

INTERVIEWS WITH DR. PATE

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Dr. Pate: What do you understand the court? What's the court?

Brian R Chapman: Well, there's unfounded.. Mother has fears of child's unspecified behaviors that she may be being abused by me and I know that last time we were in court on August 4th there had been no allegations whatsoever, of that nature, now we come up for review again and here come allegations that AH! So, I know Brenda's trying to play the abuse card saying OH! maybe now he's abusing his own daughter now

Dr. Pate: Abusing his own daughter, was there an allegation ?

Brian R Chapman: There's been allegations that I abused...

Dr. Pate: Michelle?

Brian R Chapman: Michelle

Dr. Pate: Michelle's now 18 ?

Brian R Chapman: actually now 19

Dr. Pate: 19, when did the alleged abuse with Michelle occur?

Brian R Chapman: According to her, when she was 13 or 14.

Dr. Pate: According to Michelle ?

Brian R Chapman: According to Brenda according to Michelle, So,

Dr. Pate: Brenda said that Michelle said...

Brian R Chapman: There was an adjudication thing in court, they did get a founded through social services, I appealed that to a certain level, and I kind of ran out of steam because I was representing myself on the custody issue also and it just, I got it reduced some but I didn't get it completely eliminated, if I had taken the next step to a circuit court review, it probably would have gotten wiped.

Dr. Pate: When it got reduced, what did it get reduced to ?

Brian R Chapman: Instead of like an 18 year report, it was reduced down to a 7 year thing and they lessened the severity of the finding, I have it in writing, I just don't have it with me...

Dr. Pate: You mean the amount of time it stays on file ?

Brian R Chapman: Yeah,

Dr. Pate: OK, ok so they said it's founded but their not going to keep it as long

Brian R Chapman: As long, I mean they reduced the severity, their.. Their next one down from their most severe .. What ever...

Dr. Pate: What is that one? What is it that they alleged that you did in that one ?

Brian R Chapman: They alleged that I had fondled Michelle,

Dr. Pate: Uh, Huh

Brian R Chapman: and,

Dr. Pate: When she was thirteen.

Brian R Chapman: when she was 13, 14 and you know, off and on stuff and this has been carried over...

Dr. Pate: What do you mean by off and on stuff?

Brian R Chapman: Well that it had occurred over a period of...from when she was 13 up until ...Brenda's trying to say up until she was 15 or 16

Dr. Pate: Ok, so what they said you did was, it was not just a one time thing ...

Brian R Chapman: Right.

Dr. Pate: It was just fondling ?

Brian R Chapman: Well, it was horse-play, which, you know, wrestling around with her and stuff like that, and , now trying to say well maybe his hand slipped this and that and ...yes, I do, did think of Michelle as being attractive...

Dr. Pate: em, hm

Brian R Chapman: and of course Brenda has a problem with that, or that a grown man should not be attracted to a teenage girl, which, unfortunately, that's a natural thing, so it's not really...

Dr. Pate: What did Brenda think about it ?

Brian R Chapman: She went off!

Dr. Pate: What I mean, she went off because she thought that this was not the right.. I'm trying to piece together from what you said "Brenda thought it was not right ."

Brian R Chapman: She thinks it's not right PERIOD for an older guy to be attracted to or have feelings for a teenage, you know, adolescent teenage girl,

Dr. Pate: ok, how'd that come up ?

Brian R Chapman: Ah, Michelle and I had been sitting on the couch, I had been helping her with her homework, 'cause it was a term paper and she needed someone to edit, you know do a little review on it, and Brenda was busy doing her thing in her computer room,...

Dr. Pate: Pardon me, I have no memory, if I don't write everything down,

Brian R Chapman: That's fine, that's why I record stuff, I learned that from college,

Dr. Pate: I wish I had a recorder, but I don't...

