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## NOTICE REQUEST FOR CORRECTIVE ACTIONS, SAFE ACT VIOLATIONS AND REQUEST FOR AUDIT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY DHS RECORDS AND FIANCIAL SUPPORT RECORDS

14 messages

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Fri, Dec 15, 2023 at 9:28 AM

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Good Morning Director John Slowe,

Hope this email finds you well. Please take notice that state employees from your Montgomery County DHS Local Office have refused and/or ignored registering the attached certified foreign support order in the State of Maryland DHS system effective 12/01/2021.

My minor-children and I are Maryland citizens and Montgomery County Maryland residents in Silver Springs, Maryland.

Some of these individuals, public employees at Montgomery County DHS Local Office, are engaging in unlawful acts, financial exploitation and unlawful omissions in violation of Safe Act of Maryland, Maryland laws and federal laws.

Please do an audit of Montgomery County DHS child support records and make necessary corrections to the financial errors and omissions that the individuals working in that office have ignored and/or refused to do there job.

The attached operative certified support order is not reflected in DHS records and individuals working for DHS Montgomery County Office have failed to register the attached certified support order.

Thank you in advance for your help!


Warm Regards,

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John Slowe -DHS- CSA <john.slowe@maryland.gov>

Mon, Dec 18, 2023 at 1:34 PM

To: Vernon Leftridge <vernonlefridge.vl@gmail.com>

Mr. Leftridge,

Thank you for the information. I have forwarded it to the Montgomery County OCS, as they had not received a copy of the order.

John Slowe

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Mon, Dec 18, 2023 at 2:35 PM

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Greetings Mr. John Slowe,

Your welcome. Please take notice that I had provided Montgomery County OCS with the certified foreign order as well as uploaded the certified foreign order on Maryland Human Services Mythink electronically. However, MC OCS had not entered the May 2019 and April 2022 certified foreign orders into my case file for unknown reasons.

I also emailed Mr. Edward Ntuka with the certified foreign support order.

The Mythink electronic system regarding has a different calculation that what was ordered and audited in Connecticut regarding the April 2022 certified foreign support order.

Montgomery County OCS has incorrect arrearage and incorrect weekly child support which is contrary to what was ordered on April 7, 2022.

Can you please do an audit of the electronic uploaded records regarding the foreign certified support order?

Thank you in advance for your assistance, help and prompt response. Thank you in advance for taken corrective actions regarding the lack of certified the information.

Can you make sure MC OCS performs corrections to there child support records that reflects what was ordered on April 2022, uploaded, noticed and forwarded to them previously, as they had received certified copy of the foreign support order which said amount is being taken out of my Social Security Administration Disability Benefits monthly.

Certain individual(s) employees within Montgomery County OCS have violated Safe Act of Maryland in concert with individuals from Connecticut.

Please take corrective action and advise what steps are being taken to end financial embezzlement and intentional financial exploitation.

Thank you in advance for your corrective actions and prompt response to this serious matter.

Please advise.

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Mon, Dec 18, 2023 at 4:58 PM

Mr. Leftridge,

Mr. Ntuka has not been with the Montgomery County OCS for quite some time. My apologies that you were not aware of this change.

John Slowe  
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Tue, Dec 19, 2023 at 1:47 AM

Greetings Mr. John Slowe,

I was never made aware that Mr. Ntuka no longer works for Montgomery County OCS; however, I did upload the certified foreign support order on the Mythink DHS portal.

The DHS OCS Support portal still hasn't updated it's records to reflect the May 2019 and April 2022 certified foreign support order. Please take corrective actions.

Thank you in advance for your assistance, transparency, help and support.

DHS OCS employee(s) has recorded false and misleading support information for quite some time which never was updated for unknown reasons.

Can you please advise why the false information was not corrected and why no one has corrected the false narrative support calculations which does not match the actual certified foreign support order.

This is a very serious issue as this clearly defamation and violation of Safe Act of Maryland.

