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8 **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA**

9 **IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

10 In Re the Matter of:
11 [REDACTED]

Case No.: FC2023-052114

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13 Petitioner,

**AMENDED RESPONSE TO PETITION TO
ESTABLISH PATERNITY**

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15 **CLAYTON ECHARD,**

(Assigned to the Honorable Julie Mata)

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17 Respondent.

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19 Respondent, CLAYTON ECHARD, by and through undersigned counsel, hereby
20 submits his **Amended** Response to Petition to Establish Paternity, Legal Decision-Making,
21 Parenting Time, and Child Support and states the following:
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23 **I. BACKGROUND**

24 **1. Petitioner has not provided any verifiable scientific evidence that she is**
25 **pregnant, and all DNA tests have come back showing “little to no fetal DNA.” The testing**
26 **company, Ravgen Inc, has indicated that it will not release records of the testing without**
27 **a Court Order.**
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1 2. Petitioner filed her Petition only *after* Respondent indicated that he did not
2 want to have any relationship with her, romantic or otherwise, after she performed oral
3 sex on him on May 20, 2023.
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5 3. Prior to and following her filing, Petitioner repeatedly threatened to go to
6 the media about her “pregnancy” and sent Respondent over 500 messages from different
7 phone numbers and email accounts. Judge Gialketsis found these messages and
8 Petitioner’s conduct to constitute harassment when she granted Respondent’s Injunction
9 Against Harassment on November 2, 2023 (Exhibit 1).
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11 4. A sampling of Petitioner’s efforts to force Respondent into a relationship are
12 documented, in part, below:
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14 a. Petitioner drafted a “contract” for Respondent to sign that promised “*for*
15 *a period of one week, while determining the best court [sic] of action for*
16 *their pregnancy, Party A and Party B, will exclusively explore a relationship*
17 *with “intention” [...] There is no obligation to engage in intercourse if*
18 *either Party is uncomfortable with the act.” (Exhibit 2 – Initial Response*
19 *Exhibit 1)*
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21 b. 6/28/23: “*I have offered to give you control over the outcome of the*
22 *pregnancy if we date exclusively and care for one another [...] I need to*
23 *know your decision tonight because I am getting rid of the abortion pills it*
24 *it’s a no or if I don’t hear back from you.” (Exhibit 3).*
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26 c. Petitioner threatened to post on her public Instagram account that she
27 was pregnant with Respondent’s children if he did not “unblock” her and
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1 said “*if I can’t get you to do it, then maybe the public can convince you to.*”

2 (Exhibit 4)

3 d. Petitioner contacted Respondent’s Father, ostensibly to convince him to
4 force his son, Respondent, to speak with her (“*I have not heard back from*
5 *Clayton and presume he has still blocked me.*”) (Exhibit 5).

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7 5. While this Family case was pending, Petitioner posted an “anonymous” blog
8 post on Medium.com (which she later deleted) (Exhibit 6), contacted the news media, and
9 made multiple postings on Reddit.com claiming that she was pregnant with Respondent’s
10 children and including a Dropbox of doctored “medical” documents. (Exhibit 7).

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12 6. Despite two (2) fetal DNA tests indicating “little to no fetal DNA” (and one
13 (1) test lost in transit), Petitioner posted another Medium.com article identifying herself
14 as the “anonymous woman” on December 8, 2023. In the article, Petitioner continues to
15 maintain she is pregnant with twins by Respondent. (Exhibit 8).

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18 II. **RESPONSE TO PETITIONER’S PETITION TO ESTABLISH**

19 7. Respondent affirmatively alleges that Petitioner is fabricating pregnancy, as well
20 as refusing a paternity test.

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22 8. Respondent affirmatively alleges that neither pregnancy nor paternity has been
23 proven.

24 9. Respondent contests that Petitioner is pregnant by him and therefore venue is not
25 relevant.

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27 10. Respondent contests that Petitioner is pregnant by him and since Petitioner is
28 unwilling to participate in a **fourth** paternity test, paternity and the jurisdiction for determining

1 its validity are unable to be proven/determined.

