

April 11, 2018

My name is Leo Stouros, in 2008, I was the child known as "L.S" in the case of J.K.L. v. N.C.S., 2008.

On April 24, 2008 or something close, I was taken from my home by the Kitchener Police and was taken to Calgary, where I spent a week before flying to San Fransisco to meet my mother who was in the car after I got brought down from the judges chambers when he told me that I was not allowed to see my dad and had to live with my mom. and participate in the Family Bridges Workshop.

The Workshop was performed by Dr. Richard Warshak and Randy Rand. I think we did sessions for a period of one to two weeks.

Prior to being sent to the Family Bridges Workshop, I was assessed by Dr. George Awad.

When my mother and I returned from San Fransisco, I lived with her for 16 months without any contact with my father. I did run away in October to see my dad for a night and was taken to Dr. Goldstein's house/office by the police where I spent the night on his couch until he could see me the next morning.

Each week I met with Dr. Sol Goldstein and his wife as part of the after care.

I spent 16 months without any meaningful contact with my father.

The time spent without my dad was confusing. I was told that he wasn't doing the right things to see me. This was confusing because they implied my dad didn't want to see me which I knew wasn't true.

At the end of the summer of grade nine, I wanted to go to my friend's cottage and my mom wouldn't let me, we got into a fight, she took me to an insane asylum for a week. I was released from here and was brought to my dad where I continue to live.

When I graduated high school, I went to Colgate University on a scholarship, and today I am a defensemen on the Georgia Swarm professional Lacrosse team. My dad and I also own a company called Spartan Lacrosse Academy where run camps, clinics and programs for organizations and individuals who want to have fun whole developing the all-around player in both life and sport, in Kitchener.

Today, I don't have a relationship with my mother.

Even though the relationship with my father was damaged due to the circumstances, our relationship today has not only grown back to what it once was but is stronger due to what we have been through together and separately.

I don't want any other child to not have a voice in their life. People continue to refer to my case as one of success, which it is but not because of Family Bridges. It is successful due to the fact that a relationship that was true was not broken. Family Bridges, I believe, can help tarnish relationships but not in their current procedures. Kids that have been truly parent alienated unlike myself might benefit from some form of therapy but not by the taking of a child from a loving parent.

I write this today, April 11, 2018 and I am also willing to speak to any judge who is considering Family Bridges.

Leo Stouros

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Leo Stouros". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.