

Canada's Legal System Murders another Father.

Article written originally in 2000:

A Prince George, British Columbia man was the latest victim of Canada's legally-sanctioned war against fathers.

Darrin White, after being sentenced by a Prince George judge to a lifetime of servitude and indebtedness, took the only available means left to him and hung himself. Even in death, Darrin is not free. His ex-wife refuses to allow Darrin's family to bury him in his hometown.

Darrin is not the first nor will he be the last father to die because of Canada's systematic destruction of fatherhood. Senator Anne Cools and other members of the Special Joint Committee On Child Custody and Access heard months of testimony from various groups of concerned parents(both male and female), lawyers, social workers and in the end, reached the conclusion that there exists a demonstrated bias against fathers within the family court system, the social work field and the legal system in general. Substantial evidence was submitted that showed that social workers, lawyers, child-abuse investigators and others involved in the divorce, custody and support industry have knowingly made false statements, signed false affidavits and committed perjury during custody hearings.

Over the vicious and loud protests of feminists, their report was sent to Federal Justice Minister, Ann McLellan , who bowed to pressure from the Federal Liberal Party's women's caucus and the various feminist-oriented hate groups and tabled any action on the report's recommendations for three years.

This means that for at least three more years, fathers and children will be at the mercy of a biased legal system. How many more men will reach their limit of their endurance and commit suicide in this time? How many children will be unjustly separated from their fathers in the next three years?

What is equally alarming, is that the hate groups that continually lobby against any reform of the family law system are funded primarily through federal and provincial tax dollars. This makes each and every taxpayer, as well as the various governments, contributors to this gender warfare that has claimed the lives of many fathers and traumatized thousands of children.

The United Nations and Canada's own Criminal Code terms as "crimes against humanity", any action by the state against an identifiable group within the population. Therefore, Ann McLellan, BC Premier Dosanjh (who was BC's Attorney General during the crime committed against Darrin White), and the justice ministers and attorney generals of the provinces, along with the judges of the provincial family court systems, all stand accused of Crimes against Humanity.

From the Canadian Criminal Code: “crime against humanity” means murder, extermination, enslavement, deportation, persecution or any other inhumane act or omission that is committed against any civilian population or any identifiable group of persons, whether or not it constitutes a contravention of the law in force at the time and in the place of its commission, and that, at that time and in that place, constitutes a contravention of customary international law or conventional international law or is criminal according to the general principles of law recognized by the community of nations;

A memorial service with support rallies across Canada was held on March 31, 2000.

Following are letters from the Parent and Child Advocacy Coalition and the White family.

A letter from:

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Monday 20, 2000

I have looked at some of the material in the file concerning Darrin Bruce White and it's quite a story. He told me he moved from Hearst, Ontario to get a better life for his wife and children. He has three daughters and supports a daughter from a previous relationship in Saskatchewan. Both he and his ex were qualified locomotive engineers, although at the time of the break-up his ex was home full time.

When their marriage fell apart last fall, his ex moved out to a friend's house, obtained welfare and the services of Darren Lindsay, a Prince George family lawyer. After that, Darrin didn't have a chance. He was court ordered out of his home and thrown on the street. He was denied access to his children and faced false allegations.

By February he was facing three separate court proceedings and four court appearances. By this time he was under extreme stress from these events and from being denied his parenting role with his children. He wrote to the court at the beginning of February “I want to be there for them not only in their time of need but always. My children need their dad”. I talked to him about that time and he took a stress leave from his job, obtained professional medical help and came to our group. The amount of litigation against him was overwhelming - most of it nuisance. I had never seen such an offensive by the family law industry either here or in Ontario.