2 11. Respondent contests that Petitioner is pregnant by him and affirmatively alleges
3 that Petitioner has neither proven pregnancy nor Respondent's paternity.
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5 12. Respondent contests that Petitioner is pregnant by him and therefore there is no
6 legal parenthood to establish. Respondent alleges that only oral sex was performed between the
7 parties. Respondent further alleges that despite multiple requests to do so, Petitioner has refused
8 to take a paternity test. Petitioner responded to Respondent's request via email stating that she
9 would only take a paternity test if the parties were to date exclusively (Exhibit 1). Petitioner
10 has threatened that she will write defamatory comments about this matter and release it to the
11 press (Exhibit 1). Petitioner has not established proof of paternity. Upon information and
12 belief, Petitioner suffers from mental health issues, and has caused Respondent to become
13 concerned that she is stalking him.
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16 13. Petitioner was not married at the time the minor child(ren) were born or
17 conceived or at least 10 months before minor child(ren) were born or conceived.
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19 14. Respondent contests that Petitioner is pregnant by him and therefore legal
20 decision-making and parenting time are not relevant.
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22 15. Respondent does not have any information regarding any court action in this state
23 involving the minor child(ren) in question that could affect this case including court cases for
24 enforcement and relating to domestic violence, protective orders, termination of parental rights
25 and adoptions.
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27 16. Respondent does not know a person other than Petitioner who has physical
28 custody or who claims legal decision-making (legal custody) or parenting time rights to any of

1 the minor children in question.

2 17. Respondent contests that Petitioner is pregnant by him and therefore
3 unreimbursed medical expenses incurred by Petitioner are not relevant.
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5 18. Respondent contests that Petitioner is pregnant by him and therefore
6 unreimbursed other expenses are not relevant.

7 19. Respondent contests that Petitioner is pregnant by him and therefore the Parent
8 Information Program is not relevant.
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10 20. Respondent affirmatively alleges that domestic violence has not occurred in this
11 relationship.
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13 21. Respondent affirmatively alleges that to his knowledge, neither party has been
14 convicted for a drug offense or driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol in the last twelve
15 (12) months.

16 22. Respondent contests that Petitioner is pregnant by him and therefore child
17 support orders for either party are not relevant.
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19 23. Respondent denies any allegations not specifically admitted herein.

20 24. Respondent is entitled to an adjudication of non-paternity. Petitioner's
21 relentless and harassing behavior through the media will only continue if this matter is
22 not resolved by this Court finding Respondent is not the father of any alleged (and
23 believed to be fictitious) children.
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25 25. Rule 26 sanctions are appropriate. Petitioner has violated Rule 26(b),
26 *Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure*, and sanctions under Rule 26(c) are appropriate.
27 Petitioner filed this action for the purposes of harassing Respondent and forcing him to
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1 communicate with her. Despite Respondent's repeated requests, Petitioner has provided
2 Respondent with no verified scientific evidence proving she is or was pregnant. Further,
3 after filing her Petition, Petitioner filed a "Motion to Communicate," threatening to take
4 her "pregnancy" to the media if Respondent did not communicate with her. This Motion
5 was denied. See Petitioner's Motion to Communicate, filed August 8, 2023. Petitioner also
6 filed a "Motion for Contempt," which this Court also denied, which requested this Court
7 hold Respondent in contempt for not communicating with her. See Petitioner's Motion
8 for Contempt filed August 23, 2023 (also denied by this Court). As such, Petitioner's
9 Petition lacks evidentiary support, is being presented for the improper purpose, to harass
10 Respondent into communicating with her, and to cause Respondent to incur fees.

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14 26. The requirement of Rule 9(c) have been met in so far as there has been
15 excessive communication regarding these issues, not limited to Petitioner's recent
16 Medium article and the 500+ texts and emails that predicate Judge Gialketsis' granting
17 of the Injunction Against Harassment.

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19 27. Respondent is entitled to his reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred
20 based on Petitioner's unreasonableness pursuant to A.R.S. § 25-324. Petitioner initiated
21 this filing based on a pregnancy that could not have occurred from oral sex. Despite this,
22 Petitioner repeatedly harassed Respondent, filed numerous bad faith pleadings with this
23 Court in an effort to force Respondent to communicate with her, went to the media when
24 Respondent would not unblock her, and fabricated medical documents. Petitioner's
25 behavior is the very definition of unreasonableness.

