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**IN THE FIGHT FOR HER KIDS,  
ROBIN KARR SAYS THERE IS NO**

# **CRAZY TALK**





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**Life today**



## After a psychiatrist misread a report labeling her 'borderline retarded' and unstable, college graduate Robin Karr says she's even more determined to prove she's sane and get her kids back

*There's a closet full of presents for them, just in case they come home.*

*Christmas packages and birthday toys, each stacked on top of last year's which are stacked on top of the year's before. Winnie-the-Pooh peaks out from the closet, and a brand-new pink dress, outgrown no doubt, hangs ready to wear for that Easter that never was.*

*Robin Karr says she knows where Hell is, but her tears do little to extinguish the flames swallowing her guts.*

*She remembers little hands, big wide eyes and cheeks pressed against her skin.*

*Karr said come to her house and discover the flipside of happily ever after.*

*Come live in her dungeon, she says, and then be thankful and kiss your kids good night.*

*Karr, a Corbin mother involved in a bitter custody battle with her ex-husband, tells a story of love and hatred, of truth and lies, and of a court system she and her attorney say has failed her two youngest children.*

*But most of all, the mother of three tells about the fine line between insanity and sanity, all the while maintaining her composure, saying not even despair is going to make her crazy.*

### THE BEGINNING

Robin Karr, of Barbourville, married Ed Duckworth, of Rockville, Texas, on May 5, 1996. On May 27, 1997, the couple separated and Duckworth filed for divorce June 3 of the same year.

Karr, who was pregnant with the couple's second child, and Duckworth, a former Corbin Police officer, whose departure from his job involved controversy over a fatal gunshot blast to a dog's head, decided to give their marriage another try in Texas.

Karr said the family, including her son Chris Karr from a previous marriage, moved in with Duckworth's wealthy parents in Rockville, Texas.

Problems with Duckworth's father instigated Karr's return to Kentucky and in with her mother eight weeks later.

### IN COURT

A Texas court was awarded jurisdiction over the divorce and custody battle after Karr's return to Kentucky. Joint custody for the children was awarded on Oct. 3 1998, and the babies were originally ordered to spend alternate weekends with each parent in Kentucky and Texas, according to Rockville County District Court records. This meant they were to be shuttled nearly 1,500 miles every week, Karr said.

After a few visits, Karr said she thought the children seemed sick and claims she saw signs of abuse.

Medical records from Baptist Regional Medical Center in

Corbin indicate both children were repeatedly treated at the hospital for recurring ear infections, fevers, vomiting and unexplained bruising, contusions and injuries.

Hospital records show Matthew Duckworth was treated for a suspected skull fracture in October 1998. A radiology report from that visit says an X-ray of the injury may have represented a "linear skull fracture."

In a report, an emergency room doctor on duty, Dr. David Wrede, said both children may have been assaulted and called Kentucky State Police and Social Services representatives.

Karr said the babies' father refused to talk to her about the injuries, and she attempted to keep the children from him.

But not long after, Duckworth showed up at her home with a Kentucky State Police trooper demanding the children, saying he was taking them back to Texas to live.

Although Karr claims neither Duckworth nor the trooper had any official paperwork requesting she release the children, she handed both babies over because she was "afraid" she would be arrested by the trooper if she did not comply.

"We were awarded joint custody in Texas. And when he came to get the babies, he didn't have an order signed by a judge," Karr said. "He brought (the trooper) with him because he couldn't have done it without his assistance ... I didn't even see any papers at all that day. I feel like my babies were kidnapped."

Duckworth and his attorney, Charles Schurenberg, declined to comment for this story.

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Above: Robin Karr holds her children, Matthew and Laura Duckworth, on their last visit nearly three years ago. Karr has been fighting to see her children since a psychiatrist misread a report in court and said she was unstable and borderline retarded. At left, Karr talks about her ordeal as she goes through photos and keepsakes from her children.

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#### SANITY VS. INSANITY

Karr said Duckworth and his attorney began to claim she  
was insane.

