

Missouri Court Silenced a Child and Stripped Custody from Her Autistic Mother

Final Trial Set for June 18

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I am a protective mother. I have a formal autism diagnosis. For over a decade, I raised my daughter with stability, full-time care, and a commitment to her safety and emotional well-being. Today, I am being silenced by a Missouri court, and my daughter has been taken from her home against her will.

On June 12, 2025, my 11-year-old daughter was taken from the courthouse in Colorado and forced into the custody of the man she fears most. She was not allowed to go home. She had no shoes. No change of clothes. No medication. Only a stuffed animal her stepfather bought her that morning. Her phone was taken and handed to me, because the Missouri court has barred her from contacting me at all.

This was not an emergency removal. There was no crisis. It was a scheduled court appearance, and she expected to return home with me. Instead, she was handed over under an out-of-state order, issued by a court that ignored her voice, dismissed serious safety concerns, and refused to acknowledge my rights under federal disability law.

This court has:

- Overridden valid emergency custody orders issued by Colorado
- Ignored therapist warnings that unsupervised contact with her father could cause lasting harm
- Dismissed my daughter's sworn statement about exposure to a convicted sex offender
- Denied all ADA accommodations despite medical documentation of my autism diagnosis
- Held off-the-record hearings and disregarded critical filings, including evidence of abuse

Judge Erin Burlison spent months ignoring key evidence and denied every request for protection. Judge Matthew Thornhill is now presiding over the case and ordered the June 12 transfer. A final trial is scheduled for June 18. If the court rules against me again, I may lose my daughter permanently.

I am not asking for pity. I am asking for witnesses. For justice. For people to care.

This is a civil rights case. It is a child protection case. It is a case about power, accountability, and whether family courts will protect a child or abandon her to harm. I have provided

documentation to legal experts, journalists, and national advocacy groups. Everything I have said here is supported by records, transcripts, and firsthand evidence.

What You Can Do:

- Contact me if you are a reporter, advocate, legal observer, or attorney
- Share this story on social media, in your community, and with people who can help
- Show up at trial on June 18 in St. Charles, Missouri
- Hold the court accountable by refusing to look away

The court does not expect the public to be watching. Let's prove them wrong.

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