In court in front of Master Baker on February 21, 2000 it was as if his fate had been decided even before he walked in. Judge Baker and Barrister Lindsay won the day on all counts: his ex was awarded the house, spousal support and the children; Judge Baker basically ignored the pleadings of Darrin but in turn accepted all from his ex without any cross examination. In spite of the fact the Darrin was on

medical qualified leave he was expected to return to work and earn \$60,000.00 a year. The Judge ignored his obligation to support his first daughter and the fact that his ex was qualified in the same job occupation as he was. She was awarded spousal and given no expectation of ever returning to work. The so-called access order made was not enforceable by the RCMP; however his ex's orders were. To add insult to injury, he was order to pay twice the costs for the hearing. The bottom line was that his ex was awarded \$1,000 a month indefinitely for spousal and \$1071 a month for the children. His obligation to support his first daughter \$439.00 was ignored. He was therefore left with a negative income against his stress leave pay of \$400.00 a week and nowhere to live.

The matter was being returned to court on March 13, but Darrin never showed up. He had just enough money left to buy some new rope and hung himself in the forest behind the University where he stayed until discovered five days later. His ex stands to gain from life insurance and death benefits; she will not release the body for burial by his father in Brandon, Manitoba. There are a lot of questions to be asked regarding this murder.

Peter J. Ostrowski, UNBC Professor, PCAC Director

Letters from Darrin's eldest daughter, Ashlee, his first wife, Melodi and Darrin's former Mother-in-law follow:

From: Melodi Johnston
Sent: March 19, 2000 10:14 PM
To: PCAC Canada
Subject: My Dad Is Gone

I am writing on behalf of Darrin Bruce White. I am the oldest of his four children. My name is Ashlee A D Barnett-White. I am angry at the justice system and Maddy White (my step mother). No one would listen to my father, no one would give him a chance to speak. In this century everyone hears the woman and not the man, this is a very sexist matter that needs to be dealt with.

My dad was an abused husband, he was abused by his wife, and the justice system. My dad was a very good father and wanted the best for all four of his children, his children at this time are 14, 10, 9, and 5. All of us children were his life. He wanted everything he could possibly give to his children and what he couldn't. The most important thing he gave his children were his love, and being there for them. He loved all of his kids equally, and with all his heart. He was a kind man who fought a good fight but no matter what he did or said he could never win with this system. Things need to change for all fathers going through this same thing. We need to help, too many kids go without a father because of this , too many kids are hurt. My dad would never hurt anyone he was strong, caring and tried to help as much as he could. Now Maddy is trying to keep away from the people that really loved him, were he was born and raised, and were his family lives. I know in my heart this is wrong and somebody has to do something. My grandfather and my Uncle are out in Prince George at this very time fighting for him. And for his rights. Please help bring my daddy home were he belongs, and were he would like to be. I know deep down in my heart if you help we will win, and help every other father out there without his rights. I may be 14 but I know where he belongs, and so do you. Please bring my daddy home. Sincerely with thought,

Ashlee A D Barnett-White

From: Melodi Johnston
Subject: Darrin's Wrongful Death

I am the Mother of Darrin's first born and fourth child . She is 14 years old and lives with me in Saskatchewan . Darrin was a kind and decent man and one of my dearest and best friends .Our daughter and myself will miss him very much and will do anything possible to help you right the injustice . Darrin and I had never spent one day in the court room we were always able to talk and work things out for the best interests of our child . I do not want him to lose his life in vain.

Thanks to all of you who care .

Sincerely Melodi Johnston and Ashlee Barnett-White

And a note from the Darren's Mother.

Hello My name is Donna Barnett. I am Grandmother to Ashlee Barnett White, daughter of the deceased Darrin White. This young man did not deserve to Die! That another person, namely his ex, could break him to the point he had nowhere to turn is despicable, He was a fine young man who has always been a good father to my Granddaughter Ashlee. I feel Darrin's body should be released to his father Les White and brought back to Manitoba and laid to rest close to people who love him.

Sincerely

Donna Barnett

Another letter from a friend of Darren's sister:

Editorial Note: It would appear that the Ex-wife of Darrin White is in violation of the Criminal Code of Canada, with her trading of Human Remains for Furniture deal. I don't believe that anyone would take issue with the idea that trading a corpse for furniture is an indignity to the corpse.