I'm a certified physically disabled U.S. Citizen that has continuing to be a victim of financial exploitation, false support entries by DHS OCS and false information submitted to all three of my major credit rating agencies with Transunion, Equifax and Experian.

Please take corrective actions and have your employees remove the false and misleading information from my credit rating reports. I understand that you mentioned that DHS OCS didn't have the information which is deficient and false; because I provided notice of the certified foreign support orders previously. Whoever was managing the foreign support case file ignored and/or forgot to input the ordered foreign support order.

My apologies for sharing my feelings regarding this unacceptable serious issues. DHS OCS was fully aware of the last foreign support orders but chose not to record it so that my case file is correct. This has been a very annoying experience and financial exploitation acts and omissions.

Can you please make sure that the OCS employee that is handling my case file makes the necessary corrections and upload the certified foreign support orders.

Thank you in advance for your prompt response, help, assistance and corrective actions.

Please advise.

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Tue, Dec 19, 2023 at 5:19 AM

Vernon, I am sorry to hear that working with our department has been frustrating. We will continue to learn from what you share and commit to improving. While the team will continue to work with you to resolve any remaining issues, I'm including the Executive Director of the Child Support Administration to make sure that we take a fresh look at the details you've shared with us. Thank you for your patience. We wish you all the best, Rafael

Kevin, please keep me posted once you've had an opportunity to connect with John and the team on next steps. Much appreciated.



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Tue, Dec 19, 2023 at 10:23 AM

Good Morning Mr. Rafael Lopez,

Thank you so much for your response to my complaint inquiries and concerns regarding the treatment I have received from individual(s) from Montgomery County ("MC") DHS handling both SNAP and Certified foreign support orders.

I have been a victim of financial exploitation, gender discrimination and unfair practices by MC DHS.

In addition, my approved SNAP Benefits was transferred from Washington County DHS to Montgomery County DHS. After the approved SNAP Benefits transfer was completed, MC DHS employee(s) handling the SNAP Benefits file requested documents and materials that was already provided and registered with Washington County DHS including my legal custodial minor-child R.J.L. school verification. In light of this, I hand delivered the requested documents on September 28, 2023 to MC DHS Silver Springs local office which was uploaded the same day which increased the SNAP Benefits amount. However, after the SNAP Benefits increase, I received notice of the amounts being disbursed. Then, I went to Walmart to purchase food for me and my minor-children but the SNAP funds was denied because the approved amount wasn't recorded by DHS MC employee handling the case file. I then received a second letter from DHS MC that they need more information which was already emailed and uploaded on Mythink portal. The items requested was a.) Utility Bill's, b.) Access to my Minor-child school records, c.) HOA monthly payments for fees I pay, d.) Energy assistance documentation, e.) Copy of foreign support order, etc. These documents and material evidence was uploaded on the Mythink portal and emailed to MC DHS Supervisor and DHS Call Center.

I submitted several and numerous fair hearing requests disputing the decisions made by DHS MC Silver Springs local Office. To date, I have not received any written correspondence or any fair hearing notice. Four separate fair hearings was requested in October 2023, November 2023 and December 2023. I was told that my case file was transferred to alleged Appeals Unit and that I will be receiving notice of the fair hearing dates. To date, I haven't received any fair hearing notice. Furthermore, when I contacted DHS Customer Service line; I was told that someone from DHS MC tried to call but an alleged call dropped which was recorded in DHS records. This is false recorded information because no one contacted me about my fair hearing requests. My rights continue to be violated by whoever is in charge of Transfer SNAP Case file, SNAP Medical, SNAP Benefits, Energy Assistance and Foreign Support Orders that was never recorded and/or ignored.

This has been an extreme frustrating and very annoying experience. Having to keep providing duplicate school verification in lieu of the official school I had already provided numerous times, Utility bills that was provided numerous times, my Silver Springs driver's license several times all was uploaded on numerous occasions.

I hope and pray that this unreasonable acts and omissions are not occurring with other vulnerable individuals seeking help from DHS.