The Oral Roberts University honors graduate said a  
restraining order was issued against Karr on Nov. 21, 1998 by  
Rockwall Co. District Judge Sue Pirtle after Karr says she  
"threw a fit" on Duckworth about the babies' injuries. During  
the hearing, Karr admits she became distraught and began to  
cry hysterically demanding to be given a visitation date or told  
when she would get to see her children again. Instead, Karr  
says she was arrested for criminal trespassing and led from  
the courtroom in handcuffs.

Within days, Karr said, her visits were denied at the request  
of a court-appointed monitor of child visitations.

Trish Verde, owner of Time Together, a company that super-  
vises court-ordered closed visitations, told the Rockwall  
Chronicle in an interview that she refused to participate in any  
visitation between Karr and the children because she felt  
uncomfortable and unsafe in Karr's presence. Verde also said  
she feared Karr would try to take the children back to Kentucky.

Karr said she has seen the children a total of 21 hours since  
the court battle began, and hasn't seen or heard from them at  
all since January 1999.

During a hearing in Texas, both Duckworth and Karr were  
ordered to undergo psychiatric evaluations.

Allegations by Karr that Duckworth's family had close ties  
to the judge in the case were triggered by a psychiatric report  
finding her borderline retarded and unstable, Texas court doc-  
uments show.

This psychiatrist later admitted she made mistakes and  
misread the report, but the judge's order had been handed  
down. The court ruled that Karr temporarily not have contact  
with her children because of the evaluation findings of  
February 1999.

Now, three years later, Karr finds herself not only fighting to  
get to see her kids but fighting to prove she's sane and stable.

But the battle, she says, is nothing compared to the agony of  
being without her babies.

"It's more pain than I can stand," Karr said. "It's a con-  
scious decision; I choose to stay sane, and I have to make that  
decision at least 100 times a day."

Just two weeks ago, in an effort launched by Karr and her  
attorney, a court-appointed committee evaluated the hearing to  
decide whether or not to take the psychologist's license away.  
So far, Karr said he hasn't received a response.

If Karr can get the initial psychological report thrown out,

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# Mother: Son's writings comfort Karr while she continues fight for his siblings

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her attorney believes they can try to get her testimony thrown out, therefore giving the judge a good reason to revisit custody.

## THE ALLEGATIONS

After appealing to attorney, lawmakers and anyone who would listen to the already-publicized case in Texas, Karr met up with Kentucky Representative Jim Stewart who appealed directly to then-Governor George W. Bush.

In a letter, dated May 26, 1999, from the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services to Stewart, the department said it had received Stewart's letter from Bush and acknowledged there is some concern about the father's ability to care for the children. The department recommended the children be put in full-time daycare to minimize the time he was with the children.

Another group, CALP, (Children and Loving Parents in Heath, Texas) sent a letter to Dr. Pamela Wiland in which she supported the abuse. "Based on my knowledge, the children have been wrongfully taken from their mother and put in an abusive environment," the letter said.

"They all wish I would just go away ... Ed and his parents," Karr said. "But, I'm not going anywhere. I'll never give up. My children are counting on me."

## NOWADAYS

Tears swelled in Karr's eyes as she opened a keepsake box she'd made for the babies.

"I still have Matthew's lit-

tle locket of hair, and here is the little outfit I brought Laura home from the hospital in," Karr said. "I keep everything I can that belonged to them. It's all I have right now.

"I keep buying things for them. It will always help me remember that I'll never forget. And, one day, they can see these things and know how much I wanted to be with them and how hard I tried."

## HOPE

Karr said she has to be strong for another child caught in the backlash of the tragedy.

Karr's 16-year-old son Chris said for the past five years, he's watched his mother grieve for her babies and, at the same time, had to find ways deal with his own pain of losing his little brother and sister.

Chris Karr is a top student and basketball player at Corbin High School, so he stays busy enough to help keep his mind mostly on the present, he says.

But, Chris said he's chosen a more creative way to cope with his grief.

He writes about what happened, and according to his mother, he has an extraordinary talent.

