

She Followed the Law. They Called Her Unfit.

Missouri court punished a mother's lawful advocacy with an interstate arrest order and labeled her unstable for trying to protect her child.

What Happened

On **June 6, 2025**, a judge in **St. Charles County, Missouri** issued a **Temporary Restraining Order (TRO)** that:

- **Suspended all of Jennifer DeAngelis's parenting rights** without testimony, evidence, or a clinical evaluation
- **Authorized the Larimer County Sheriff in Colorado** to arrest her if she did not surrender her child
- **Cited her legal filings as evidence of instability**, despite no mental-health review, hearing, or finding of fact

This order followed a closed, **off-the-record enforcement ruling** on **May 16**—with no transcript and no procedural review.

What the Court Ignored

Between **May 19 and June 5**, Jennifer filed **nine urgent legal motions**, each grounded in law, constitutional precedent, or professional evidence:

1. **Motion to Vacate Jurisdiction** — Missouri failed to conduct the required forum analysis
2. **Emergency Motion to Stay Enforcement** — detailed due process and ADA violations
3. **Emergency Notice of Imminent Harm** — included a therapist's written warning against unsupervised contact
4. **Motion to Restrict Contact** — revealed the child's exposure to a twice-convicted sex offender
5. **Petition for Rule to Show Cause** — questioned why her motions weren't heard before the May 30 deadline
6. **ADA Disability Declaration** — formally disclosed her autism diagnosis and requested accommodations
7. **Constitutional Brief** — invoked federal supremacy and her duty to refuse an unlawful order
8. **Motion to Strike TRO and Quash Writ of Body Attachment** — challenged the proposed cross-state arrest
9. **Motion to Stay All Proceedings Pending Federal Review** — notified the court of her federal civil rights action

Not one motion was heard. Instead, the court used the existence of those filings to **suggest she was mentally unfit.**

Where Jurisdiction Stands

- Missouri issued the original custody orders in 2016 and continues to assert exclusive jurisdiction
- On **May 29, 2025**, **Colorado declined to assume jurisdiction**, citing Missouri's refusal to relinquish authority
- Colorado's deference does **not excuse Missouri's failure to follow its own laws**, hold required hearings, or respond to ADA accommodation requests

Why This Matters

- **Due process collapsed** — custody was stripped, and an arrest order issued, without an adversarial hearing
- **Procedural safeguards were abandoned** — Missouri never conducted the statutory forum analysis or ruled on pending motions
- **Disability rights were violated** — Jennifer's autism disclosure and legal filings were reframed as symptoms of instability
- **Child protection was inverted** — therapist warnings were ignored, while the protective parent was treated as the threat

What's Next

- A **federal civil rights lawsuit is active** in the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
- Claims under **ADA Title II**, the **UCCJEA**, and **42 U.S.C. § 1983** are being developed
- **National child-safety and disability-rights organizations** are now involved
- **Journalists, oversight bodies, and watchdog organizations** are urged to review the public filings

Quote for Publication

"Jennifer's filings weren't signs of instability. They were evidence of a mother doing everything the law allows to protect her child. The court turned that lawful advocacy into grounds for arrest. That should terrify every parent in America."

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Legal Note

This statement draws exclusively from public court records, verified pleadings, and procedural history. No private health records or confidential child disclosures are referenced.

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