

1 GENERAL AFFIDAVIT UNDER OATH OF SARA CONCETTA

2 I, SARA CONCETTA, declare and state as follows:  
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4 1. I, SARA CONCETTA ("Declarant"), am a resident of Logan, County of Cache, State  
5 of Utah, and do hereby certify, swear or affirm, and declare that I am competent to give the  
6 following declaration based on my personal knowledge, unless otherwise stated, and that the  
7 following facts and things are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

8 2. I was employed at Majestic Ranch from September 1, 2004 through February 11,  
9 2005.

10 3. During my employment at Majestic Ranch I felt as though I was living in a program  
11 myself. Many times we were restricted from doing our jobs because we were not given the proper  
12 tools.

13 4. I believe Majestic Ranch is more of a minimum security correction facility than a  
14 boarding school, and only found out recently that they claim to only be a boarding school.

15 GOVERNMENT AGENCY COVER-UP

16 5. Children told me that Wayne Winder recently went around and put up smoke detectors  
17 because he knew the fire marshal was coming to inspect the facility. They also said he was  
18 running around trying to bring things up to code at the facility. It was obvious he was given notice  
19 that the government agencies were coming to inspect rather than making a surprise visit since  
20 they had received so many complaints from staff who had recently quit working at the ranch.

21 6. Not long before I quit children told me they had been taken into Wayne Winder's  
22 office one by one and asked to fill out a form asking them if they (1) had ever felt threatened at  
23 Majestic Ranch; (2) if they had ever felt threatened by Wayne personally; and (3) if they had ever  
24 felt unsafe while they were at Majestic Ranch. Some of the children also told me they answered  
25 no to those questions when they really wanted to answer yes because they felt intimidated by him  
26 and were scared to tell the truth.  
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1 **CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

2 7. D'artagon worked at Majestic Ranch for only a month when he was made shift  
3 supervisor.

4 8. D'artagon's sister told me D'artagon admitted to telling the boys to take Jordan, one  
5 of the children, off his bed, throw him outside, and beat him up. They called it a "blanket party."  
6 They all grabbed him, threw him outside in the dark, beat up on him, and he ended up with a  
7 black eye. His parents removed him from the program soon after that.

8 9. D'artagon admitted to doing this yet he was not reprimanded.

9 10. I watched as an employee restrained a 7 year old boy because the child refused to get  
10 in line then refused to walk towards him. He was extremely abusive. He threw the child on the  
11 ground and pulled his arms behind his back, then pulled his legs up behind him. The staff was out  
12 of control and over worked and hurt this child. I believe if this staff was provided with a break  
13 during his shift this would not have happened. Staff are with children 24 hours a day and rarely  
14 get any time away to gather themselves.

15 11. On the first day I worked at Majestic Ranch I was told two boys were in Adapt  
16 because they had been out of control. I saw a staff make them shovel manure. One of the children  
17 refused to shovel and started running away from the staff so he was restrained. He was asked to  
18 lie on the ground, his arms and legs were then put behind him, and his face was in the manure.

19 12. Wayne Winder has a very bad temper and I know of several situations where he swore  
20 and yelled at students. He even dropped one of the girls over 100 points because she asked him to  
21 not swear at her which held her back two months from graduating.

22 13. "Intervention" was a room in the basement that was used for children in orange status  
23 that could not handle sleeping or being in their teams. There were 3 boys at once not long ago  
24 who were in intervention because they had tried to run away. The windows were screwed shut.  
25 The door was locked and the staff wore the key around their neck. There would have been  
26 virtually no way for them to escape in case of fire.  
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1 14. "Watch" or "orange" are for children who are at risk of killing themselves, hurting  
2 themselves or others, running away, or excessive masturbation. While children are in orange they  
3 are given 1 orange jacket, 1 or 2 orange shirts, 1 or 2 orange shorts or pants, two pairs of socks  
4 and underwear, 1 towel, deodorant, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and a toothbrush. Some children  
5 have thin jackets, some have no gloves, hats, or scarves and they are made to sit in zero degree  
6 temperatures if they become out of control and have to be removed from their team. They are  
7 made to wear the same clothes over and over, only recently were the girls given two shirts and  
8 shorts/pants, as for the boys I am not sure if they were given that.

9 15. \_\_\_\_\_ was misbehaving and out of control one day. After hitting a staff she was  
10 restrained, her face and stomach were exposed to the snow and she was not able to adjust her  
11 clothing until she calmed down which took some time. She couldn't move. Her feet were exposed  
12 as well because she continued to kick the staff that was restraining her.

### 13 THE PROGRAM AT MAJESTIC RANCH

14 16. Children are divided into teams. Each team is supposed to have 2 staff members but  
15 Majestic Ranch is under-staffed and there is only 1 staff member for each team. I was not given  
16 any formal training and it is my understanding that other staff did not receive formal training  
17 either. Staff are not even required to have any experience working with children. Background  
18 checks are not completed until several weeks after an employee has been working with the  
19 children.

20 17. Often times there is a damage to the parent child relationship because the parents  
21 refuse to participate in the seminars they are required to attend which holds back the children and  
22 gives them the impression that their parents don't care enough about them to work their end of the  
23 program. Talking with parents is a privilege that many students never receive.

24 18. I have seen very few girls make positive changes in the program. I have found that the  
25 seminars use brainwashing techniques. It is very rare that a child actually graduates the program.

26 19. Because children are not treated with respect they learn manipulation and they walk on  
27 egg shells.