Brian R Chapman: Ok, that's fine, I'm sure you've already talked to Brenda so,

Dr. Pate: Well, but there's holes, there's pieces I don't know, that's why I wanted to talk to you to find out what your side of the story is, what the court asked me to do is talk to the parties to see what was going on between the two of you,... so your saying that you had been helping , this is Michelle (?), now there is another girl to Ashley,

Brian R Chapman: Ashley, but her and I there was no...

Dr. Pate: She as two years younger ?

Brian R Chapman: Ashley is three years younger,

Dr. Pate: three years younger,

Brian R Chapman: They both just had birthdays last week,

Dr. Pate: So, any way, you had been sitting on the couch helping with her homework

Brian R Chapman: And, I had her report stuff sitting on my lap like this (*I demonstrated how a book/note pad might lay on my lap*), and I had put my arm over (*across*) her shoulders like this, for one I thought of it as a “fatherly” gesture and two, it allowed her to be close enough for her to see the marks I was making on her term paper... I said for her to get the red pen, because first I started out with something this color (*black/blue*) then I realized there’s a lot more errors here than what, you know we can just play around with, with a black pen, we needed something ...

Dr. Pate: you needed something that would show up.

Brian R Chapman: she hates the red pen, like you know this is , could be reworded, could be you know, done a little ... you know, point her in the right direction, and that was all fine and dandy, and Brenda came out of her little office-computer room at the house, came out in the hall-way and saw us sitting there like that, she didn’t say anything right off, she went on into the kitchen, comes back out, and by the time she had come back out, I had removed my arm from Michelle’s, you know being over her shoulder, and Brenda sits down and says, well, starts going on about well if it was nothing wrong with it,” how come you guys didn’t just stay the way you were sitting?” And going on about, that, when she first saw us (*from the hall-way*) my arm was over her [Michelle’s] shoulder, when she came back out (*of the kitchen*) you know, I had removed my arm from her shoulder,

Dr. Pate: I don’t follow her logic, what’s her logic ? Because you moved your arm that meant ...

Brian R Chapman: meant there’s something wrong, yeah,

Dr. Pate: Oh! You were feeling guilty is what she’s saying,

Brian R Chapman: yeah,

Dr. Pate: You got caught, you felt guilty, you removed your arm,

Brian R Chapman: well, I ... that’s what she said, and me, I knew, I was trying to avoid a confrontation, because I knew she, it did kind of upset her, because Michelle and I were getting along or closer, um, so I don’t know, all I know is she went off on that

and then our little battle ended up going on in the bedroom, no knock-down drag out, just words, I've never laid a hand on her, if she said anything else, you know, she'd have to prove it. But, I just thought, I never touched her and...I did admit in the bedroom, that I found Michelle very attractive or that I had been attracted to her, and of course Brenda just ran with that,

Dr. Pate: So, what did you mean by that?

Brian R Chapman: Well,...

Dr. Pate: Because my guess is, she may not have understood exactly what you meant. So, how did you mean it?

Brian R Chapman: Well, probably the way almost any man would mean it, but you know, I found her very attractive, and yes I was attracted to her, but I also know the boundaries as far as the law, yeah, I mean, I might have been married to her mom but, still, it might be morally wrong to find your step daughter attractive or to be attracted to her but, I never crossed the, you know, stepped across the line as far as to do any thing to full fill that attraction or something like that, but she [Brenda] would insinuate that I had, and she even got Michelle to testify to almost as much in court, but obviously the commonwealth attorney didn't feel there was a case or they would have prosecuted me. So, and these allegations didn't come up until I think Brenda decided she didn't want to share custody of our daughter, she used that [the abuse allegation] as a trump card.

Dr. Pate: OK, One of the things you said is that: regardless of what I thought of Michelle, I was never, there was a line here, I know there's a line, I'm not crossing the line...

Brian R Chapman: Right...Exactly.

Dr. Pate: Almost like there's a mine-field, I'm not going to put my foot in that mine-field.

Brian R Chapman: Correct.

