possibly think of it as 'making things better wherever he goes'.

A Reminder: George Sheldon bailed out of ACF to cover his tracks in Florida when the person who replaced him in Florida abruptly jumped ship. The interim head of the DCF, a woman named Jacobo, actually said that :

"The trauma of removal, many times, is more traumatic than the abuse," Jacobo said. "So if you are able to not traumatize the children and keep them safe, obviously this is the best way to go."

(Read entire article Here: [Miami Herald](#))

Yes, taking a child away from their rapist is heart rending, isn't it?

Any excuse to not provide care, safety or rescue for children is acceptable. It 'saves money' for that department to better spend on other things: Junkets, bonuses, political activity in the form of grants and donations to politically connected organizations/foundations masquerading as 'Charities' and 501(c)3's and allows the government higher up to grant even more and greater 'Tax Breaks' for the billionaires who already offshore their money and pay no taxes. It's a numbers game.

Of course, it costs more shortly down the line as we deal with the Human Wreckage that survives the abuse and becomes addicted, abusers themselves, violent, suicides, or other law enforcement issues that fill up our prisons making the USA Number ONE in incarceration of its citizens, out of the entire World. We pay for that. There should be a trophy in there somewhere.

You and I, we lock our doors, cars, even in the daytime. So much crime out there. Gee, I wonder where it comes from? *scratches head*

You know where to find me.

~Cat

Links to articles:

[ND Grand Forks](#) The horrific abuse of Children from Spirit Lake Nation Reserve uncovered only when the abuse continued, off rez, in Grand Forks.

[Florida : Miami Herald Series "Innocents Lost" Series](#)

[Children](#)" (This is where that outrageous quote from Jacobo is taken from.)

["Preserving Families But losing Children"](#) (This is where that outrageous quote from Jacobo is taken from.)

Op Ed: [Who Speaks For the Voiceless?](#) Leonard Pitts Jr., Herald Sun

Radio show ([7 min podcast](#)) OPB.Org One of the team of reporters of the Innocents Lost Series discusses how and why the series was important to do.

[Senator Heidi Heitkamp and her Indian Intern](#) "Indian Country Today" Media. She does an article that is head-spinning as she literally jumps from discussing how important it is to resolve the issue of violence and child abuse on the rez to "The importance of Language and cultural teachings" to resolve this. Yes, you've been raped, now, take a language class? Read for yourself.