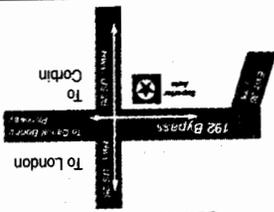
"That's how he works through these problems, and he's exceptional," Karr said. "He's even written a screenplay about the day the children were taken away ..."

Chris, like his mother, said he'll never give up trying to get his brother and sister back.

"I love them, and we're not going to stop," Chris Karr said. "We will have them back someday."

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February 21, 2000

Dear Rhonda & Robin,

Enclosed are two copies of our broadcasts on child custody. I have put the story about Robin at the head of the tape.

Also, enclosed is the response letter from David Rohlf to me regarding why he did not want to speak with us about Robin's case—just for your files.

Please keep us posted as to the outcome of your pending appeal. On behalf of Lisa and Steve, we all want you to know that your story touched our hearts and, that we wish for you a day of justice.

Regards,

Valeri C. Williams

Sr. Correspondent, WFAA-TV

Dear Matthew,

Lately, you've been on my mind, so I decided to write you a letter telling you how I feel. Everytime I think about what happened at your "Grandad's" house in February of the year before last, I get so angry. At myself, at Neil, your Dad, your "Grandmom", at just about everyone but you and Laura. There was so many things I could've done that night, but didn't. Things happened so quickly and so astonishingly, I got weak and froze up. Looking back, I can think of so many different things that I could've done. I could've fought Neil, I could've made a scene, I could've ran and told a neighbour, I could've called the police or 911. There were a million things I could've done. Although hindsight is 20/20, I still can't help thinking about all of the things that I could've done, but didn't. I didn't call anyone or run to anyone or even make an attempt to stop Neil. I ran into the back room crying like a helpless dog.

I'm sorry for the way that I reacted that night. I know you probably think that I have nothing to be sorry for because there was nothing that I could have done. Contrary to what some people have told me, there was something that I could've done. Anything would've been better than nothing. Nothing is exactly what I did. I know that it hurt you physically, but it hurt me emotionally. You actually were defense-less. I wasn't. I could've very easily done something, but I didn't. The fact that I didn't will haunt me for the rest of my life. Once again, I'm sorry.

I know that you and Laura are living in abuse right now. Sometimes, if I thought it would bring you two back to Mom and I, I would do anything. By anything, I mean kill, be killed or anything. I don't brake promises, and I PROMISE YOU, NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TAKES, MOM AND I WILL GET BOTH OF YOU BACK TO US.

I love you both and as I write this letter to you, we are working on a way to get you back.

Love, your brother,

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January 5, 2000

Judge Cynthia Kent  
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RE: Cause No. 1-98-435 (382nd District Court, Rockwall County, Texas)  
IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF EDWARD NEIL DUCKWORTH AND  
ROBIN LEE DUCKWORTH - AND IN THE INTEREST OF MATTHEW NAKAI  
DUCKWORTH AND LAURA DANIELLE DUCKWORTH MINOR CHILDREN

Dear Judge Kent,

I am the co-founder of Children And Loving Parents (CALP), a state chartered non-profit organization located near Rockwall, Texas. I am writing in an effort to appeal to your knowledge, your wisdom, your faith, and your conscious. I am writing on behalf of Robin Duckworth, however, I am not writing at her request. This letter serves two purposes: 1) To serve as evidence in the Duckworth file that CALP is very concerned about the integrity of both the judicial system's actions and the actions of CASA and CPS in Robin's case, and; 2) to bring to surface a few facts that you may have never known at the time you rendered your verdict.

We believe that the Duckworth case has been filled with trickery, deceit, mockery, and cruelty - none of which are desirable attributes for our legal and judicial systems. I am sure that you agree. Unfortunately, the one's who have suffered are the innocent children and their grieving mother.

We attended many of the hearings regarding this case, including the last part of the final hearing that you presided over. I couldn't help but notice your references to family and the importance of parents in the lives of their children. Without a doubt, CALP agrees with you - *if* the parent is a safe and good influence upon the children. Yet, we are perplexed and saddened at the many successful attempts to thwart Robin Duckworth's good intentions. Even worse, we are upset that the court system has not recognized these 'tricks' used by Ed Duckworth and his attorney to intentionally make Robin's life miserable.

