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**MASSILLAMANY JETER & CARSON LLP FILES MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR
LAWSUIT AGAINST INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

(Indianapolis, Indiana) – Massillamany Jeter & Carson LLP announced today that it has filed a multi-million-dollar lawsuit against the Indiana Department of Child Services for removing children from the home of parents under false pretenses.

The case involves two minor children who were taken from the home of an Indianapolis couple after the father was wrongfully accused of sexual misconduct with one of the children. DCS employees made false, misleading, and improper statements as the basis to remove the children. They then allowed one of the minors, a female, to be interrogated by an Indianapolis Police Department officer without a parent present, in violation of DCS policy. DCS then refused to allow the mother to care for the children herself because she had a physical disability. The family was separated for several months, including over the holidays, before DCS dismissed the case altogether instead of having to admit to the Court that it lacked evidence for the removal.

Firm partner Tom Blessing announced the filing today. “The United States Constitution gives parents the right to raise and care for their children as they see fit,” Blessing said. “It is appalling that state authorities would use knowing false information as a basis to remove children from the care of their parents,” Blessing added. Blessing stated that the goal of the lawsuit was to compensate the children for ongoing fear and distress. “These children have had their innocence taken and will likely incur permanent mental damage as a result of the unlawful actions taken by DCS.” Court documents reveal that the family is seeking \$3 million in damages.

There are increasing instances of DCS not following its own procedures or applicable laws when removing children or initiating judicial proceedings. If you or someone you know has been subjected to wrongful conduct by DCS, contact Massillamany Jeter & Carson LLP at 317-576-8580 or through our website: www.mjcattorneys.com

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