Dr. Pate: What did Brenda hear ?

Brian R Chapman: All Brenda heard was he finds, he's attracted to my daughter, and has probably maybe struggled with the thoughts and if he struggles with the thoughts he may one day step over that line,

Dr. Pate: OK,

Brian R Chapman: And, ... because her family has already had, experienced the sexual abuse stuff, Michelle's father allegedly molested Brenda's oldest daughter, now living in Texas, Brandi, I don't know if she mentioned her or not, that made Brenda much more sensitive to that issue, but up to that point, Michelle and I got along good, I mean just during that previous year (*prior to the separation*) she finally got her last name changed to my last name, because she wanted to be separated from the "Hurst" history.

Dr. Pate: Let me ask you this: Brenda thought, my goodness he's struggling with these issues if I don't, I think this ..if I don't watch it he's gonna step over the line, that's what she's afraid of ?

Brian R Chapman: right, that's what I'm thinking she.. that ...

Dr. Pate: You were clear on that you were never gonna step over that [line]

Brian R Chapman: I was clear, but, she, she had it in her head that oh! Well, if he thought that way, well my ex thought that way so, ...

Dr. Pate: Is it fair for me to assume that, that is it fair for me to assume that you knew there was a line there and you kept an eye on the line ?

Brian R Chapman: always.

Dr. Pate: Ok, So you knew where the line was going to be ?

Brian R Chapman: Exactly, I knew I was supposed to be a parent figure,

Dr. Pate: Ok,

Brian R Chapman: And a parent figure isn't going to, isn't supposed to cross that line..

Dr. Pate: But there was a strong attraction ?

Brian R Chapman: Definitely,

Dr. Pate: And you knew you can't go here, so how strong was the attraction?

Brian R Chapman: I mean, ...

Dr. Pate: Let me ask it a different way, attractive in what way ?

Brian R Chapman: Well, she was sexually attractive, definitely, She's also very pretty, but I mean, there's no denying that she's not...

Dr. Pate: I've never seen her...

Brian R Chapman: ...if you get to meet her, even if she's trying to look bad, she's one of those people that looks good, you know, ah, I haven't seen her in a couple of years now, ...

Dr. Pate: Did she try to look sexually attractive ?

Brian R Chapman: Ah, I don't think she tried, there were times when she had, she would, I don't know if it was in competition with her mom or if it was her growing up wanting to see if, you know, [she could get my attention] ...there were instances when she would wear a loose shirt, and there had been at least one occasion where she bent over in front of me and Brenda went off on that and...

Dr. Pate: bent over as in ?

Brian R Chapman: When she bent over to get something and her shirt fell, you know, so I would get a "view"

Dr. Pate: ...as in you thought she was doing on purpose or just accidental ?

Brian R Chapman: I'm thinking accidentally on purpose, but, once again, I weigh a lot of stuff because I understand what the family has been through or at least what I have been told by Brenda, so it's like a lot of things I've been starting to put a few grains of salt with 'cause I wonder how much is true ? Ah, I know, from how I've seen my own daughter act , over the last couple years, and remembering how Michelle would act, it's almost as if, because Michelle's dad was put out of the picture when she was 2 or 3 years old. So, a lot of her behaviors would have been cute when she was 2 and 3 and 4, become more like she's trying to get some body's attention at 14 and 15. I noticed my own daughter's behavior some times mirrors those of what Michelle was doing, as far as wanting to be close to me some times, like a couple times I would take her on some errands or something like that, in fact I went for an interview for a job, and it was just a walk up interview, nothing real serious, and she [Michelle] was acting real shy, she was all wrapped around me and hiding behind me, and it was almost like she was being a girlfriend instead of a daughter, so I ah, you know, and I just kind of you know, once again, up here said there's a line and she can be all clingy as she wants and that's fine and I just let it go, but, ah, I see

similarities there and you know I sit there and analyze a little bit and it's like ok, 'cause there was times when Michelle would come and sit on my lap, again at 2 and 3 that's cute, at 14 and 15, or 13, 14, and 15, that's more seductive than it is cute,

Dr. Pate: Would she sit on your lap at 13 and 14?

