

FREEDOM OF CHOICE IS A PROTECTED CANADIAN RIGHT ... OR IS IT?



David and Collet Stephan have been in the centre of a lengthy legal battle since the death of their son, Ezekiel, in 2012. They were found guilty of failing to provide necessities of life.

NHPPA's Role in the Stephan's Case

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The NHPPA in partnership with the Rocky Mountain Civil Liberties Association applied to the Supreme Court of Canada to intervene in the case of R. v. Stephan. This case will outline the circumstances under which parents and caregivers can be held criminally liable for decisions made in good faith for children and others under their care.

This case has raised a public debate about parental rights, with strong feelings on both sides. Regardless of which side of the debate you are on, the appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada is important as it will clarify when our decisions for others can attract criminal liability. For example, it was the law that persons would only be liable for failing to provide things like medical attention when it would make a difference.

In the Stephan case, the standard was lowered to whether the failure to provide a necessity "could" make a difference. This dramatically widens the scope of parental liability. For example, most parents have to decide when their child is running a fever due to the flu, whether to seek medical attention or not. If the fever is not really high, many do not, believing that they are not endangering their child. Before the Stephan decision it was clear that in such a case, the parents would typically not be liable for a criminal act. Under the reduced "could" standard, this is no longer clear.

It is very important for there to be clarity on when persons will be liable for good faith decisions made on behalf of others under their care. The NHPPA applied to intervene to be able to assist the Court in bringing this clarity. Unfortunately our Motion to Intervene was refused. We will continue to watch the case and hope that the Court brings needed clarity in the issues raised by the NHPPA.

-Shawn Buckley LLB

David Stephan's Recent Announcement

Facebook, April 7, 2018

"This is just the beginning!!!

After months of having an investigative team dissect our entire case, including the medical files, the Truth is finally about to be set free. What me and my wife were told regarding the passing of our son was a lie. What you were told through the thousands of media articles that were spread worldwide was an even bigger lie. This house of cards is about to come crashing down and the real criminals involved in the passing of our son are about to be exposed.

Here is, Part 1 of "Broken Trusts", a series of short videos on our case that exposes the corruption and criminal activities that are prevalent within the medical system, the Alberta medical examiner's office, the RCMP, the courts and ultimately the mainstream media which serves to deceive the public through their fake news while covering up for all of the criminals within the establishment.

Worst of all, this cover-up has been exploited through the courts to set a new precedent in law that erodes parental rights within Canada, and puts all families in a precarious situation as the pharmaceutical mafia clamps down. It's time to bring this to light and finally put this corruption to an end!"

About "Broken Trusts" Video Series

BROKEN TRUSTS is a video series that highlights the lengths the Media in Alberta Canada will go to sell a story. The callous and reckless exploitation of the death of a toddler exposes a dark side to the News that most people have never seen.

Video interviews surface that were never meant to be aired and past news reports come back to expose a dark truth.

We expose unknown details in the Ezekiel Stephan case. In this series we will name names, show documents and evidence that was withheld from the courts, and expose the truth you need to know to protect yourself and your children from falling into the same trap.

Ezekiel Stephan died in 2012. Medical documents detailing his care in Alberta's broken medical system are only now being released to the public. This video's content is upsetting, infuriating and downright scary.

Double Standards and Cover-ups

NHPPA, March 31, 2017

In March 2017, an 11-year-old Mississauga girl lost two limbs as a result of a bacterial infection doctors thought was influenza. She nearly lost her life, even after her parents sought emergency medical attention at their local hospital on three separate occasions.

The girl's life has been permanently altered because of multiple mistakes made by hospital staff, enduring a double amputation and now suffering kidney damage so severe that she remains on dialysis, indefinitely. Yet there is no investigation underway nor any disciplinary action being taken against the doctors and hospital staff who failed her. Simply a statement that the case is extremely rare - an anomaly - and that the doctors and staff couldn't have known.

