

February 19, 2015

Statement From Cheri Dubuque

My name is Cheri Dubuque, I am the partner of Mr. Robert Gibbs, and we have a child together. Her name is Forest Haven Gibbs. I was present in the vehicle and a witness to the event in which Robert is being charged with a criminal offense. When driving through the mountains there are many up and down grades. Most smaller cars have transmissions that cannot handle the up grades. Robert was one of many drivers in a line of vehicles dangerously clustered and held up by two small cars and a person dangerously driving a truck with a full load of unsecured boxes. The drivers who were going 40 mph in a 55 mph zone refused to yield to the line of traffic behind them. This went on for many miles and a time frame of about fifteen minutes. It was brought to my attention that CHP Officer Heuer claims to have witnessed Robert driving into Officer Heuer's lane before he pulled him over in response to the angered motorists phone calls. This is fabricated information. This never occurred. I believe he said that to bolster his case.

Another important thing to be addressed in this case is the complex relationship Robert and I had with Mr. Crofoot. I have a history of depression, anxiety, and PTSD. In my last months of pregnancy and in the first year of my child's birth, I did not get anywhere near an adequate amount of sleep. These factors led to me being overly emotional and I did not have very good coping or relationship skills. Mr Crofoot saw me crying often. I was not able to communicate that I was having emotional problems and that Robert did not know how to be appropriately supportive. This led to tension between Mr. Crofoot and Robert, along with Robert wanting his family to be free from parole. Robert and I asked for help from Parole concerning relationship skills and our need for therapy and they did not offer those services nor know where to refer us. Robert also filed written complaints on Mr. Crofoot for being unnecessarily antagonistic to our family, of which none were looked into or taken seriously.

On the last court date, January 6th, 2015, the Judge took Mr. Robert Gibbs' license. He did this without considering how far Robert and his family live from town. He did not consider that Robert is head of household and provider for his family. Our child and I depend on Robert to transport us for groceries, medical needs, etc. Our only vehicle is a stick shift truck that is lifted for larger tires to cross the terrain we need to get home. This vehicle is difficult and terrifying

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for me to drive considering I have never driven a stick shift, I have terrible anxiety while driving, and we live in the mountains outside of town. The Judges decision to take Robert's liscense has forced me to drive this truck which has absolutely created a hardship and endangered our family.

Forest Haven Gibbs is an innocent child that loves her father and smiles and laughs with him daily. She deserves and needs her father to continue taking her for walks, reading books to her, taking her to feed the ducks, and teaching her all the things a father teaches in early childhood. Robert loves his child and would never harm her. He is not the criminal monster that the paperwork makes him appear to be. If California truly believes in the first five, then a man who loves his child and takes good care of her would not be taken away from her over acts that are exaggerated and misjudged.

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