Brian R Chapman: Yeah,

Dr. Pate: Ok,

Brian R Chapman: And it wasn't like I said come sit on my lap, she would voluntarily do it,

Dr. Pate: So, what would you normally say when she would do it?

Brian R Chapman: Well, the appropriate thing would have been to say you're a little to big for that, and usually though it wasn't like she was sitting right on top of me, she would be right on the edge of my knee or something, so it wasn't a big deal, ah, but it was almost behavior that you would see a boyfriend and girlfriend, or a girlfriend sitting on a boyfriend's lap or something like that, and I let it go, I did not feel like a line was being crossed,

Dr. Pate: I gather from what you're saying is, that if she had not been your step daughter, and she was maybe a little older,

Brian R Chapman: Well, let see if she was over the age of 18 yes, and I had been single, then, you know, there wouldn't have been any question, there wouldn't be a line there, that's , you know , I mean now, ah, some people say some older guy shouldn't be going with an 18, 19 year old girl, but you see it all the time, either way so it's like but,

Dr. Pate: *unintelligible*

Brian R Chapman: That's ok,

Dr. Pate: I never saw Michelle back then, and I'm really asking about Michelle, not about you but, you said she was sexually attractive, because, she had a full figure? She acted in a provocative manner ? Because...?

Brian R Chapman: Well, she would dress normally, but, I mean, she had a nice figure, slim but nice, ah,...good personality that kind of thing, um, we just hit it off, or it seemed like we got along very good, from the time the first time I met, you know the

whole family,

Dr. Pate: you said she had a nice figure, did she have a developed figure ? I mean did she have a girls figure or a woman's figure ?

Brian R Chapman: A girls, but I mean it's a, how can I put this, when I first met her she was a budding teenager, but she was cute, and, you know ...when she got into high school she was , with a little makeup she probably could have been mistaken for 18 or 19 you know, or older than her years, ah,

Dr. Pate: ...for some reason you guys were close,

Brian R Chapman: I have no idea, we just hit it off, and I don't know, or at least it seemed like we hit it off very well, um, where as Ashley always seemed to have an oppositional, her personality wasn't

Dr. Pate: What's the difference? How is Michelle different from Ashley ?

Brian R Chapman: Ashley, if the diagnosis is correct about the bi-polar stuff, I think between the medications and the bipolar just, her manic swings, her moods and stuff made a difference there some how, and, Michelle I think she was supposed or allegedly suffered from some type of depression and on some meds for that but not as many as Ashley was, you know, It always seemed like Ashley was acting up, so you really didn't get to know her because she was acting up, so it's like you gotta deal with that instead of knowing the person, you know,

Dr. Pate: Did Michelle like Ashley very much ?

Brian R Chapman: I think they liked each other but they constantly fight, and, during the last couple years before Brenda and I separated they got into knock down drag out stuff, as a matter of fact, it got so bad where Brenda actually called the police over to break up one of their fights,

Dr. Pate: So if there were four people, you, Brenda, Michelle and Ashley, if I'm hearing right, it was really you and Michelle that got along the best out of all of them. Michelle and Ashley didn't get along to well, it sounded like Michelle and her mom got along ok, but you got along with Michelle better than her mom did even,

Brian R Chapman: Ah, maybe just because I was the stranger, or I was the new person in the whole scheme of things, I don't know? I mean, her mom and I got along, I mean as far as I think Michelle saw me more as a friend than a father figure, I was supposed to have some authority but it's, you know, understand step-dad, the

girls were almost grown at that point when I did come into the picture, so, how, yeah they need dad but, I guess they needed to define how they wanted me in their life period.

Dr. Pate: You said, you and Brenda got along, how was it going?

