

Sheriff Kelly A. Martinez
San Diego County Sheriff's Office
John F. Duffy Administrative Center
9621 Ridgehaven Court
San Diego, CA 92123

Re: What Is Happening to Families in San Diego?

Sheriff Martinez,

I am enclosing this published story because I want you to look at what is happening in San Diego right now and ask yourself a very simple question: What kind of system does this do to children and their family?

The photographs show Malaika and Xayah outside a Sheriff's facility during one of their final visits with their mother, holding pink signs that say I LOVE MOM. These are not children without a mother. These are not children without a family. They are little girls who love their mother, remain deeply bonded to her, and whose separation from her was described in expert testimony as causing catastrophic psychological and emotional harm.

This is not history. This is happening now.

I am a direct witness to what Child Welfare Services, County Counsel, the guardian ad litem, caregivers, and others connected with this dependency system have done to my family. I was not even the parent litigant, yet I became caught directly in its machinery. I was an approved family placement for my granddaughters. I cared for my elderly mother for years as her caregiver, conservator, and trustee. Then, after I began publicly exposing what I was witnessing, I was transformed into a supposedly dangerous grandfather, removed from my granddaughters' lives, subjected to restraining orders, and treated as though speaking publicly about government conduct somehow made me a danger to children.

I have now gone approximately a year without seeing Malaika and Xayah.

I am a grandfather with an entire family. My oldest grandson is a K-9 police officer in Southern Illinois and served in the United States Army. My oldest granddaughter serves in the Army. I have three additional grandsons, a great-granddaughter, and a great-grandson. Malaika and Xayah have siblings and extended family they have been deprived of knowing and growing up with. Evelyn can have relationships with her other children, including her twins, yet she is being permanently separated from these two daughters. How does that make sense if this is truly about protecting children?

You cannot simply erase two children from an entire blood family.

I have personally witnessed what I contend are false reports, false accusations, retaliation after protected speech, contradictions between recordings and written reports, interference with family relationships, attacks on advocates, and the use of government authority against people who refuse to stay quiet. I have watched seniors, dependent adults, relatives, parents, and outside advocates become collateral damage in a system that is supposed to protect children. Audra Morgan is one example. Malaika disclosed private concerns involving her body to Audra, and afterward Audra herself was pulled into reports, portrayed negatively, excluded from courtrooms, and ultimately pushed out of the girls' lives.

I have also watched a private caregiver, Norma Olivares, exercise extraordinary influence over Evelyn Lopez's relationship with her own daughters while Child Welfare Services, County Counsel, and the guardian ad litem repeatedly supported continued separation. Evelyn completed services, participated in therapy, maintained visitation, and fought to reunify. The children remained bonded to her. Their distress at the end of visits was so serious that transitional therapy became part of the picture. Yet the system continued moving toward permanent separation.

That is why I am asking you: What exactly is going on here in San Diego?

I am asking your office to investigate whether conduct in this case crossed into false reporting, perjury, obstruction, retaliation, evidence manipulation, unlawful surveillance, civil-rights violations, or other criminal conduct. I am not asking you to simply accept my conclusions. I am asking you to examine the evidence independently.

Review the Spring Valley encounter. Preserve the body-worn camera footage, CAD records, dispatch records, photographs, reports, and communications. Look at those two little girls holding their pink I LOVE MOM signs. Review the recordings showing their bond and distress. Review the expert testimony concerning catastrophic psychological and emotional harm. Review the reports that claim one thing while recordings and witnesses show another. Determine where the false sexual allegations originated. Determine why lawful family contact and public speech repeatedly became issues in a child-welfare case.

I am not going away.

I will not quietly accept government action that removes my granddaughters from their mother, their grandfather, their siblings, and their extended family while evidence of their bond and suffering sits in plain sight. I will continue documenting this case. I will continue writing elected officials, federal officials, civil-rights offices, journalists, newspapers, filmmakers, and anyone else willing to examine what is happening. I will continue

preserving recordings, photographs, reports, medical records, court documents, and testimony.