My question is this. What would you do as a mother to protect your children if you thought they were living in an unstable and unsafe environment? Even a stubborn, proud, 'never ask for help' man would humble himself to ask every available person for help - again and again. You and I probably wouldn't do this for ourselves, but we would for our children. Isn't this exactly what Robin has done? Is this so wrong?

At what point did Robin act so inappropriate that she deserved to have her children kept from her. Did she break the law? No. *(She was put in jail for crying and not leaving the courtroom when Judge Pirile and Tish Verde refused to advise her as to when she could have her next visitation. Is this really 'irrational' when a mother hasn't seen or held her children in a very long time? By the way, why was she arrested for criminal trespass when there were still many other*

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*people in the courthouse? Why weren't the other people that were present arrested for trespassing?)* Does Robin have a history of running away with the children? No. Does she have a history of harming the children? No. Does she have a history of disobeying the courts? No. (Ed's attorney stated that Robin had told the Kentucky court that she would not abide by the visitation decree from her first marriage. She may or may not have said that - but, what did she *do*? She abided by the visitation decree very well. She even notified, in writing, the Kentucky court within 2 weeks of when she moved to Houston. We are in possession of that letter. Unbelievably, Judge Pirtle did not allow that letter to be submitted into evidence.)

Now let's compare the history of Ed and Robin. Robin graduated high school and college with honors. Ed barely passed high school. After almost 6 years in college he dropped out with a GPA below 2.0. Who held a job and supported the family? Robin did. She worked at Dillard's and excelled as a departmental manager. Ed failed to hold a job, including one stint as a car salesman. When they moved to Kentucky, Robin continued working at another clothing store. Ed attempted a gig as a local police officer, however he quit when faced with being fired for shooting and killing a chained dog.

While living in Kentucky Ed filed for divorce. In his affidavit to the court Ed stated Robin should be named the fit and proper caretaker of the children! He *never* alleged Robin of being unfit in any way as a mother. However, wanting to salvage their marriage, Robin replied to the court that she did not believe their marriage to be beyond repair. (Wouldn't anyone that takes their vows before God in a serious manner do all they could to save the marriage? Robin did - Ed didn't.) Just think, if Robin had given up as easily as Ed had, she would be the managing conservator of Matthew and Laura at this time. Instead, Ed, his attorney, and the Texas judicial system have raked Robin over the coals and treated her like a criminally insane parent.

Robin has always been the reliable provider for the children, yet she has been punished and ridiculed for her faith. The reason: Supposedly she said something to Ed on a tape that was later played to Melody East, an unlicensed social worker with CASA. Melody East then recommended to Judge Pirtle that Robin have only supervised visitation because she expressed 'alarming' religious beliefs and had made 'alarming' remarks. One such remark was, "I hope God takes your lives if you continue to harm the children." How did this statement start ridiculous allegations that Robin might harm her children? Personally, I also wish that God would remove all child abusers from the earth. Does this make me a danger to children? No. It doesn't make Robin a danger to her children either.

Also, Melody East never completed the social study. She never interviewed Robin's mother or Robin's other references. Incredulously, Melody never spoke to the number one witness -- Christopher Karr. Christopher is Robin's son from her first marriage. Christopher witnessed Earnest Duckworth's (Ed's father) verbal, mental and physical abuse first hand. In fact, Christopher had written several letters to friends about the abuse well before Robin moved out of the Duckworth house. Wouldn't these letters be undeniable evidence that abuse was taking place? Wouldn't Christopher's testimony have been the most important evidence in this case? Yet, Melody East never spoke to Christopher or Robin's other witnesses. In addition, Judge Pirtle would not allow Christopher's letters into evidence.