Brian R Chapman: Well, before we separated it was, it was getting kind of tense, from, 'cause she, because Brenda had come off of her medication [*Lithium*] to have Briana, and she never actually went back on what she was proscribed, and she allegedly suffers from some manic depressive disorder,

Dr. Pate: You said it was getting tense, what do you mean by getting tense?

Brian R Chapman: Well, I would get accused of cheating on her when I hadn't, or if I happened to look at somebody, or appear to look longer than a split second at some other, you know, mildly attractive person [of the opposite sex], or something like that, [she would say] oh you're thinking about sleeping with them, or your having thoughts about doing this, and I'm like, you know, NO, I wasn't but, or...

Dr. Pate: Was there ever any infidelity on her part or yours while you were together ?

Brian R Chapman: On my part never, on hers, I don't know, 'cause I worked nights most of the time,

Dr. Pate: What did you think?

Brian R Chapman: At the time, I would have thought 'no' but, looking back now, maybe, [but] I couldn't prove it, and you know, even if I could make the allegation right now, I could not prove it, so,

Dr. Pate: You don't really know.

Brian R Chapman: So, I don't know for sure,

Dr. Pate: Ok,

Brian R Chapman: I know her employer / boyfriend was in the picture awful quick after we separated, so,

Dr. Pate: Well, let me ask, during the time, during this time things were getting tense and things were going , she was accusing you of sleeping with other women, how was your physical relationship just between the two of you guys ?

Brian R Chapman: ...the bedroom, that's probably the one place where we didn't have a problem, just something up there [in her head] with her, thinking I was messing around, and it's like either she experienced that before and expected me to do it so she constantly accused me of it.... There was one instance where I, I worked for Carquest at the time as a night delivery driver, and I just happened to mention the fact that some girl had hollered at me on the radio [CB] out in West Virginia, and I answered back you know, that I was a happily married guy, and I related the story to Brenda, she goes off saying why you shouldn't have even spoke to her, and I'm thinking , I thought you know, I thought, I'm trying to share with her what had transpired, she accuses me of talking to some body just because and it's like, I think I can talk to some body without being attracted to them or

Dr. Pate: What was it Michelle actually alleged that, you said during the course of horse-play and ruffing around, ...touch her in places that she didn't want to be touched ? Is that the allegation ?

Brian R Chapman: That's the allegation

Dr. Pate: Ok, um... trying to remember what she said that she touched her in her genital area, I think that's what it was, is that what it was ?

Brian R Chapman: That's what the allegation

Dr. Pate: Put your hands between her legs exactly what she said

Brian R Chapman: That's what she's saying

Dr. Pate: Did that ever happen ? Did it happen accidentally ? Did it happen mmm I guess accidental is the word.

Brian R Chapman: I would never put my hand any further than about right here [*the top of her knee*] in play.

Dr. Pate: Your saying even, even, in horseplay it didn't happen ?

Brian R Chapman: There's a possibility but as a general rule I try, if I, in a wrestle no farther up than here [*mid to lower thigh*] especially with a girl, it's just, I mean, though,

Dr. Pate: Ok, so if this is horse-play, this is sitting on a couch wrestling, lying on the floor, standing up...

Brian R Chapman: Sometimes there would be some “ tickle” stuff ...’cause she would come up in a flirtatious, you know, give me a slap on the shoulder and say “you want to fight ?” You know, in a playful way,

Dr. Pate: I’m trying to get a picture of when...you talk about horse-play is it sitting on, you know how you sit on the couch and sort of tickle, and push and tease and wrestle, is it actually moving the furniture and getting on the floor you know 2 out of 3 best falls,

Brian R Chapman: Some times there would be some stuff, it might start on the couch, or it might start you know, end up on the floor, um, and, usually it was just some tickle stuff going on, or seeing who can pin somebody down, you know, and even then I don’t hold anybody down too long, and I’ve actually had the girls gang up on me in that family then I’m stuck. Four against one, I’m just, you know,

Dr. Pate: Four meaning Brenda too ?