I am not afraid to expose government misconduct where I believe the evidence shows it. If officials believe I am dangerous, investigate me. If they believe Evelyn is dangerous, produce the evidence. If they believe Malaika and Xayah need to be permanently separated from this entire family, then the evidence supporting something that extreme should withstand independent scrutiny.

What I will not accept is a system declaring people dangerous because they speak out, treating criticism as misconduct, and then using those characterizations to justify removing children from the people who love them.

My family has already lost years. My mother died during this fight. My granddaughters lost time with their great-grandmother that can never be restored. Malaika and Xayah are losing childhood relationships with siblings and relatives they should already know. Those losses are permanent.

Sheriff Martinez, read the enclosed article. Look carefully at those photographs. Then ask whether what you are seeing represents child protection or whether something far more troubling has been allowed to develop around this family.

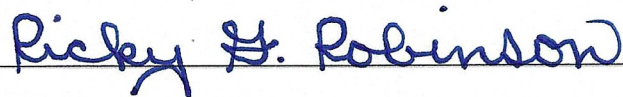
I am asking you to do what law enforcement is supposed to do: investigate independently, preserve the evidence, follow the facts, and protect the people.

This is happening in San Diego now.

And I am going to continue exposing it until somebody with authority seriously examines what has been done to Malaika, Xayah, Evelyn, and this family.

The bottom line, Sheriff Martinez, is that what is happening to Malaika, Xayah, and this family is a gross miscarriage of justice, and it demands an independent investigation.

For the record,

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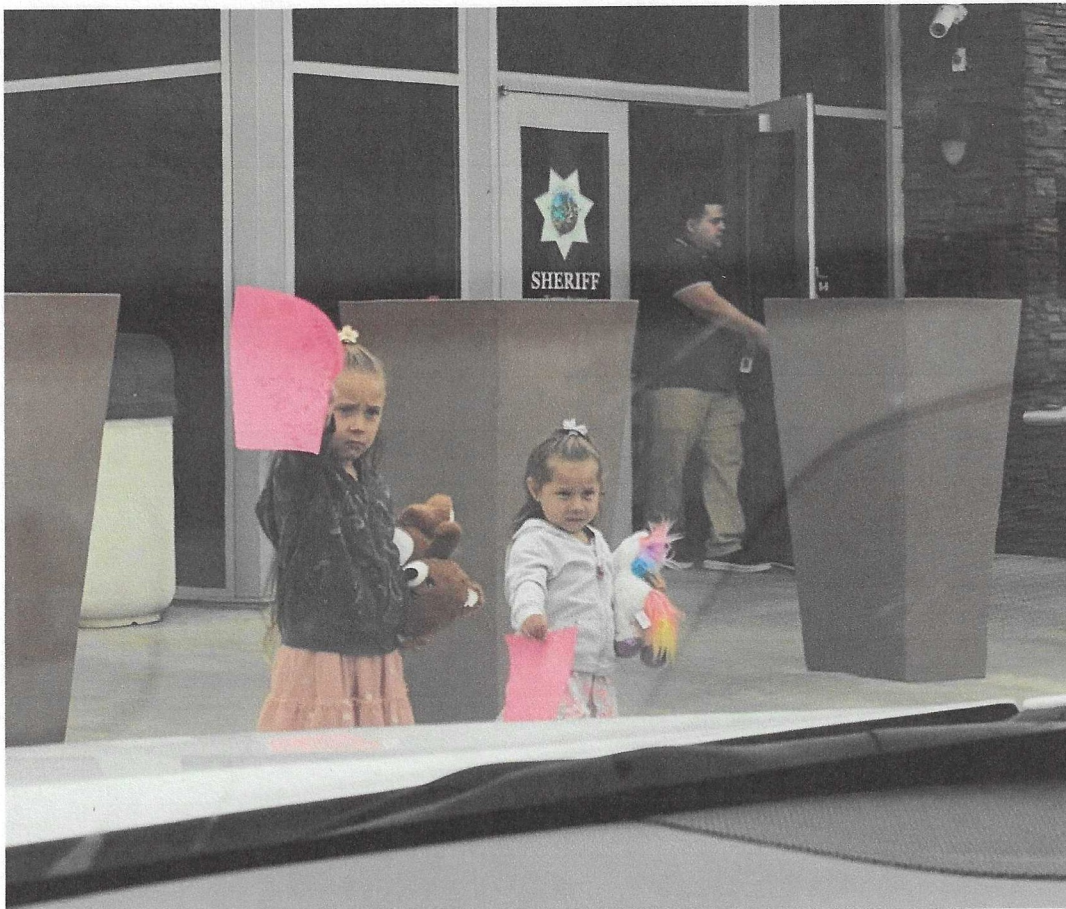
"I Love Mom": San Diego Girls Forced to Say Goodbye During Final Visit After Judge Terminates Mother's Parental Rights