Dead body¹⁸². Every one who(a) neglects, without lawful excuse, to perform any duty that is imposed on him by law or that he undertakes with reference to the burial of a dead human body or human remains, or(b) improperly or indecently interferes with or offers any indignity to a dead human body or human remains, whether buried or not, is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to par imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years.R.S., c. C-34, s. 178.

Ransoming a Corpse for Furniture

I am writing this at Darrin's sister (Debbie's) house, for her. She is not yet able to write herself. We just received a phone call from Murray (Debbie's husband who is out in BC right now fighting for the

release of Darrin's body. Well, the ex who would not release the body, has now announced that she will SWAP the body for household things. She is right now as we speak making a list of the things she wants before she will let Darrin's family bring him home.

This person needs to be committed! This is not a sale,,, this is a tragic death. WHERE IS THE REMORSE FROM THIS WOMAN....SHE WAS MARRIED TO HIM FOR 11 YEARS,,,,HE FATHERED HER CHILDREN!!! She has no remorse as this was a well planned murder. Now she wants to seal this with the rest of his belongings. I guess that would mean she won? Well, his family are not concerned at all about the belongings,,,, they want their son, brother home.

This whole situation needs to be investigated. There is something seriously wrong for the courts to allow her to have so much control,,,,especially since there was a restraining order, divorce proceedings etc, etc, etc. What makes her think she even has any rights to him, let alone all of them. She thinks she holds all the cards, and it's sad to say that she really does.

She paid the February payment on his life insurance, even though they are separated, and she is divorcing him. That was a million dollar policy (which Darrin cancelled March 1st,,, good for him!). The family believes there are other policies. Why would she make a payment on life insurance for her EX husband if she wasn't planning this all along?

We have evidence, and motive,,,,what more do we need?

Signed Kim for Debbie Empey,,,,sister to Darrin

An Article from Canada Court Watch an online publication in production through the 1990s into the early 2000s.

CANADA COURT WATCH REPORT Published by the Canadian Citizen's Free Press—By the Citizens and for the Citizens of Canada

VANCOUVER COURT WATCH

A 14-year-old girl, Ashlee Barnett-White, from Saskatchewan, has come out fighting against Canada's broken family court system. She has a very good reason to do so. On March 17, 2000, the body of her dear father, Darrin Bruce White, was found in a forest behind the University of BC campus, where, in anguish, he had taken his life. Shortly before his death he had been kicked out of his home and away from the children of his second marriage by a vindictive and controlling wife with the blessing and

support of the local family court. Mr. White had been scheduled to appear in court March 22, 2000, to face yet more false allegations against him, brought on by his estranged wife, Maddy White, who was doing everything she could do to destroy him financially and emotionally. Before his death, the family court in Prince George, BC had ordered the father, on Feb. 21, 2000, to pay \$2070 a month in spousal and child support when he was only earning \$2200 per month in income at the time. The mother who was a professional herself chose not to work. Yet in light of the financial circumstances, court placed no expectation on her to even have to work to contribute to the kids as well. The misguided judge responsible for this decision was Judge Baker, of the BC Family Court. One observer said that the father never had a chance in court. The judge ignored Mr. White's pleadings and in turn accepted all that the vindictive mother had to say. A professor with the University of BC, who was involved with the case noted that it was as if the father's fate was determined before he even walked into the court and that it was only a formality by the mother's lawyer and the judge to seal this father's fate when he appeared before the court.

It was just like a typical day in so many Canadian Family Courts where the mothers automatically win and dads automatically lose. On top of losing everything, Mr. White was ordered to pay for all the costs of the court. The decision of the judge forced the father out of his home and into the streets and into a position where he did not even have enough money to live on, certainly in no position to even be able to get lawyer.