Brian R Chapman: Brenda ? No. Brenda didn’t participate her two older daughters, at one time, earlier on, used to, occasionally,

Dr. Pate: OK,

Brian R Chapman: So, it wasn’t an unheard of thing for, you know, that kind of a horse-play to happen,

Dr. Pate: Ok, Brenda also apparently raised some concern with the guardian ad litem and the court about some stuff that happened with Briana, what was that about ?

Brian R Chapman: I don’t even know.

Dr. Pate: ...wasn’t there something about ah, changing Briana’s clothes ?

Brian R Chapman: I have allowed her [Briana] to change clothes at the apartment, on a couple of occasions, when she’s either spilled something on her pants, and she’s kind of a “miss priss”, even if it’s just water she doesn’t want to be in wet pants. Now, I don’t stand there and watch her change her clothes, she’s got her own bedroom,

Dr. Pate: She can change on her own?

Brian R Chapman: She knows how to change on her own. There’s been a couple instances where she has “soiled” herself and, you know, had an accident, once again there’s underwear in there, I give her a pair of underwear, she goes to the

bathroom, and I just tell her, leave your dirty ones in the sink so I can at least rinse them out before I send them home to her mom, I can wash them but, most of the time I just send them, send it, send them back home with her. Once again, that little girl can pretty much take care of herself, she can change her clothes, I don't sit there and watch her, she's got the , you know, the bedroom, she closes...

Dr. Pate: she knows how to do all...

Brian R Chapman: she closes, she'll even close she knows daddy's not supposed to be in there when she's changing. Same thing with the bathroom, and of course I would have concerns if she took a bath that, yea, I need to at least have a ear pealed cause she's four and a half going on five if she did fall, in the tub or fall out of the tub, you know, that's an [issue] and of course Brenda has an issue with that, what are you gonna do ?

Dr. Pate: What do you mean ?

Brian R Chapman: Well, say we finally get joint custody straightened out, and the child spends, you know, a weekend or something with me, what is she gonna go the whole weekend and not take a bath ?

Dr. Pate: And Brenda ?

Brian R Chapman: Brenda, doesn't want that to happen at my place, it's like, well, for that, for a "normal" thing, she's gonna need to be able to take a bath there, now, yes, I don't need to "watch" her, I'm quite sure, however, you know I can't just go down the street or go, you know, leave the apartment , you know I still have to be the parent, so,

Dr. Pate: Let me ask you this, several times you mentioned " I have to be the parent", I don't know anything about...

Brian R Chapman: Well the parent, I mean, is supposed to make sure the child is safe!

Dr. Pate: I mean , well, I don't know anything about how you were raised, what your parents taught you, so let me ask you: when you think about being a parent, especially being a father, what does it mean?

Brian R Chapman: Well, my parents , at least 'till I was old enough to take showers and stuff, were at least there in the bathroom with me when I took a bath,

Dr. Pate: So, they would...

Brian R Chapman: when I was like 5 or 6, I started taking baths by myself, without anybody there, and I don't know how far she has progressed, I mean I know, I don't know...

Dr. Pate:...what were your parents like?

Brian R Chapman: My parents ?

Dr. Pate: were they strict, pretty loose,...

Brian R Chapman: well,

Dr. Pate: ...always around you, gave you a lot of freedom...?

Brian R Chapman: actually I was a lot freer than, I had a lot more freedoms than...Brenda's kids had when I came into the picture, I mean , she runs, she ran a pretty tight ship as far as her girls didn't run the streets, which is a good thing but, I mean there's something to be said for having some structure and something to be said also for giving the kids a little lee-way so that they learn things, me personally, from the first time I had a bicycle, I was, you know, a couple little chores I might had to do, I was gone, I grew up early years in Rockville Maryland, and,...

Dr. Pate: In the city or the country?

