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2 worked there for two years and I am sure she will have much more to tell.

3 5. I had a few short conversations with Michelle before my visit to CPS in Logan on  
4 February 7<sup>th</sup>. On that evening, after I had met with CPS earlier that day, I called Michelle and  
5 she told me she could not talk to me. She did not tell me why but I later learned from Martin,  
6 and then by her, that CPS worker Wanda Lundahl told them I had called the ranch 8 times on a  
7 Sunday impersonating a CPS worker, which is not true.

8 6. At the urging of another staff member I tried calling her again. Given she is the one  
9 with the truckload of evidence, as Wanda Lundahl said in her e-mail to me, I thought it was  
10 worth trying. She is now willing to talk to me again, realizing I did not call the ranch. As Martin  
11 indicated, no one even answers the phone on the weekends.

12 7. Michelle told me that Majestic Ranch recently sent her (1) an exit interview with a  
13 no-contact order, asking her to agree to no contact with anyone associated to Majestic Ranch  
14 for a period of one year; and (2) a staff conflict agreement contract (among other things, she  
15 would not be allowed to photocopy Majestic Ranch materials.) She said she has not signed or  
16 returned any of the documents.

17 8. Michelle indicated she received no formal training at Majestic Ranch. The only  
18 training she received, after she had been there two weeks, was from a woman named Gloria  
19 who had only herself been at Majestic Ranch for 8 weeks. Gloria was fired because it was  
20 discovered she had a felony record.

21 9. When I asked Michelle about the Mandt System for restraints, she said they do not  
22 do proper Mandt System restraints.

23 10. One of the boys was dropped to a level 1 when he received a Cat 4 consequence.  
24 She tried to share her concerns with Wayne because she felt this was unfair and unwarranted.  
25 Wayne told her it would be more money in their pockets and did nothing to support this child.

26 11. When some staff members wanted to sleep in rather than get up with the children  
27 they made the children stand between flag poles.

1 12. One time when Michelle brought Rice Krispie treats for the children, something that  
2 did not happen often, staff Robert Humbert "Boo" took the treat from one of the children, spit  
3 on it, threw it on the ground, then picked it up and said "here's your treat."

4 13. There were carcasses all over the property. She saw a fresh animal liver lying on a  
5 porch, probably brought there by the ranch dogs. She was told by the children that the directors  
6 shoot sheep in the face and shoot dogs if children touch them.

7 14. When children and staff complained about the horrible smell emitting from the  
8 carcasses left in the back of a truck for extended periods of time, children were made to move  
9 the carcasses off the truck and onto a pile in the "bone yard." If they did not throw up they got a  
10 soda.

11 15. One child used his belt to try to hang himself. He was very withdrawn.

12 16. Kids are forced to sit on milk crates in the snow, usually for 2 hours or more. In the  
13 summer they sat there all day.

14 17. In another conversation with Michelle, she informed me that one child who had  
15 impetigo was removed from the program. She said there was recently an outbreak of scabies in  
16 one of the girls' dorms. When children are ill or injured and ask to see a physician, their parents  
17 are told their child is being manipulative and that nothing is wrong with them. On many  
18 occasions no diagnosis or treatment is sought and children suffer for extended periods of time.

19 18. Children have bad gastrointestinal problems. They are sick often.

20 19. One time Michelle ordered vitamins for the children but was told by Tammy  
21 Johnson that she could not administer them to the children.

22 20. Children eat unhealthy foods, including a lot of frozen foods. There was no  
23 nutritionist at the facility.

24 21. The sewer backs up in front of the kitchen often. This has been going on for two  
25 years. The leach field may be backing up she said, and this raw sewage was out in the open,  
26 resulting in a mosquito infestation. They tried throwing sod over it at times.

27 22. Staff and children are instructed by directors of Majestic Ranch to do a dash clean-  
28 up when parents are coming to visit the facility.

1 23. There were many time when there was only one staff member per 18 children.

2 24. She said one of the ways children were made to work the ranch was by going on the  
3 sheep trail for three days and nights.

4 25. Dave Jones was a shift leader demoted to house parent. He was later demoted to  
5 driving children to appointments because he was abusive. They did not want to get rid of him  
6 because he was married to Family Rep Tori who still works at Majestic Ranch.

7 26. Michelle told me that directors tell parents that their little "cherubs" are going to  
8 manipulate them.

9 27. Children are given no trust and are made to feel they are not trustworthy.

10 28. One morning Michelle recounted sitting in her car and seeing Dan Peart shooting  
11 raccoons.

12 29. She said Martin is still there working undercover.

13 30. Shortly before walking off the job, Michelle was told she could no longer hug  
14 children. She and 4 other staff members walked off the job because their demands for better  
15 treatment of the children and better living conditions were all turned down.

16 **CONVERSATIONS WITH MARTIN WILSON**

17 31. I spoke to Martin Wilson, another former staff member who, to date, has not  
18 provided me with his affidavit. However, he has been willing to speak with me on several  
19 occasions. He, too, was told by CPS worker Wanda Lundahl, not to speak with me. He told me  
20 last week he wants to discuss this with his parents and asked me to call him back to let me  
21 know if he would be willing to share his story with me. He told me last night to call him  
22 tonight. He is still working there and I am sure he, too, will have much more to tell.

23 32. Martin said when he called CPS worker Wanda Lundahl with a question (before my  
24 trip to SLC on February 7<sup>th</sup>) and was told that I had blown the entire investigation by calling  
25 Majestic Ranch 8 times on a Sunday impersonating a CPS worker. He told me that he thought  
26 about it and realized they do not answer the phone at Majestic Ranch on the weekends. I did not  
27 call impersonating a CPS worker. Below is an account of those few, short conversations we  
28 had.

1 33. Martin said he could get the phone number of a child's parents who just left the  
2 program. He was repeatedly restrained and had a huge gash on his forehead and bruises on his  
3 chest as a result. He is only 8 years old and is very small built. He thinks his parents picked him  
4 up to take him to another similar facility. Martin felt there was no reason to restrain him, he is  
5 so tiny.

6 34. One of the children was restrained 12 times in one day by staff member Quinn, the  
7 nephew of another staff member, Richard Wells, known as D'artangin.

8 35. Some staff wear camouflage clothing to intimidate the children.

9 36. One 8-year old child had bruises all over his face after he was restrained with his  
10 face in the snow. He complained he could not breathe. Two huge guys restrained him. This  
11 same child had been locked in a closet recently. Martin said this child was normal when he  
12 came to the program.

13 37. He said Wayne Winder came in while one boy was getting his hair cut. Staff  
14 member Jared was reading a book and Wayne got mad, cussing at him in front of the children.  
15 He became more angry and told him to get off the property. Martin said he did not feel Wayne  
16 had a good reason for this behavior. He was just in a bad mood.

17 38. Martin told me believes Majestic Ranch was made aware there would be an  
18 inspection. When CPS, the fire marshal, and sheriff Stacey inspected the facility about two  
19 weeks ago not once did he see them look at or interview a child.

20 39. It is my hope that these two former staff members, and others, will come forward  
21 with their stories for the sake of the children. These children have no other way of being heard.

22 WITNESS my signature this 25th day of February, 2005.

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