Even more appalling – Robin's witnesses were never allowed to testify. All of her witnesses came to trial on Feb. 26, 1999. Robin had at least 4 witnesses including her mother, one cousin, Christopher, and a close friend from Houston who had known Robin and Ed when they lived there. Robin's witnesses traveled a combined distance of almost 3000 miles. Unbelievably, Judge Pirtle made no offer to let Robin's witnesses testify since they had come such a great distance. Instead, Judge Pirtle allowed Ed's attorney, Charles Schuerenburg, to ask questions (stall for time) to Melody East, Tish Verde, and others. Judge Pirtle knew that Robin could not afford to fly her witnesses down a second time. We believe that Judge Pirtle knowingly and purposefully hindered Robin's right to a fair trial by not giving her witnesses the opportunity to testify. Judge Pirtle even scheduled the second half of the trial nearly two weeks away, instead of the following Monday, insuring that Robin's witnesses would not testify.

In addition, sanctions were imposed against Robin and her attorney for filing a supposedly 'frivolous' report to CPS and requesting a Protective Order concerning abuse that Robin felt had occurred at the hands of Ed's father. (Perhaps, Judge Kent, you were not knowledgeable of all the facts when you sanctioned Robin. That is what we hope.) Doesn't state law require that a person must report confirmed or *suspected* abuse to a child? Mr. Duckworth's attorney tried to make Robin look like a liar, because she didn't report the abuse at the time it happened. Instead, he stated that she was now conveniently making it up since there was a battle for the children. How absurd! The facts show that Robin and Ed were living in the home of Mr. Duckworth at that time. As you should know, many national studies have been compiled that show mothers tend to believe they can protect their children until they can develop an escape plan away from the abuse. Once again, the facts show that Robin moved back to Kentucky shortly after the abuse.

Doesn't the fact that *every* time Robin saw her children with substantial bruises (I have pictures.) and reoccurring sickness during each visitation also give cause for concern, suspicion and reporting? Doesn't the fact that the two children have been to the doctor and/or hospital 31 times in 10 months give rise to concern and suspicion? Doesn't the fact that she witnessed abuse while living with Ed's parents cause concern? Doesn't the fact that Christopher, Robin's oldest son, wrote letters concerning the abuse to friends before the court case started (I have copies) give cause for concern and suspicion? Doesn't the fact that Christopher also signed an affidavit confirming the abuse give cause for concern and suspicion? Betty Hable, director of the Ombudsman's office, has even confirmed that CPS has concerns that the paternal grandfather was physically abusive toward Matthew. We are very troubled that you fined and penalized Robin for reporting suspected abuse when she was concurrently faced with disobeying the law if she didn't report her suspicions! We are even more upset with the fact that Robin is reprimanded from making any other allegations of suspected or confirmed abuse. I ask, is this justice?

How could this happen? How did Robin get fined for doing what is right? I know we all make mistakes. I'm willing to admit that I do. I hope that you too are willing to admit that you made a mistake in your judgements against Robin. I hope even more that you will do all you can in your judicial authority to correct this wrong and make it right. Robin is not an insane mother making improper allegations. She is a protective, caring, loving mother that wants to see her children in a safe, nurturing environment. Once again I ask, what would you do - not as a judge - but as a Christian and a mother?

Now Robin faces yet another obstacle - meeting the demands of a visitation decree that is both confusing and extremely burdensome. In your judgement you stated that you believed Robin had a medical problem that required medication. Then, being sure of your evaluation, you based the decree upon Robin seeing a psychiatrist and taking the medicine that they would prescribe her. But what was to happen when Robin's nationally acclaimed psychiatrist did not find Robin to be in need of medication - but only finds her to be severely depressed due to missing her children (a natural response for a concerned, loving mother)?

In addition, you required Robin to line up a psychiatrist within a month. Finding a psychologist is relatively easy but a psychiatrist can take months! (My wife and I have been searching for a psychiatrist to evaluate our daughter's ADHD. The shortest waiting list we found was 5 months!) It took Robin a month to line up her psychiatrist. This automatically made her miss the first date (July 1) you had based her visitation rights upon. However, since acquiring a psychiatrist she has tried to do everything stated concerning her psychiatric evaluations. However, Ed's attorney has written a letter stating that they will seek to have her thrown in jail for not following the order.

