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PA PFA LAWS

MY GRAND DAUGHTER HAS BEEN VICTIMIZED BY MY EXALSO SHE WROTE THIS STATEMENT TO POST ON THE RADIO TWIGS CAFÉ Krystas view

HERE IS MY GRAND DAUGHTERS POST TO:

Andy Ostrowski

January 20 at 3:28pm ·

The Family Courts in the Words of a 14 year-old

The following was posted by 14 year-old Krysta Steedle about the case in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania involving her grandmother, Deborah

A Bujdos. I felt it was good to pass along (with permission) as an insight into the issues going on in the family courts. Thank you, Krysta, for your courage and insight in posting this. I understand she was not permitted to testify in court, despite her request.

"Seeing what my Nana has had to live through since the last 3 years is upsetting. I hate how the good people are always the ones who get hurt the most. It's not fun at all and to see the liars lie every single time and get away with it all the time. Some of them think they are so perfect and they can do what ever they want. Just so you know if you are going to be like that you are going to get no where in life. It's even worse when you are one of the victims like I am from 11 to 14 years old. I get stalked by the man who torments my nana for no reason. He almost ran me over in my own yard, Gave me the middle finger, Gives me rude looks and many other things. I can't even sleep sometimes because I have had so many nightmares of him doing bad things to my family and I. So please share this so we can get help because this man needs to be arrested and needs to leave my family and friends alone it's about time something is done."

**Chapter 62A**  
**PROTECTION OF VICTIMS OF SEXUAL**  
**VIOLENCE OR**

## INTIMIDATION

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FITS KRYSTA'S HORRIBLE  
EXPERIENCES WITH LARRY .

REGE IS GONING TO COURT AND  
GET AN ORDER FOR HER TO HAVE  
HIM STAY AWAY FROM HER. THAT  
PUTS MY MIND AT EASE A BIT.

Chapter 62A  
PROTECTION OF VICTIMS OF SEXUAL  
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Partners or persons who share biological parenthood.

"Hearing officer." A magisterial district judge, judge of the Philadelphia Municipal Court, bail commissioner appointed under section 1123 (relating to jurisdiction and venue), master appointed under section 1126 (relating to masters) or master for emergency relief.

**"Intimidation." Conduct  
constituting a crime**

**KRYSTA AGAINST LARRY**

under either of the following provisions between persons who are not family or household members:

18 Pa.C.S. § 2709(a) (4), (5), (6) or (7)  
(relating to harassment) where the conduct is  
committed by a person 18 years of age or older  
against a person under 18 years of age.

18 Pa.C.S. § 2709.1 (relating to stalking)  
where the conduct is committed by a person 18  
years of age or older against a person under  
18 years of age.

"Master for emergency relief." A member of  
the bar of the Commonwealth appointed under  
section 62A09(e) (relating to emergency relief  
by minor judiciary).

"Minor."

An individual who is not an adult.

"Plaintiff." An individual who applies for a  
protection order, either for the benefit of  
that individual or on behalf of another  
individual.

"Protection order" or "order." An order  
issued under this chapter designed to protect  
a victim of sexual violence or intimidation.

## **GENERAL PFA RULES**

Trial Court Opinion, 1/11/08, at 3-6 (footnote and citations  
omitted).

¶ 7 “The purpose of the PFA Act is to protect victims of domestic violence from those who perpetrate such abuse, with the primary goal of advance prevention of physical and sexual abuse.”

Custer, 933 A.2d at 1054 (citation omitted). The PFA Act defines “abuse” as follows:

§ 6102. Definitions

(a) General rule.-The following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

“Abuse.” The occurrence of ONE OR MORE of the following acts between family or household members, sexual or intimate partners or persons who share biological parenthood:

(1) Attempting to cause or intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing bodily injury, serious bodily injury, rape, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, sexual assault, statutory sexual assault, aggravated indecent assault, indecent assault or incest with or without a deadly weapon.

(2) Placing another in reasonable fear of imminent serious bodily injury. REPEATEDLY TELLING ME HE WAS GOING TO KILL ME AND MY KIDS.

(3) The infliction of false imprisonment pursuant to 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 2903 (relating to false imprisonment).

LARRY DID THAT TO ME FOR THE ENTIRE SUMMER OF 2012.

(4) Physically or sexually abusing minor children, including such terms as defined in Chapter 63 (relating to child protective services).

(5) Knowingly engaging in a course of conduct or repeatedly committing acts toward another person, including following the person, without proper authority, under circumstances which place the person in reasonable fear of bodily injury.

The definition of this paragraph applies only to proceedings commenced under this title and is inapplicable to any criminal prosecutions commenced under Title 18 (relating to crimes and offenses).

23 Pa.C.S.A. § 6102(a).

¶ 8 Given the above factual summary, the trial court concluded that Husband has engaged in a course of conduct that

reasonably placed Wife in fear of bodily injury and thus constituted “abuse” pursuant to 23 Pa.C.S.A. section 6102(a)(5).

In its Rule 1925(a) opinion, the trial court explained:

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