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28 WHEREFORE, based upon all of the foregoing, Respondent respectfully requests the

1 Court enter the following Orders:

2 A. Issue an order declaring that Respondent is not the natural father of ~~the minor~~
3 ~~children;~~ any children born to Petitioner;

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5 ~~B. Order that both parties be ordered to submit to such blood and tissue tests~~
6 ~~as may be necessary by this Court to establish paternity, and Petitioner be ordered to pay~~
7 ~~all costs and expenses of this lawsuit under Arizona law, A.R.S. 25-809.~~

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9 C. Issue an Order compelling Ravgen Inc produce all records and documents
10 related to the fetal DNA testing in this matter;

11 D. That this Court sanction Petitioner pursuant to Rule 26;

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13 E. That this Court award Respondent his reasonable attorney's fees and costs
14 based on Petitioner's unreasonableness, pursuant to A.R.S. § 25-324;

15 ~~F. Enter appropriate orders regarding costs and attorneys' fees herein; and~~

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17 G. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper under these
18 circumstances.

19 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 26th day of January, 2024.

20 WOODNICK LAW, PLLC

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24 Isabel Ranney

25 *Attorneys for Respondent*

1 ORIGINAL of the foregoing e-filed
2 this 25th day of January, 2024 with:

3 Clerk of the Court
4 Maricopa County Superior Court

5 COPY of the foregoing document
6 delivered this same day to:

7 The Honorable Julie Mata
8 Maricopa County Superior Court

9 COPY of the foregoing document
10 emailed this same day to:

11 Cory Keith
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15 *Attorney for Petitioner*

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VERIFICATION

I, **CLAYTON ECHARD**, declare under penalty of perjury that I am the Respondent in the above-captioned matter; that I have read the foregoing *Amended Response To Petition To Establish Paternity* and I know of the contents thereof; that the foregoing is true and correct according to the best of my own knowledge, information and belief; and as to those things stated upon information and belief, I believe them to be true.



Clayton Echard Jan 25, 2024 21:10 MST
CLAYTON ECHARD

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EXHIBIT "1"

TRIAL COURTS OF ARIZONA IN MARICOPA COUNTY

Superior Court of Arizona/AZ007035J/0700 18380 N. 40th St Phoenix, AZ 85032

Monday-Friday 8:00-5:00

C. Curley

DEPUTY CLERK

Injunction Against Harassment

[] Amended Order

[] Sexual violence—no service fee

Case No. CV2023-053952

Court ORI No. AZ007035J

County Maricopa State AZ

PLAINTIFF

Clayton Echard
First Middle Last

PLAINTIFF IDENTIFIERS

Plaintiff's Date of Birth

And on behalf of any minor family member or other Protected Person listed below:

v.

DEFENDANT

Defendant Name: [Redacted]
First Middle Last

DEFENDANT IDENTIFIERS

Table with columns: SEX, RACE, DOB, HT, WT, EYES, HAIR, DRIVER'S LICENSE #, STATE, EXP DATE. Includes text: Arizona Prohibits Release of Social Security Numbers

[] Estimated Date of Birth

Defendant/Plaintiff Relationship: The Defendant and I are dating or have dated and have not had a romantic or sexual relationship.

Defendant's Address: [Redacted]

CAUTION: [] Weapon Alleged in Petition

WARNINGS TO DEFENDANT: This injunction shall be enforced, even without registration, by the courts of any state, the District of Columbia, any U.S. Territory, and may be enforced by Tribal Lands (18 U.S.C. § 2265). Crossing state, territorial or tribal boundaries to violate this injunction may result in federal imprisonment (18 U.S.C. § 2262).

Only the Court, in writing, can change this injunction.

This order is effective for one year from date of service.

THE COURT HEREBY FINDS THAT:

It has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter.

[] Defendant received actual notice of this Hearing and had an opportunity to participate.

THE COURT, finding reasonable evidence of harassment or that great or irreparable harm would result if this injunction is not granted before Defendant can be heard in opposition, and there are specific facts attesting to efforts to give notice to Defendant or there are reasons why notice should not be given, HEREBY ORDERS:

NO CRIMES. Defendant shall not commit any act of harassment (A.R.S. § 12-1809(T)) or sexual violence (A.R.S. § 23-371) against Plaintiff or Protected Persons.