My unjust experience has only been with MC DHS and it's mishandling of my approved SNAP Benefits, certified foreign support order, SNAP transfer file from Washington County and the arbitrary cherry picking of requested materials that was already provided, hand delivered, submitted and uploaded on the DHS portal.

Being denied my right to a fair hearing of the decisions I disagree with is a clear violation of my rights to due process and clear violations of Safe Act of Maryland. Please take corrective actions to prevent future occurrences.

Working with your Montgomery County DHS has been annoying and an ongoing nightmare beyond frustration.

Thank you in advance for taking the proper and reasonable steps to improve and end the nightmare created by certain bad apples within MC DHS and OCS Departments. Thank you for taking time out of your schedule to address the forgoing issues and for including your Executive Director of the Child Support Administration to make sure that foreign support order is recorded and that the errors in my case file are corrected with complete transparency.

The inaccurate information in the MC OCS case file is defamation of my character and DHS employee(s) lack of transparency.

The information on my OCS case file is brutally incorrect and does not have correct information that should have been recorded so that truthful information is being reported and communicated by DHS Customer Service Representatives. As a resort of this false information being reported when I call; I request that the individual responsible for recording this false information is terminated for the harm caused and for the financial exploitation acts.

I look forward to working with you all to resolve these very serious issues and bring this nightmare to an end. Should you need additional information and/or other acts that have occurred, please don't hesitate to contact me to discuss.

Thank you in advance for your prompt response.

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Tue, Dec 19, 2023 at 6:34 PM

Good Evening Mr. Leftridge,

Thank you for sharing these additional details. My apologies for the frustration you have experienced working with our Department. The Montgomery County Child Support Administration now has the court order you provided and is updating your case in our system. We are sorry that the court order you submitted previously through the portal was not received by the office and no one informed you that Mr. Edward Ntuka was no longer employed. We are also asking the State of Connecticut to provide us with all copies of court orders so we have everything we need to update your case.

Ms. Shronda Dunlap, at the Montgomery County Child Support Office, will keep you updated on the status of your child support case. You may also contact her with questions by email at [shronda.dunlap@maryland.gov](mailto:shronda.dunlap@maryland.gov) or by telephone at 301-610-4519.

I have also copied my colleagues, Augustin Ntabaganyimana, Executive Director of the Family Investment Administration to assist with your SNAP benefits, and Thomas Smith, Director of Constituent Services to assist with the concerns you expressed about the call center.

Thank you for your patience as we address your concerns.

Kevin

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Good Evening Mr. Kevin Guistwite,

Thank you for your sincere help and assistance in this matter. Mr. Edward Ntuka was this Supervisor of the case Manager that was handling the UIFSA Support case.

Also, I live in the same school district as my legal defense minor-child in question and was awarded Joint custody pending Sole Custody.

In light of these unusual circumstances, I had requested that MC OCS provide me with a copy of the alleged support complaint that is alleged to have been filed on or about April 12, 2017; however, to date I have not received a copy of it.

Thank you in advance for taking corrective actions and fixing the financial errors in your OCS records. My son mother gave false and misleading information to Montgomery County OCS which is main reason why it falsely ended up in Connecticut in light that she is a resident of Price George County and not Montgomery County. However, I am thankful that proper steps are being taking to prevent financial exploitation, OCS system errors and public employee(s) abuses.

I don't have any issues with DHS Call Center because they were forwarding my fair hearing requests to Montgomery County DHS. The issue I have is the false weekly order which is being updated by your office including the ongoing process violations.

The experience has interfere with my family and minor-children.

I am happy that corrective actions is being taken within the Montgomery County Child Support Administration and that the May 2019 and last certified April 2022 foreign support court order has been updated in your system parallel to Montgomery County Circuit Court registered support order.

If the Montgomery County Circuit Court Grant's me sole custody I will be seeking DHS assistance.

Thank you for updating your case file system.

There also needs to be an audit performed on my son's mother Niambi Heyward financial records and tax returns related to this case.