If highly trained medical doctors and hospital staff could improperly diagnose this young girl several times without repercussion, how is it that David and Collet Stephan, parents with no medical training, are considered criminals even when in court they clearly demonstrated due diligence at every stage prior to Ezekiel being failed by an inadequately equipped emergency vehicle.

NHPPA believes there isn't just a double standard being applied in this case. There is a determined effort to cover up the vast number of medical mistakes that result in otherwise preventable deaths each and every year. The public are being deceived about the potential risks they may face when subjecting themselves to an inherently flawed medical system and are unaware that, if something goes wrong, the tables may very well be turned onto the parents or guardians in an effort to deflect responsibility.

AT THE EYE OF THE PERFECT STORM

THE EZEKIEL STEPHAN STORY

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The tragic story of the death of Ezekiel Stephan and the resulting traumatic assault on his parents, which is ongoing even today, is a cautionary tale for all Canadian parents. This new status quo, a result of the outcome of our justice system, sets the scene of every parent's nightmare. Ezekiel's parents are being held to a much higher standard than any average parent. In fact, they are being held to a higher standard than medical professionals. There are several standing court decisions holding medical doctors blameless in situations where the symptoms were more obvious than in Ezekiel's case; and these cases were actually bacterial meningitis – whereas Ezekiel's illness was clearly, not, bacterial meningitis. And although he did not die of bacterial meningitis, as recently as this past February, the media still peddles that false narrative.

No one actually knows what killed Ezekiel Stephan. But why aren't the authorities, both medical and judicial, interested in finding out what really caused his death? Why have they accepted the false narrative? Why have the Stephans themselves never been contacted by any of the reporters who have perpetuated the falsehoods against them? Since they were truly the only witnesses to the tragic events, ones the

media claimed led to his death, you would think they would want to interview them as primary sources before writing such highly prejudiced and prejudicial stories in virtually every mainstream news outlet in Canada. Common sense would seem to demand it, unless, of course, there is a presumed and preferred narrative that such an interview might call into question. This leads this reporter to believe, and possibly conclude, that since every news agency in Canada has made the same claims against these parents, that they conspired against the Stephan family. It appears that the media are either recklessly reporting unsubstantiated and libellous drivel, or that they are being used to perpetuate a false narrative to distract the public from the serious lack of justice toward the family in this case's outcome. Conspiracy, according to Oxford, is *"a secret plan to commit a crime or do harm, often for political ends"*. All news agencies spreading the same lie is proof in itself of conspiring, isn't it? Political ends? How about creating propaganda and crisis in order to manipulate and slant public opinion in a predetermined direction. Yet, no outcry is to be heard at this dangerous precedent in the court.

If the Stephans are innocent, then what happened? The court says guilty, the media says guilty, and so we all believe they are guilty. Case dismissed. Remember, this couple is being held to a higher standard than any medical professional in a similar predicament with a patient. Even without an iota of training in diagnosing meningitis or any other deadly disease, they are being held responsible for not being able to read the subtle symptoms of what has been assumed, was a deadly illness. The charge of which they were convicted, "failing to provide the necessaries of life" is nebulous and easily abused terminology with a new precedent setting case for all future cases where parents can easily be deemed not meeting this vague standard of care. Whose standards? Stated as it is, it could refer to anything. "Necessaries" is vague to the point of meaningless.

There are discrepancies in the court and medical documents which scream injustice. Pertinent documents from the Crown, were either missing or were purposely out of order and hidden amongst other documents in disclosure, so as to be left unrecognizable. And though this is considered being 'clever at law', some of these documents reflect poorly, at very least, and it's even possible criminally, at worst, on the investigators. Yet it can't be considered in follow up appeals because, hidden or not, it's old evidence now and non-admissible. In the end, the prosecuting team, investigators included, don't come out of this matter squeaky clean but rather, it appears, they may have worked to slant the trial in a particular direction. Who knew? There was such a cacophony of misinformation created by the media that this reporter contends justice and truth were lost.