[x] NO CONTACT. Defendant shall have no contact with Plaintiff except through attorneys, legal process, court hearings, and as checked: [] Phone [] Electronic (email, text, etc.) [] Mail [] Other:

THE COURT FURTHER ORDERS:

PROTECTED LOCATIONS. Defendant shall not go to or near Plaintiff's or other Protected Person's:

- [x] Residence (confidential)
[] Workplace:
[] School:
[] Other:


[] ARIZONA FIREARMS LAW. Under Arizona Rules of Protective Order Procedure Rule 25(g), the court finds that Defendant poses a credible threat to the physical safety of Plaintiff or Protected Persons. Therefore, Defendant shall not possess, receive, or purchase firearms and shall surrender same within 24 hours of service to the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office or other local law enforcement agency.

OTHER ORDERS:

The Court finds reasonable evidence of harassment of the Plaintiff by the Defendant or that great or irreparable harm would result to the Plaintiff if the Injunction is not granted before the Defendant can be heard in opposition, and that there are specific facts attesting to the efforts to give notice to the Defendant or that there are reasons why notice should not be given. Defendant is not to have contact with Plaintiff or the protected party[ies] at any time by any means, including but not limited to any in-person, physical, verbal, nonverbal, telephonic (text, email, apps), internet (social media, instant messaging, apps) or third-party contact. Defendant shall not record by video or audio Plaintiff or the protected party[ies] using any device, including but not limited to cell phones, cameras or other recording devices. Defendant shall not approach Plaintiff or the protected party[ies] at their residence, workplace, school or vehicle. The Maricopa County Superior Court does not give specific distance instructions in its injunctive orders. However, Plaintiff and or protected party may make a report to law enforcement if Defendant is close enough to cause concern or make contact. Defendant shall not be near Plaintiff and/or any protected party. Defendant shall not approach Plaintiff or a protected party in public places.

11/2/2023

Date



Judicial Officer

Cynthia Gialketsis

Printed Name

WARNING: This is an official court order. If you disobey this order, you may be arrested and prosecuted for the crime of interfering with judicial proceedings and any other crime you may have committed in disobeying this order.

NOTICE: If you disagree with this injunction, you have the right to request a hearing, which will be held within 10 business days after your written request has been filed in the court that issued this injunction. Violations of this injunction should be reported to a law enforcement agency, not the court.

ADDITIONAL WARNINGS TO DEFENDANT: Nothing the plaintiff does can stop, change, or undo this Injunction without the court's written approval. You must appear in court to ask a judge to change (modify) or dismiss (quash) this Injunction.

EXHIBIT “2”

Clayton,

I was going to ask if you wanted to read the article I wrote before submitting it to the Huffington Post, but I know you won't respond so I'll take it that I have your permission to send it in as is. Before I do that and prior to your work getting involved with withholding income for child support, I wanted to ask one last time about the agreement. I added a few things to it that are in bold. Here it is:

Version 4 - Relationship Non-Disclosure Ag.

I also contacted another abortion pill company who said we could still do it at this point if we wanted to. You haven't and aren't putting pressure on me to do that, but it is *really* important that we talk about this if you don't want to have the twins with me. Your behavior leads me to believe that would be your preference, so you need to say something if it is. I will not hold it against you whatsoever if you sign the agreement. If you don't, that's fine, but we are having them.

I just want to have a fresh start and remove all of this animosity from the picture. We need to be making smart decisions right now, not ones driven by emotions. Neither one of us wanted this, but it's happened, and we need to make smart choices. If I don't hear back, then fine, we can continue like this and I will submit my piece to Huff Post, but your unresponsiveness is getting you nowhere with me and will get you in trouble with the court.

Please simply consider the agreement with modifications. It is written entirely in your favor, not mine.