Thank you in advance for registering the certified foreign support order issued on April 7, 2022.

Please advise when the registration of the foreign support order has been completed by DHS.

Should you have any additional questions and concerns regarding my experience, nightmare and irreparable harm caused; please don't hesitate to contact me to discuss.

Please advise.

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Good Evening Mr. Kevin Guistwite,

Please find attached the Connecticut Foreign Support Case Detail to this email chain and also attached certified foreign support order issued on April 7, 2022. I have also attached the Social Security Administration notice regarding the monies garnished "monthly" from my Social Security Disability Benefits. Please do not delay registering the certified May 19, 2019 foreign support order and the last April 7, 2022 foreign support order without further delays. Thank you all in advance for taking corrective actions, for your help and assistance with the Maryland Safe Act violations and public employee(s) individual issues, due process violations, denial of fair hearings regarding SNAP decisions, DHS OCS false financial foreign support calculations on the Mythink DHS MD portal. The attached information should be recorded within the Montgomery County DHS foreign support case file.

Please remove the false and misleading information that is being falsely reported to my major credit rating reporting agencies with Transunion, Equifax and Experian. The monthly support taken directly out of my SSDI "monthly" is being reported falsely which continues to destroy my credit rating which has continued to prevent me from getting loans to pay for medical equipment for my permanent physical disability and other family needs.

Mr. Edward Ntuka was not handling the foreign support case file. His employee was case managing and handling the UIFSA Support case file, which I believe is responsible for the false information that was attached to my name in Montgomery County OCS internal system.

Please let me know if you need any additional material evidence. There should not be any further delays with registering the certified April 7, 2022 foreign support order so that Montgomery County DHS records can reflect true financial numbers.







Thank you in advance for your prompt response.

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Notice Request for Records and Documents

Good Morning Kevin and Everyone on this email chain and To Whom This May Concern--

Please take notice that I am requesting a copy of the alleged April 2018 support petition that is allege to have been filed by Niambi Kafi Heyward on or about April 12, 2018 with a unknown public employee, relative or individual that works at Montgomery County OCS. Please upload the 2018 alleged support Petition on Maryland DHS portal under my case file.

I previously had requested a copy of this alleged support petition but was denied access to see it for some unknown reason by the MC OCS employee(s) that was case managing the foreign support case file.

Can you please advise if any support Petition was filed by Niambi Kafi Heyward on or about April 12, 2018? If so, please email me a copy of this alleged 2018 support petition and disclose as well as upload the alleged 2018 support petition on DHS OCS MD Mythink portal.

I have a April 12, 2018 Court Transcript where attorney Andrea Gaines from Connecticut represented on the record that Montgomery County OCS received a foriegn support petition from Niambi Kafi Heyward on or about April 12, 2018. However, to date I have not received a copy of this petition that was allege to have been filed with Montgomery County OCS on or about April 12, 2018. I respectfully request a copy of this alleged year 2018 support Petition.

Please verify and advise whether or not Ms. Niambi Kafi Heyward filed a foriegn support Petition in year 2018 with Montgomery County Office of Child Support. Thank you in advance.

Individuals from Connecticut Department of Social Services is using this alleged year 2018 Petition as a pretext to report information to my major credit rating reporting agencies "monthly" that continues to destroy my credit rating. I have a right to see this alleged April 2018 document that is not recorded on Maryland Mythink portal under my case. Please advise the reasons.

Thank you all in advance for disclosing the alleged April 2018 foreign support petition and for your prompt response to this notice request for documents and records, help, transparency and assistance. Please advise promptly.

Your prompt response is greatly appreciated.