The judge did not even take into consideration the child support he was currently paying for his oldest daughter Ashlee. It seemed that the judge did not care about the fact that the children were being treated equally or whether the father was left with enough money to live on. The judge seemed only sympathetic to the mother's demands to destroy her former husband. In addition, this disadvantaged father was being denied meaningful access to his children by the mother. The father's support was enforceable but his access to his children was not. This is reflective, of course, of the court's position that mom's wishes for power and money take priority over the best interest of children. Yet, in spite of the fact that this father had never abused his children, the court granted the mother the absolute power to abuse them by denying them meaningful access to their father. Basically, the family court was the tool used by this vindictive and controlling mother to get her revenge against a good loving father. This court, like so many of the other family courts in Canada, has failed to deliver justice, fairness and equality. The court failed miserably in its mandate to protect the best interest of this man's five children. Where once the children had a loving and caring father in their lives, they now have none. 14-year-old Ashlee said that she was totally disenchanted and ashamed of the justice system. She said that the system failed her as well as all of the other children. Ashlee said that her father was "a good man who only wanted the best for his four children" She went on to say that her father was an abused husband and that his wife was a very vindictive and controlling woman. Even after he passed away, his wife was refusing to talk to the eldest daughter. Ashlee indicated that her step mother had blocked all the phone numbers from members of the father's family, including herself. Ashlee said that she was unable to even make contact with her half brothers and sisters. Although Maddy had filed court

documents prior to her husband's death wanting nothing to do with him, after his death she took control of his body so that she could have it immediately cremated before members of the father's family had a chance to arrange a proper funeral. Before his death she wanted nothing to do with him but now that he's dead, she wants everything to do with him. Mr. White's father and other relatives were forced to hire a lawyer, at further expense, in a bid to stop the woman from destroying the body before the family even got a chance to say good-bye to their loved one. Members of the father's family indicated that they believe that Maddy may now be able to financially benefit from her husband's death and that she wanted to legal control of his body so that she could reap the maximum financial benefit It was believed that Maddy had taken out life insurance on her former husband and was now eagerly jumping at the chance to cash in. To many observers, having the body cremated as quickly as possible, was just the woman's final act of vengeance against her former spouse and his family.

As for young Ashlee, she has said that she is now joining the ranks of Canadians fighting to bring change to Canada's broken justice system. " I will not let my father's death be in vain," she vowed.

The Work of Senator Anne C. Cools on the issues of punitive injustice and the unbalanced family court system

During the late 90s, Liberal Senator Anne C. Cools broke ranks with the feminist caucus after reading about the problems men were facing in family courts over custody and access. She began a series of consultations across Canada to hear these complaints personally. In her consultations, she was accompanied by Dr. Reena Sommers of *Family Violence Research, St. Boniface General Hospital*, Alan Gold Lawyer and a social worker, whose name escapes me. These consultations were frequently disrupted by oft times violence protests by feminists who sought to disrupt proceedings.

Quoted from Senator Anne C. Cools speech to the Senate on November 19, 1998

"Honourable senators, I know that certain gender feminists at the Women's Justice Network are poised this week to join the Secretary of State. Their Web site informs us of their intention to:

Discredit the process and nullify any recommendations that come from the Committee.

It adds:

It is critical that a fax or letter be sent to Hedy Fry, Secretary of State for the Status of Women, and that all letters mention they are being c.c.-ed to Dr. Fry.

I note that Michele Landsberg has joined the parade as well. In her Toronto Star article on November 14, 1998, "Custody committee leaves trail of toxic myths," she said:

. . . send a fax to Dr. Hedy Fry . . . cheering her recent tough stand against the committee's excesses.

She joined her again in her November 15 Toronto Star article “Beware this men’s rights poison.”

Honourable senators, Liberal ministers who uphold neither parliamentary principles nor the principles of liberalism are tedious, but Liberal ministers who publicly act and express opinions in support of attempts to discredit, to defeat and to supplant the work and conclusions of Parliament and its committees are shameful and outrageous.

I speak now about these vitriolic attacks on the special joint committee. Michele Landsberg's article of hate propaganda, savaging the committee and its members, was so pathologically nasty as to cause reasonable readers to condemn the committee. Ms Landsberg, in that same November 14 article already quoted, described the special joint committee as “The travelling circus . . .”, and added:

The joint committee crossed Canada like a manure spreader run amok, leaving a trail of toxic falsehoods in its wake.