In addition, Robin has not been able to afford trips to Texas to see her children. She has another son that she must take care of. His father has not been paying child support, which makes things even more difficult for Robin. With the psychiatrist and expenses she has been forced to rely only upon phone calls to stay in her children's lives. But this has been made even more difficult due to the fact that Ed will not answer the phone and has turned off his answering machine - all in an effort to distance Robin's children from her. However, through all of this, Robin saved enough money to buy birthday and Christmas gifts and a plane ticket to Dallas during November.

Once again, Robin did everything she thought she was supposed to do according to the visitation decree. She sent letters to Ed and the District Clerk, by Nov. 1, 1999, concerning her psychiatric evaluation(s) so that she could see her children on Nov. 13-14. She sent all letters certified mail. She took 4 days off work to come to Rockwall to see her children, even though Ed's attorney, Charles Schuereberg, threatened to get a bench warrant for her arrest if she came to Rockwall. Despite all this, she still came to see her babies. If that's not true love I don't know what is.

Upon arriving in Rockwall, Robin gave my wife and I a notarized statement to act as the competent adults to pick up the children - just as stated in the decree. We felt this would definitely be better for the children since it would avoid any possible conflicts between Ed and Robin. Upon arriving at Ed's house, Ed absolutely refused to hand over the children. Ed then ran back into his house and called the police. When the police arrived Ed fabricated a lie and told the officers that he had spoken to Robin's psychiatrist the day before and that her psychiatrist was sending a second letter forbidding Robin to see the children! We then asked the officers to ask Ed if he would allow Robin to see the children for a supervised visitation the next day. The officers told my wife and I that Ed made it clear to them that he would never let Robin see the children again no matter what! The officers then advised us that we needed to keep a good paper trail of what had occurred. We were then told that Robin needed to go to the police station and file "Interference with Child Custody", which is what she did.

*Robin was never allowed to see her babies. Can you believe she has never been allowed to celebrate either of Laura's birthdays? She has never celebrated Christmas with her either. How*

discouraged would this make you feel as a mother? Yet, Robin somehow finds the courage and desire to hang in there. Robin loves and misses her children deeply.

Now Robin's good intentions are once again being turned against her. Charles Schuerenberg has written Robin to threaten her *again*. He is using the visitation decree that he wrote, against her. He stated that he intends to have her thrown in jail. I believe this is revenge for Robin filing "Interference with Child Custody" against Ed. What Ed did was wrong and downright mean! Robin came 1200 miles to see her children, hold them, love them, and give them gifts.

Your honor, please listen to your heart on this matter. Robin is really doing her best. If she moves here from Kentucky, her older son can't see his dad. Either way, she gets slammed. So she does her best. You even stated in your final words of the hearing that the order periods of possession would "be subject to very definitely financial ability." This tells me that you were trying to recognize Robin's peril in paying for psychiatric sessions, making expensive trips to Texas, taking off from work, and juggling all the issues.

We are asking that you reconsider your order. We don't believe that you ever meant to say Robin could not see her children in November if she didn't get every psychiatric report completed in July. It seems to us that you were saying Robin's visitations were to be based upon her complying with her psychiatrist's orders then submitting that compliancy letter from the psychiatrist before she attempted visitation. If your order were interpreted in any other way then Robin's inability to see a psychiatrist by July 1, 1999 would prohibit her from ever seeing her children again. I do not believe that you is what you intended. However, Ed's attorney is trying to have Robin thrown in jail based upon his manipulation of the visitation decree.

Robin had no choice but to file "Interference with Child Custody" against Ed. His actions as dictated by Texas state law are a criminal act, not a civil act. Therefore, Robin had a responsibility to file a report even though she did not obtain leave of court to do so. Robin's report to the Rockwall police was not merely a 'complaint' but was a witness's statement to a felony crime. The police made the choice to ask the D.A.'s office to bring charges against Ed.

We hope and pray that you will see things the same and not allow your instinct as a mother, a Christian, and a parent, to be clouded by your judicial experience in today's corrupt society.

Sincerely,



Derek Sunderman  
Co-Founder and V.P.

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Rockwall District Clerk