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Good Morning Kevin and Everyone-

Please find attached the March 1, 2018 transcript regarding the dismissal of Montgomery County OCS foreign support petition and request for Ms. Niambi Kafi Heyward to file a new foreign support petition with Montgomery County OCS that is alleged to have been filed on or about April 12, 2018 years ago. Disclosure of this alleged 2018 Montgomery County OCS foreign support petition that has not been recorded on the State of Maryland Department of Human Services OCS Portal for unknown reasons. I think we all want to know the reasons why it never was recorded on State of Maryland Department of Human Services OCS Portal and why to date I have not been provided a simple copy of this alleged 2018 foreign support petition that is alleged to have been filed with her relative that works for State of Maryland Department of Human Services OCS Portal and/or an individual handling the support case file that never recorded the alleged 2018 foreign support petition.

I am vulnerable to Maryland and the U.S. American citizens of color with permanent certified physical disability. I am a victim of financial exploitation which I have suffered irreparable harm and financial losses as a result. Please enforce Safe Act of Maryland laws and bring the individuals responsible for the financial exploitation and false credit reporting to justice to make me whole. These individuals are public employees that work and/or previously work for State of Maryland Department of Human Services OCS, Connecticut Department of Social Services and UIFSA Divisions of both Maryland and Connecticut.

I am hurt and shocked by this experience. I'm surprised that another state can do this to vulnerable Maryland citizens that do not have jurisdiction and no ties whatsoever to Connecticut. My minor-children are residents of Maryland not Connecticut. However, I know that you all are taking proper steps to get to the bottom of this nightmare including making appropriate referrals for civil and/or criminal prosecution against the individuals responsible for the financial exploitation. No Maryland citizen should experience this modern day lynching and financial exploitation. I hope and pray that this never happens to any Maryland citizen, vulnerable Maryland citizen or disabled Maryland citizen.

Thank you in advance for disclosing the 2018 foreign support petition, enforcing the Safe Act of Maryland law and investigating this serious matter so that this doesn't happen again to Maryland vulnerable citizens.

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To: vernonlefridge.vl@gmail.com

Cc: Shrona Dunlap -DHS- CSA <shrona.dunlap3@maryland.gov>

Dear Mr. Leftridge,

We are in receipt of your request for a copy of the UIFSA Support Petition that was filed on the behalf of Ms. Heyward. We regret to inform you that the requested information is deemed as confidential in accor

Under Maryland law "a person may not disclose any information concerning an applicant for or recipient of social services, [or] child welfare services . . . that is directly or indirectly derived from the records, in that is acquired in the course of the performance of official duties." Md. Code Ann., Human Servs. § 1-201(a); COMAR 07.01.07.04(A)(5) ("a custodian shall deny a request for disclosure of any information or Support Enforcement. . . ."); see also 71 Opinions of the Attorney General 368 (1986); 89 Opinions of the Attorney General 31 (2004).

In addition, kindly refer to the enclosed information about the Personal Information Act that you received from the Department of Human Services on June 24, 2022.

Dear Vernon Leftridge,

The Department of Human Services ("The Department") received your June 11, 2022 request for certain records under the Public Information Act, Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article ("GP"), § 4-101, et seq. Spec Amended Affidavit alleged to have been completed between March 1, 2018 thru [sic] April 12, 2018, " which are on file with the Montgomery County Office of Child Support.

The Department is not in possession of an Amended UIFSA Petition between March 1, 2018 and April 12, 2018. Additionally, pursuant to GP § 4-301(a)(1)-(2), the Department is unable to provide you with the "Amended Affidavit alleg records are deemed confidential under both state and federal law. Under Maryland law "a person may not disclose any information concerning an applicant for or recipient of social services, [or] child welfare services . . . that is directf . . . or a unit of the State . . . or that is acquired in the course of the performance of official duties," Md. Code Ann., Human Servs. § 1-201(a); COMAR 07.01.07.04(A)(5) ("a custodian shall deny a request for disclosure of any informati Enforcement. . . ."); see also 71 Opinions of the Attorney General 368 (1986); 89 Opinions of the Attorney General 31 (2004).

There are only two exceptions to the statutory prohibition: when the disclosure occurs for the administration of certain government programs or pursuant to a court order. Human Servs. § 1-201(b). Unauthorized disclosure is a crimine Id. § 1-201(c); see also COMAR 07.01.07.10.