Brian R Chapman: Well, I started out in the city in an area called Twin Brook, that's off Veirs Mill,

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Dr. Pate: Is he [Dr. Miller] an MD, a phd ?

Brian R Chapman: He's a Phd, I don't think he's an MD, just a Phd, um, licensed clinical social worker, what ever,

Dr. Pate: I'm sorry can I get your birth date again, my computer just ate it ?

Brian R Chapman: Snort/giggle, 6/11/65

Dr. Pate: Your social is 229 ?

Brian R Chapman: 02-8789 [Dr. Pate repeating in the back round]

Dr. Pate: You said his credentials are what ? He's not an MD ?

Brian R Chapman: I don't believe he is, I mean you can double check that, ah, I know for certain he's a Phd and I know he is I believe it's licensed clinical social worker but I don't ...see if I happen to have ...

Dr. Pate: He's in Alexandria ?

Brian R Chapman: Well, their main office where they work out of, is in Alexandria, he actually has his own little practice down here in Woodstock, I don't know if I have his card.

Dr. Pate: It still would be the Augustus Institute ?

Brian R Chapman: Still the Augustus Institute, that's correct. I just don't happen to have his card

Dr. Pate: I'm surprised, I probably should have known about him

Brian R Chapman: I do not have his card. Give me your email, I'll update you as soon as I get home. Almost everyone's got email so, makes you wonder what we did with out it.

Dr. Pate: my email pepha@shentel.net Ok, this is a release where, let me do this, eh, this is a release for you giving me permission to speak with Dr. Miller about these things, for the purpose of evaluation, evaluating service needs, whether it's ...regarding Brittany, I mean Briana, a forensic evaluation, and notice that this release expires on May 31 of this year, so if anyone wanted to get more information they would have to come back and get you to sign another one.

Brian R Chapman: Ok,

Dr. Pate: If you could sign at the bottom and date it,

Brian R Chapman: I sure will. If someone could look at the raw data that came off that Abel, I think that they would understand that, that deviant thing is not...

Dr. Pate: That's what I want to talk about with...

Brian R Chapman: it's an insignificant thing.

Dr. Pate: That's why I want to talk to Dr. Miller, because just looking at the raw data doesn't necessarily give the whole picture.

Brian R Chapman: Well, looking at the end report doesn't necessarily give somebody the whole picture. I saw the raw data, and what they extrapolated from the raw data some body's taken the wrong understanding 'cause what I saw on the raw data, it was like ok, there's [a scale with] 50----0----50 and the deviant was like, just a hair mark into the 50 side of deviancy, their calling it 45% but it's like , ok, it's really probably only 5% because your reading it , the way someone's reading it. And of course, everybody knows you can skew statistics either way you want them to go. So, it's

Dr. Pate: ...you can email me his address or phone number,

Brian R Chapman: I sure will, I just don't happen to carry his card with me.

Dr. Pate: So, my next step is, I'm going to get in touch with him, get some information, find out what's going on, the papers I gave you just to let you know the cost of the evaluation, I understand you don't have the money to pay it today, I just want to make sure that both you and Brenda know up front what the eventual costs are going to be

Brian R Chapman: Ok,

Dr. Pate: Because I don't want you later to be surprised when you didn't know it would be that much.

Briana R Chapman: Yeah, well, believe me, I already knew 'cause it cost similar to that for my own testing and evaluation so, when the GAL recommended it I already knew what was in store. Ah,

Dr. Pate: Mr. Chapman, you've answered a lot of my questions and I appreciate it, is there anything I can answer for you ?

Brian R Chapman: Well, are you familiar with PAS ? Parental Alienation Syndrome ?