Then there are the people caught unwittingly in the maelstrom, those who genuinely attempted to save Ezekiel's life in the first ambulances that arrived. Strangely though, they did not allow the parents to ride with Ezekiel in the ambulance. Is it possible neither of the two ambulances had the essential equipment that would have saved Ezekiel's life? Obtained information indicates that he went eight minutes without any oxygen as a result of the

missing equipment. Even the hospital didn't log the use of the necessary and appropriately sized intubator tube until forty minutes after the child's arrival. Why are our medical professionals put in the position where they cannot do their jobs? Is this the result of excessive budget cuts to an essential service? The very public that pays most of what it earns in taxation to the government for services gets the least out of it. Perhaps being emergency equipment it isn't noticed as much, since the people affected are so traumatized anyway in these circumstances that the likelihood of them finding out and creating backlash by a public actually being informed of the scandal, is so very unlikely, that they go ahead and strip our medical system of funding without fearing any consequence. Will the emergency team cry out? Not likely, certainly not publicly, because there is a good chance if they did that they would be used as scapegoats to protect the system itself. There's also a good chance they'd lose their jobs for speaking out and be written up as incompetent in their work. There is such a push 'to go along to get along' nowadays that we've all but forgotten what integrity is, and how important and essential it is to good governance. Top down integrity seems to be missing here.

So far, we have the media fabricating and perpetuating both rumours about bacterial meningitis and slanderous, persistent innuendo against natural medicine. We have an emergency crew ill equipped to save a child's life both in the ambulance and at the local hospital. We have the justice system, according to recent discoveries, both burying censorious documents and possibly excluding what would have been exculpatory evidence for the parents. And we could, if this is all true, also have professionals perjuring themselves in a court of law. If so what was their agenda? Is it fair-game to say there was one? This reporter believes so. And why were the Stephans the ones chosen as scapegoats in all of this? It is here that we come to the reason critical to this story, and all of the insidious tentacles therein, to be explored more thoroughly in a following reportage. Unless we, as Canadians, wake up out of our stupor and call out the foul play here, we are going to lose our precious rights, to be replaced by *privileges* that can, in a heartbeat, be taken away. Is there an agenda here that is bigger than the Stephans? You bet there is. And of course what is a good conspiracy without the pharmaceutical industry, the final tentacle in this debacle of justice. Does it benefit them if the Stephans are made an example of? You bet it does. As it stands today, the outcome of the court strikes fear into the hearts of parents – or at least it should – because if you don't use the allopathic, or mainstream pharmaceutical drug system 'of medicine' when illness strikes your child, heaven help you: your next stop might be prison. And if you try natural medicines such as tinctures of garlic, onion, horseradish and hot peppers for colds, (not the disgusting smoothie that the media are claiming was force fed to Ezekiel) you might be smeared with not only believing in quackery but of "failing to provide the necessities of life". It means that Ritalin wins over a non-gmo, organic diet supplemented with vitamins and minerals, because that couldn't possibly cure a mental issue like attention deficit disorder, to give just one example.

Did parties conspire to direct a certain preordained outcome? After much review of the facts, and after much thought, as well as actually interviewing both parents, it is my belief that Ezekiel's mother & father did everything they could have done for Ezekiel, from the onset of illness to the moment they entrusted his care to the emergency team in the ambulance. According to the logs and documents obtained (others of which were mysteriously missing), it seems that Ezekiel's safety and his life were put in jeopardy, not once, but several times.

In a forthcoming series we'll explore each insidious aspect of this perfect storm, as they are all equally pertinent to discovering what actually happened to Ezekiel, and why this journalist believes his parents are innocents made into scapegoats for the medical system, the government, the justice system and big pharma, all of whom have a common agenda, an agenda of manipulating public opinion, to obtain a particular outcome far from justice or truth. Since none of the other media, the investigators, the medical or justice system wants the public to know what really happened, this reporter is going to undertake to fill you in, with recently gathered evidence, as well as re-examined evidence used in the original trial. We all need to understand the importance of finding justice in what appears to be a conspiratorial assault on the sanctity of the Canadian family. Stay with me for this series on Ezekiel Stephan, at the eye of a perfect storm.

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