I also noted that June 8, 1998 was the Lobby Day of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women. Joan Grant-Cummings of NAC, in a speech broadcast on CPAC on that day, stated:

. . . women experienced violence and abuse during those hearings . . .

Honourable senators, the perpetrators of these gross untruths seem to believe that the repetition of an untruth makes it true. I have rarely seen or heard as much hatred and aggression as I have heard spoken by these women. Thankfully, their pathologies and extremisms are so evident that the public has no appetite for their attitude.”

Her findings made their way into a document titled For the Sake of the Children

[http://www.parl.gc.ca/HousePublications/Publication.aspx?](http://www.parl.gc.ca/HousePublications/Publication.aspx?DocId=1031529&Language=E&Mode=1&Parl=36&Ses=1)

[DocId=1031529&Language=E&Mode=1&Parl=36&Ses=1](http://www.parl.gc.ca/HousePublications/Publication.aspx?DocId=1031529&Language=E&Mode=1&Parl=36&Ses=1) issued in December 1998.

As stated earlier in this article, this report was sent to Prime Minister Jean Chretien’s Justice Minister Ann McLellan who after protests by the feminist movement in Canada, including the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, shelved the proposed legislation that was written based on the report.

Two years later, the shameful episode of Darren White’s death occurred while the same Ann McLellan remained as Federal Minister of Justice.

Pertinent Speeches by Senator Anne C. Cools on Family Courts, Negligence and Abuse by the Courts, Social Service Agencies and on the attacks by feminists on fathers.

<http://senatorcools.sencanada.ca/Speech-in-Senate-Chamber-Senator-Cools-speaks-to-the-Senate-Justice-Review-Report-for-Ontario-and-ardently-speaks-against-the-use-of-malice-untruth-and-false-statements-of-individuals-while-under-oa/> 'Civil Justice Review' by the Ontario Court of Justice and the

Ontario Attorney General, particularly Chapter 16, 'Focus on Family Law', and to the use of malice, untruth and false statements of individuals while under oath in judicial proceedings.

<http://senatorcools.sencanada.ca/Speech-in-Senate-Chamber-Senator-Cools-speaks-on-violence-in-society-in-particular-gender-reciprocity-in-domestic-violence/> Senator Cools speaks to her inquiry on violence in society, within the family, and children at risk, and that child abuse and neglect of infant sons, has a role in the formation of violent male adults.

<http://senatorcools.sencanada.ca/Speech-in-Senate-Chamber-Senator-Cools-persuades-the-Senate-to-change-the-mandate-of-the-Child-Custody-and-Access-Committee-to-encompass-the-concept-of-shared-parenting-and-to-permit-the-Committee-t/> Senator Cools speaks to the motion to appoint a Joint Committee on Child Custody and Access Committee, and moves an amendment to permit the Committee to travel to hear from people across the country.

<http://senatorcools.sencanada.ca/Speech-in-Senate-Chamber-Senator-Cools-proposes-a-series-of-amendments-to-lessen-excessively-punitive-measures-in-the-governments-divorce-bill/> Senator Cools speaks to Bill C-41, An Act to amend the Divorce Act, . . . and other acts, and moves amendments to include the issue of unconscionable conduct between spouses for the courts' consideration, and exclude the power to deny passports based on arrears in spousal support.

<http://senatorcools.sencanada.ca/Speech-in-Senate-Chamber-Senator-Cools-welcomes-the-final-report-of-the-Child-Custody-and-Access-Committee-which-endorses-her-long-standing-call-for-shared-parenting/> Senator Cools speaks to the final report of the Special Joint Committee on Child Custody and Access entitled 'For the Sake of the Children', and the importance for children of divorced parents to have a meaningful relationship with both their mothers and fathers.

<http://senatorcools.sencanada.ca/Speech-in-Senate-Chamber-Senator-Cools-objects-to-attempts-by-a-government-minister-to-discredit-the-work-of-the-Child-Custody-and-Access-Committee/>

Senator Cools speaks to the first report of the Joint Committee on Child Custody and Access to extend its Order of Reference, including statements made by Secretary of State (Status of Women) about the Committee's work.