Federal requirements also prevent the disclosure of child support records. The Department's Child Support Administration, which is responsible for the enforcement of child support obligations under Title IV-D of the Social Security Ac specified individual" that is "obtained in connection with the performance of IV-D functions, outside the administration of the IV-D program." 45 C.F.R. § 303.21(a) and (c). Violation of these provisions subjects a person to State and fed

Pursuant to GP § 4-362, you are entitled to seek judicial review of this decision. You may also refer any concerns about that decision to the Public Access Ombudsman pursuant to GP § 4-1B-01 et seq.

Sincerely,

Maryland Department of Human Services  
Public Information Act Custodian

If you need would like any further assistants from the Montgomery County Office of Child Support in the interim, don't hesitate to do so by calling Shrona Dunlap at 301-610-4519 or sending an email to [shro](mailto:shro)

Thank you and have a great day.

Best Regards,

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From: **Vernon Leftridge** <vernonlefridge.vl@gmail.com>  
Date: Wed, Dec 20, 2023 at 10:15 AM  
Subject: Re: NOTICE REQUEST FOR CORRECTIVE ACTIONS, SAFE ACT VIOLATIONS AND REQUEST FOR AUDIT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY DHS RECORDS AND FIANCIAL SUP  
To: Kevin Guistwite -DHS- CSA <kevin.guistwite@maryland.gov>  
Cc: John Slowe -DHS- CSA <john.slowe@maryland.gov>, Shrona Dunlap -DHS- CSA <shrona.dunlap3@maryland.gov>, Augustin Ntabaganyimana -DHS- SSC <augustin.ntabaganyimana@maryland.gov>, Thomas Smith -DHS- SSA <thomas.smith1@maryland.gov>, Rafael Lopez -DHS- SSC <rafael.lopez@maryland.gov>, Department Of Justice <AskDOJ@usdoj.gov>, Vernon Leftridge <vernonlefridge.vl@gmail.com>

Notice Request for Records and Documents

Good Morning Kevin and Everyone on this email chain and To Whom This May Concern--

Please take notice that I am requesting a copy of the alleged April 2018 support petition that is allege to have been filed by Niambi Kafi Heyward on or about April 12, 2018 with a unknown pu OCS. Please upload the 2018 alleged support Petition on Maryland DHS portal under my case file.

I previously had requested a copy of this alleged support petition but was denied access to see it for some unknown reason by the MC OCS employee(s) that was case managing the foreign :

Can you please advise if any support Petition was filed by Niambi Kafi Heyward on or about April 12, 2018? If so, please email me a copy of this alleged 2018 support petition and disclose as Mythink portal.

I have a April 12, 2018 Court Transcript where attorney Andrea Gaines from Connecticut represented on the record that Montgomery County OCS received a foriegn support petition from Niar not received a copy of this petition that was allege to have been filed with Montgomery County OCS on or about April 12, 2018. I respectfully request a copy of this alleged year 2018 support

Please verify and advise whether or not Ms. Niambi Kafi Heyward filed a foriegn support Petition in year 2018 with Montgomery County Office of Child Support. Thank you in advance.

Individuals from Connecticut Department of Social Services is using this alleged year 2018 Petition as a pretext to report information to my major credit rating reporting agencies "monthly" tha April 2018 document that is not recorded on Maryland Mythink portal under my case. Please advise the reasons.

Thank you all in advance for disclosing the alleged April 2018 foreign support petition and for your prompt response to this notice request for documents and records, help, transparency and a

Your prompt response is greatly appreciated.