California's Court Crisis —It's Extreme



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SAN DIEGO, Calif. — On June 4, San Diego mother Evelyn Lopez and her two young daughters were brought together for what family

members describe as their final visit after a San Diego Juvenile Court judge terminated Lopez's parental rights on May 26.

The final visit took place at the Sheriff's Station, located at 11486 Campo Road in Spring Valley, California, where photographs obtained by *Unveiled and Uncensored* show Malaika, who turns 5 in November, and her 3-year-old sister Xayah holding handmade pink signs bearing messages including "I ♥ Mom" and "I Love Mom."

Family members say the children were emotional as they said goodbye to the only mother they have ever known and loved.

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The visit came just days after newly appointed San Diego Juvenile Court Judge Devon L. Lomayesva terminated Lopez's parental rights despite years of visitation records, emotional video footage, and expert testimony that supporters say documented a strong and loving bond between the children and their mother.

JUDICIAL BRANCH: **San Diego County Superior Court**
 COUNTY: **San Diego**
 JUDGE: **92126**
 CASE NUMBER: **521339AB**
 CHILD'S NAME: **Makela & Kiyah Robinson**
 DATE: **5/29/2023**

INSTRUCTIONS
 1. You or your attorney must fill in items 1 and 2 and sign this form at the bottom of the page. If possible, to help process your appeal, fill in items 3-7 on the reverse of this form.
 2. For most appeals, you must file a written notice of appeal within **60** days after rendition of the judgment or the making of the order being appealed or, in matters heard by a referee, within **60** days after the order of the referee becomes final. Read rule 8.406 of the California Rules of Court.
 3. To appeal an order transferring jurisdiction to the criminal court, you must file the notice of appeal within **30** days. Read rules 8.770(g) and 8.406(a)(4).
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 5. If you are not the county welfare department, district attorney, child's parent, or child's legal guardian, you may have a right to challenge a decision by the juvenile court, but only in very limited circumstances. You may need a court order granting you access to records in the juvenile case file. For more information, please see information on Requesting Access to Records for Persons With a Limited Right to Appeal (form JV-291-RFO). You can get form JV-291-RFO at any courthouse or county law library or online at www.courts.ca.gov/filings.
 6. I appeal from the findings and orders of the court (specify date of order or describe order):
 7. This appeal is filed by:
 a. Appellant (name): **Evelyn Lopez**
 b. Address: **717 S. Mission Road #405**
 c. Phone number: **619-588-5004**
 d. Name, address and phone number of person to be contacted (if different from appellant):
 e. I request that the court appoint an attorney on appeal. I ☒ was ☐ was not represented by an appointed attorney in the superior court.
 8. Items 3-7 on the reverse are: ☒ completed ☐ not completed