1 20. Though parents pay a lot of money for their children's clothes the children only  
2 receive two pairs of school pants, two school shirts, one pair of pajamas, two bras, and seven  
3 pairs of socks and underwear. They have weekend attire consisting of one pair of jeans and one  
4 Majestic t-shirt. Because there is only one washer and dryer in the girls' dorms it is difficult to  
5 have all of the laundry done as it is needed so often times the girls wear dirty clothes. Girls are  
6 beginning to menstruate and they are not being trained on hygiene. They bleed through their  
7 clothing and there is no convenient way to wash them. This causes embarrassment and often  
8 unsanitary situations in the dorm.

9 21. Though I have a college degree I was treated with disrespect. I was reprimanded for  
10 providing Bibles to the students who asked for them.

11 22. There is no monitoring of the staff and in the past they have brought their girl/boy  
12 friends onto the facility at night. There is no protection against anyone coming onto the facility at  
13 any time and walking into the dorms, especially the girls' dorms. This makes the girls very  
14 uneasy and afraid of what could happen.

15 23. Parents and children are rarely allowed to see each other and phone calls home are  
16 monitored. Eventually parents come for Parent/Child seminars. If they do not the child cannot  
17 advance the program and they believe their parents do not care about them.

18 24. Christmas was a sad day for many children and some did not even receive presents.

19 25. Education is an independent study program with teachers available to help the  
20 children. Basically they read their books and fill out worksheets. They do get 30 minutes of music  
21 2-3 times per week. They recently eliminated art classes which upset many of the students  
22 because there are few opportunities for them to express themselves in a creative, constructive  
23 manner.

#### 24 **LACK OF PROPER MEDICAL STAFF AND TREATMENT**

25 26. developed a bad case of scabies back in September 2004 and still had them  
26 when I left in February 2005. I and other staff reported it to her family representative but nothing  
27 was done for 3 months. By then they were so bad that she had painful, pus-filled, infected scabs  
28 all over her butt, thighs, and lower back area. She was in severe pain. She was finally taken to a  
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1 doctor and was diagnosed with scabies and they began treatment with an ointment that staff had  
2 to administer once a week. They have recently begun spreading to her stomach and forearms.  
3 Before we received medication for her we put Neosporin on her sores. In the meantime 5-7 other  
4 girls came down with it. They provided no protection for the children, or staff who use the same  
5 bathroom, against them spreading.

6 27. I was told by an attorney that in this type of facility where children with a myriad of  
7 conditions who take a variety of strong prescription drugs are housed there must be a registered  
8 nurse on the facility at all times. The nurse must be the one administering drugs, not staff. I felt  
9 they were asking us to break the law when they made us administer strong prescription  
10 medications to these children, but provided no other means of administering the drugs.

11 28. At one time, boys were putting their prescription drugs between their fingers and later  
12 crushing, sniffing, and giving them to other students. They lost points and dropped their levels for  
13 doing this. The authorities were not notified about this incident. I made them aware that by law  
14 they have to call the police but it never happened. Once that happened medications were  
15 administered in Wayne's office by the shift supervisor. If the shift supervisor was busy then the  
16 staff had to give the kids their medication.

17 29. Two weeks before I left the ranch was diagnosed with pneumonia. She had  
18 complained of knee pain for weeks. Several staff reported it to our supervisors. When she  
19 developed a temperature of 104 she was finally taken to the doctor. That is when she was  
20 diagnosed with pneumonia and was put in a knee brace and given crutches. The doctors thought  
21 she tore a ligament under her knee cap. The MRI showed nothing wrong with the knee but she  
22 was still in severe pain. She was made to walk on it because she was told the MRI revealed  
23 nothing.

24 **DEPLORABLE AND UNSANITARY CONDITIONS**

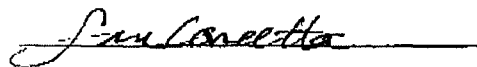
25 30. In the older girls' dorm there were 14 girls who shared one shower and one toilet with  
26 a staff member. In the younger girls' dorm there were about 12 girls who shared one shower and  
27 toilet with a staff member.

1 31. The septic tank backed up and raw sewage was flowing on the property. It is now  
2 frozen and covered in snow but when the snow melts and the weather becomes warmer the  
3 horrible smell will return. Staff and children have to walk over it in the common areas to get from  
4 one place to another.

5 32. I have seen raw meat set to thaw next to fruit and on upper shelves on many occasions,  
6 as well as bread covered with mold. Children wash their own dishes in a tub of soapy water with  
7 only one rag and they rinse in cold water. The oven is disgusting and filthy. Raw meat is placed  
8 above fruits and vegetables in the refrigerator. They have had an infestation of mice in the  
9 cupboards that get into the cereal. Counters are not cleaned properly. Children are made to drink  
10 ½ regular milk mixed with ½ powdered milk. The food is disgusting. Dinners are placed into the  
11 oven in the afternoon and when it is time for dinner the meat is often still bloody and raw. The  
12 walls were filthy. Cooks do not receive much training. Students were rarely given enough to eat,  
13 and were forced to go to bed hungry.

14 33. We worked 24-hour shifts for three days in a row and were paid for only 35 hours.  
15 Legally we are supposed to be paid minimum wage for the nights we are there because we sleep  
16 with the children and are always on call. There have been many instances where children will get  
17 up in the night while staff are sleeping and abuse other children, go through staff belongings, and  
18 roam around the facility breaking into the kitchen, and main office. Administration has been  
19 asked many times to provide night staff to watch the children but they refuse to do so and these  
20 things continue to happen, and when they do staff get written up for not waking up.

21 WITNESS my signature this 21 day of February, 2005.  
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