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REAL CASE STORIES FROM REAL DETECTIVES

#21-01S: MONETARY MOTIVES

Marnie and Dan had been married for many years when, unfortunately, he became suspicious that she may be having an affair because of her habit of coming home very late from work. He hired Blackman Detective Services to investigate the situation and find out if his wife was being unfaithful. During the initial investigation detectives placed a GPS tracker in her vehicle to monitor her whereabouts, this turned up no evidence of an affair and the investigation was put on hold. A few years later Dan approached Blackman for a second time, this time he had found evidence in his wife's cell phone that she was having an affair. Detectives placed a GPS on her vehicle for a second time. They found that she would routinely visit the apartment of a man who was not her husband. Hoping to confirm that this was the man she was having an affair with, the detective put the man's apartment under surveillance. Marnie continued to visit the apartment but without concrete evidence of a romantic relationship, the detectives needed more proof. Then they caught a break. Marnie was set to go out of town. Believing that Marnie had lied about the details of her trip, Dan went through her phone and found that her plans were in fact completely different than what she had led him to believe. Dan sent the address that he had found in her phone to detectives. Again, they put a GPS on her vehicle hoping to confirm her location during her trip. Marnie, in an attempt at discretion, left her vehicle in the parking lot of a local business and rode with her suspected boyfriend to the location where they would spend the weekend. Without the GPS to confirm her location detectives decided to coordinate with a private investigator in that city. The local PI surveilled the apartment and was able to get a video of the couple holding hands and being affectionate with one another, officially confirming the affair. As it turns out, Marnie's incentive for maintaining the marriage was financial. Her husband had previously received a substantial inheritance that Marnie would only have continued access to if she remained Dan's wife.

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LITTLE RED FLAGS - RED FLAGS
OF PARENTAL ALIENATION

DID YOU KNOW? - KATE WARNE:
THE UNITED STATES FIRST
FEMALE DETECTIVE

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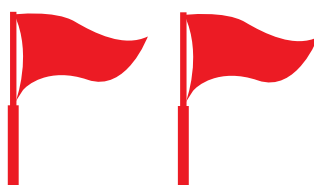


LITTLE RED FLAGS

SIGNS OF PARENTAL ALIENATION



"There is no passion to be found playing small—in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living."-
Nelson Mandela



Going through a divorce can be a very turbulent time in your life. Tensions often run high and these feelings can be exacerbated when there are children involved. There are so many considerations that go into determining a custody agreement and sometimes things don't go the way you expect them to. Sometimes it can even get ugly. Parental alienation is a tactic often employed by a disgruntled parent to effectively estrange a child from their other parent. If you or a loved one are going through a divorce here are some red flags to look for to ensure that your former partner is playing fair. If you notice any of these habits or behaviors speak to your lawyer about how this could impact your custody agreement.

The child takes the side of one parent against the other. Children may exhibit some hostility toward a parent as part of their processing of the emotions associated with the divorce. However, when this hostility is disproportionately applied toward one particular parent and not the other this can be a sign of alienation. While the child will exhibit hostility toward one parent their feelings toward the other parent will be a stark contrast. Most children perceive good and bad in both of their parents, an alienated child will see one parent as perfect and one as inherently bad. The child knows a lot more than they should about the divorce. If one parent is sharing the assumed failures of their child's other parent with the child this can poison the child against that parent and cause them even more emotional distress. The child has a choice about visitation, regardless of the court schedule. If the parent gives the child the choice of whether to see the other parent, this is a strong sign of alienation as they are allowing the child to decide which parent they prefer to spend their time with. The child is being used by the other parent as a spy. Some parents will ask the child to report back to the other parent after their designated visitation. Sometimes a parent is simply looking for information to use against the other during negotiations. The parent withholds information pertinent to the other parent's role in their child's life. (ie. intentionally not notifying the other partner of a major school or athletic event)

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DID YOU KNOW?

Kate Warne: The United States First Female Detective

Kate Warne is considered the first female detective in the United States. She was hired by Allan Pinkerton of the Pinkerton Detective Agency and was a key player in the failed assassination attempt of President Abraham Lincoln in Baltimore in 1861. Prior to the attempt, she had disguised herself as a rich Southern lady in order to infiltrate secessionist social gatherings in Baltimore. While at these gatherings, she discovered details of the assassination plot. For her work prior to and during the civil war, Warne was named one of Pinkertons' five best detectives by his own standards. She continued to work as a detective throughout the civil war and once it was over Pinkerton established the Female Detective Bureau, putting Warne in charge as "Supervisor of Women Agents." Kate Warne died in 1868, 35 years before women would be allowed to be detectives working on the police force.



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