1. ☐ child.
 2. ☐ mother.
 3. ☐ father.
 4. ☐ legal guardian.
 5. ☐ de facto parent.
 6. ☐ county welfare department.
 7. ☐ district attorney.
 8. ☐ child's tribe.
 9. ☐ other (state relationship to child or interest in the case):
 This notice of appeal pertains to the following child or children (specify number of children included):
 a. Name of child: **Makela Robinson**
 Child's date of birth: **5/26/20**
 b. Name of child: **Kiyah Robinson**
 Child's date of birth: **6/29/2023**
 c. Name of child: _____
 Child's date of birth: _____
 d. Name of child: _____
 Child's date of birth: _____
 e. Continued in Attachment 6.
 7. The order appealed from was made under Welfare and Institutions Code (check all that apply):
 a. ☐ Section 305.5 (transfer to tribal court)
☐ Granting transfer to tribal court ☐ Denying transfer to tribal court
 Dates of hearing (specify):
 b. ☐ Section 369 (declaration of dependency) ☐ Removal of custody from parent or guardian ☐ Other orders
☐ with review of section 300 jurisdictional findings
 Dates of hearing (specify):
 c. ☒ Section 365.26 (selection and implementation of permanent plan)
☐ Termination of parental rights ☐ Appointment of guardian ☐ Planned permanent living arrangement
 Dates of hearing (specify): **5/26/20, 5/11/26, 5/13/26, 5/16/26, 4/28/26, 4/15/26, 3/2/26**
 d. ☐ Section 366.22 (order designating a specific placement after termination of parental rights in which a petition for extraordinary writ review that substantively addressed the specific issues to be challenged was timely filed and summarily denied or otherwise not decided on the merits)
 Dates of hearing (specify):
 e. ☐ Section 388 (request to change court order)
 Dates of hearing (specify):
 f. ☐ Other appealable orders relating to dependency (specify):
 Dates of hearing (specify):
 g. ☐ Section 725 (declaration of guardianship and other orders)
☐ with review of section 601 jurisdictional findings ☐ with review of section 602 jurisdictional findings
 Dates of hearing (specify):

Lopez Notice of Appeal. May 29, 2026.

On May 29, Lopez and her attorney filed an appeal challenging the ruling and seeking further review of the court's decision.

The developments have intensified public scrutiny of California's family and dependency court system and raised renewed questions about secrecy, due process, family separation, and governmental accountability.

Read more: [Despite County Records Acknowledging Strong Maternal Bond and Expert Warnings of Harm, San Diego Judge Terminates Mother's Parental Rights in Sealed Dependency Proceedings](#)

["The Bond Doesn't Exist": San Diego Juvenile Court Blocks Press Access in Contested Termination-of-Parental-Rights Case Involving Two Toddler Sisters](#)

According to records reviewed by *Unveiled and Uncensored*, San Diego County visitation reports repeatedly described Lopez as loving, nurturing, emotionally attentive, and appropriately bonded with her daughters. Yet the same dependency system ultimately sought and obtained an order permanently severing her parental rights.

Photographs from the final visit have quickly become symbolic of the central dispute surrounding the case: whether a court should permanently sever a parent-child relationship when county records, visitation observations, emotional video footage, and expert testimony documented an ongoing maternal bond.

For supporters of the family, the image of two young girls holding signs reading "I Love Mom" outside a Sheriff's station only days after their mother's parental rights were terminated raises broader questions about family preservation, judicial decision-making, and the extraordinary power dependency courts exercise over the lives of children and families.

How to Help

In addition to pursuing an appeal, family members say they are actively seeking legal representation to explore potential civil claims against San Diego County and Child Welfare Services arising from the handling of the case.

They are asking attorneys, civil rights organizations, legal advocacy groups, and others willing to assist with the matter to contact the family regarding potential representation, appellate support, or further legal review.

For now, Evelyn Lopez's fight to remain connected to her daughters continues in California's appellate courts. While appellate proceedings can take years to resolve, those close to the case hope additional media attention and legal scrutiny will bring greater examination of what they believe are profound questions involving family preservation, due process, governmental accountability, and the dependency system's extraordinary power to permanently separate children from their biological families.

As Lopez's appeal moves forward, those questions are now likely headed to California's appellate courts.

This ongoing series on the California family and probate court and CPS corruption crisis—and the broader nationwide family court crisis—aims to bring national attention to systemic failures and to advocate for meaningful reform and accountability.

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The time for action is now. Lawmakers, the media, and the public must act together to demand justice, accountability, and protection for families and children.

Are you committed to protecting America's children and restoring integrity to our legal system?

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Together, we can ignite a national movement and create lasting change.



First, San Diego County's child-welfare fraud and foster-prison machine kidnapped Malaika and Xayah. Then it came after her twins. How many Robinson children does this machine believe it is entitled to target before it finally leaves this family alone?

"Anyone who kidnaps someone is to be put to death, whether the victim has been sold or is still in the kidnapper's possession." — Exodus 21:16