Dr. Pate: Uh, hm, I have worked in custody evaluations for twenty some years,

Brian R Chapman: Ok, so it's not Greek to you ? Or something that you don't

Dr. Pate: Not Greek at all,

Brian R Chapman: Or, I don't know if you've seen the guardian ad litem's reports on this whole case or not

Dr. Pate: I don't know if I've seen all of them, but I've seen some of them

Brian R Chapman: I mean it's just, I see my daughter 8 hours out of the week [*at that time*] , and some body's gonna say I'm abusing her ? When would I have the time? [*this comment has been taken out of context, I believe, or taken seriously*] ...on Tuesdays and Thursdays I see her 2 hours, on the weekends I see her 4 hours either Saturday or Sunday, and most times we are out doing something because, you know, even that's not "normal". To me, "normal" means, yeah you may be going out somewhere, some days, some weeks you may be staying home because the place needs cleaning or the car needs worked on or, something, you know, you're not always going out, I feel like I'm being "Disneyland Dad" and don't want to be "Disneyland Dad"

Dr. Pate: You can't always be going out...

Brian R Chapman: Now, and we're not required to but I know it makes Brenda feel better, [when] we're not cooped up in the apartment all day, so, we find something to do for a couple hours, but that means going to Wal-Mart, going somewhere and that little girl just gets more stuff than she knows what to do with.

Dr. Pate: ..after I talk to Dr. Miller if I have some more questions will you be willing to come back in and talk to me?

Brian R Chapman: Sure. Now, I don't know what we're going to do to schedule this you observing me with Briana ?

Dr. Pate: ...No, that's not what I was, that was intended to be two different things,

Brian R Chapman: So, your not actually going to

Dr. Pate: That's what that 2 hours is, part of it's an hour spent with you, and another part is an examination of Briana, there was never , it was not intended that you would be done together,

Brian R Chapman: Oh, your not going to observe her with us ?

Dr. Pate: I wasn't planning on it,

Brian R Chapman: Ok,

Dr. Pate: Unless that's something someone wants to suggest that I should do, I wasn't planning on it.

Brian R Chapman: I mean, I don't know, I mean it's I don't know how you can determine normal behavior by not observing, so I don't know. But, I mean it, observing in this setting and observing in out in public or you know, is two different things too.

Dr. Pate: You're right, it's two different things.

Brian R Chapman: Because I could bring her in here and, she would be clingy as all get out, because you're a stranger.

Dr. Pate: This is a new situation, and all, let me talk to Dr. Miller, then see where we go from there.

Brian R Chapman: I think, you know, I do think Briana is being adversely affected by this situation, adversely some how. You know we had a little discussion yesterday when one of her friends, her parents are separated, and Briana related that her friend was having a hard time about it, and I said oh, is her parents separated and she said yes, I said so, she misses her dad ? Briana said yeah and I miss my dad. Even though I was right there, you know, for 2 years now [**4 years now**] you know I haven't been able to put her to bed, and tuck her in, when I worked nights, there was only one , two or three nights I actually got to do that. I was there when that little girl was born, the week that she was born, the whole week, the week that she was born, I took, since Brenda had a C-section, we had it scheduled, so, you know I arranged my vacation, that's what I spent my vacation doing,

Dr. Pate: ..these things you'd like to be able to keep contact with your daughter

Brian R Chapman: Well, I'd like it to be better than this, you visit an inmate, you don't "visit" your kids.

Dr. Pate: Ok, ok. Let me talk to Dr. Miller

Brian R Chapman:...and the thing is, you know, this sexual abuse stuff really got kicked into high gear when I think Brenda decided there was no way she was going to co-parent with me. She thinks she's the only one suitable to raise Briana, thinks well, I brought up four other girls without dad, or without dad in their life, and there's questions, all over the place, the last guardian ad litem report for August and he mentioned that Brenda had encouraged Michelle to go on a fishing trip with her father, the question needs to be asked, was that before or after the girl turned 18?

Dr. Pate: OK,

Brian R Chapman: Because if it occurred after she turned 18, then it didn't matter.

END OF INTERVIEW

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Brian R Chapman, Sui Juris.