Warm regards,

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**Vernon Leftridge** <vernonlefridge.vl@gmail.com> Fri, Dec 22, 2023 at 3:31 AM  
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Greetings Ms. Nakia Thomas and Ms. Shrona Dunlap,

Please take notice that I am in receipt of Ms. Nakia Thomas email denying my request for a copy of the alleged Support lawsuit and/or amended support civil complaint that is alleged to been filed by Niambi Kafi Heyward with your Maryland Department of Human Services agency and/or Montgomery County Circuit Court on or about April 12, 2018. I was not aware that family support civil lawsuits and amended family support lawsuits are confidential in the State of Maryland. However, my family lawsuit filed against Niambi Heyward is public record in Maryland Circuit Courts in Washington County and Montgomery County. This is a clear denial of Maryland citizens' right to due process and to see what counts and claims are being filed against me. I am not asking for confidential information but rather a copy of the alleged State of Maryland support civil lawsuit. Upon review of Montgomery County Circuit Court of Maryland, there is no records, case detail or any civil support lawsuit filed by Niambi Kafi Heyward or Maryland Department of Human Services

Just to be clear, are you stating that I am not entitled to see this alleged support lawsuit and/or amended support civil complaint alleged to have been filed on or about April 12, 2018 against me? This is a violation of the U.S. Constitution, U.S. Due Process Clause and U.S. Equal Protection Act. I am not asking to disclose information but rather a copy of the amended support complaint and the jurisdictional Maryland Circuit Court that your agency filed this alleged support complaint.

Your email states: *"We regret to inform you that the requested information is deemed as confidential in accordance with state and federal regulations. Under Maryland law "a person may not disclose any information concerning an applicant for or recipient of social services, [or] child welfare services . . . that is directly or indirectly derived from the records, investigations, or communications of the State . . . or a unit of the State . . . or that is acquired in the course of the performance of official duties." Md. Code Ann., Human Servs. § 1-201(a); COMAR 07.01.07.04(A)(5) ("a custodian shall deny a request for disclosure of any information or record concerning an applicant for service or customer under . . . Child Support Enforcement. . . ."); see also 71 Opinions of the Attorney General 368 (1986); 89 Opinions of the Attorney General 31 (2004)."*

Please take notice that I am not requesting confidential information; only a simple copy of the alleged support lawsuit that is nowhere to be found in any Circuit Court in Maryland. Can you at least give the date this alleged amended support lawsuit was filed between March 1, 2018 thru April 12, 2018.

Please provide your policy and procedures for authorized disclosures of public civil support lawsuits against dads and fathers of Maryland including but not limited to dads and fathers right of access to family support lawsuits and amended support petitions filed against them with Maryland Department of Human Services and Circuit Court of Montgomery County. This to me spells out clear gender discrimination againsts men, fathers and dads in Maryland.

Please take notice that I am not requesting "Personal Information" or "Confidential Information". What I am requesting is "Public Information " regarding an alleged support lawsuit in lieu of what Maryland Department of Human Services sent on June 24, 2022.

Your email also states: "*The Department of Human Services ("The Department") received your June 11, 2022 request for certain records under the Public Information Act, Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article ("GP"), § 4-101, et seq. Specifically, you requested "copies of Niambi Kafi Heyward Amended UIFSA Petition and Amended Affidavit alleged to have been completed between March 1, 2018 thru [sic] April 12, 2018, " which are on file with the Montgomery County Office of Child Support."*"

I am requesting disclosure of any and all records and documents of me, my legal custodial minor-child R.J.L. and myself (aka Vernon J. Leftridge, Jr.). I do not want and am not requesting any confidential or personal information regarding Niambi Kafi Heyward records. Therefore, I am only seeking "public information" not "personal information". U.S. law and U.S. Constitution supersedes state law.

You have also stated in your email that "Pursuant to GP § 4-362, you are entitled to seek judicial review of this decision." I don't think a decision has been made to my request for my records and legal custodial minor-child records. I believe I am entitled to my records and minor-children records as their legal custodial father and biological dad. Please provide which court that I can seek judicial review.

Please clarify the foregoing and disclose "only" public information requested including the alleged public civil support lawsuit that is alleged to have been filed by Niambi Kafi Heyward against me on or about April 12, 2018.

Your prompt response is greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance and Happy Holidays!!!

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