All the best,



Here are the changes:

IV. Terms of the agreement.

The Couple agrees that:

1. For a period of one week, while determining the best court of action for their pregnancy, Party A and Party B, will exclusively explore a relationship with "intention", meaning with the goal of it turning into something long-lasting and meaningful. There is no obligation to engage in intercourse if either Party is uncomfortable with the act.
2. From the date that this agreement is signed until one week after, no action whatsoever will be taken in FC2023-052114 or in any family, civil, or criminal court case.
3. Party A and Party B agree to take a paternity test with the lab of Party A's choice, Ravgen, and will schedule it within 24 hours of when this agreement is signed.
4. After the paternity test results come back providing Party A to be the father of Party B's twins, then Party B will execute a HIPAA release for Party B to discuss the pregnancy with any of Party A's providers from the date of conception (May 2023) through the end of the pregnancy in February 2024.
5. If a joint decision is made to terminate the pregnancy then Party A and Party B will stipulate to dismiss FC2023-052114 once the pregnancy is confirmed by a doctor to no longer be viable, Party B will pay Party A's legal fees to date.
6. During the one week period, if the decision is made to continue the pregnancy, then Party A and Party B will discuss what would make the best situation for the children, whether that be raising them together or apart. The goal would be to keep the case out of the court and to avoid accruing continued legal fees. FC2023-052114 will remain active until an agreement is made outside of court, then the parties will stipulate to dismiss it.
7. There is no obligation for the relationship to work out beyond the one week, however if it is apparent that this agreement was entered into for the wrong reasons, evidenced by abuse of any kind (verbal, emotional, or physical), it is null and void.
8. At the end of the one week period, provided the terms have been met, then Party A and Party B are forever barred from bringing charges against each other for any reason up to that date.

EXHIBIT “3”

Having the baby if I don't hear back tonight.

To: Clayton Echard

I'm physically and emotionally exhausted from the pregnancy and all of this. I just need clarity as to what we are doing. I have offered to give you control over the outcome of the pregnancy if we date exclusively and care for each other. I bring a lot to the table and feel like I could really make you a better person. Yes, I've called out your BS a lot, but it's because I know you are better than how you act sometimes. I get your anxiety because I've been there and truly believe in your mission despite the fact that you haven't shown me kindness when clearly I have been emotionally struggling through all of this.

I couldn't give a shit that you were The Bachelor and still know nothing about you other than the clips I saw of you with two girls when I was angry at you. I want to get to know you and be a great partner for you. I would feel exactly the same way if I was in this situation with any man; I need to care about someone and trust them to consider ending a human life when I want nothing more than to be a mom someday. Don't you understand that?

In regards to intimacy -- I know it's important to you and it is to me as well. If you think about it, having sex with me is the safest thing you can do at this point. I'm already pregnant and if we choose to go this route (and trust each other enough to have sex), then we are at the point where I would be taking abortion pills...so there's no risk. Also, under no circumstances would I have an abortion if you want to be on dating apps or seeing other women while we are figuring this out. I would want to date with intention.

I know what I bring to the table as a partner and I'm well aware that you don't want to become a father right now. It's a win-win situation for you, but a huge leap of faith for me. You haven't been trustworthy to this point, so I'm the one taking a gamble on the outcome of this. You could be leading me on, but I would take your word that you're not because for whatever reason, despite how you've treated me, I believe in you. We're both hard headed as hell, but I think we can make a very good team. If I didn't think so, I would just go ahead and have the kid since like I said, I want to be a mom more than anything in the world.

I need to know your decision tonight because I am getting rid of the abortion pills if it's a no or if I don't hear back from you. I really do need to adjust my seizure medication and take other precautions for my health and the wellbeing of our baby if we are going to have a kid. You're the father -- there's no two ways about it -- so saying no here is a guarantee you will be a dad.

Found in Sent - Google Mailbox



Clayton Echard

Re: Having the baby if I don't hear back tonight.

To:

I will not date you in any capacity, as I do not have any interest in you. So, you can proceed however you'd like.

I will be awaiting the ultrasound on the 8th week and then will do a paternity test as soon as I'm able to.

You have told me a million times now that you'll give me "one more chance" to move forward with dating you, but I'm 100% not going to do that, so please just stop communicating with me from this point forward. I will find someone else to love and share my life with. I may honestly move to the east coast at this point as well. We'll see. I can do whatever I want with my life, but what I won't do is allow you to hold me back. And don't try to explain to me that I can't move out of the state and away from you. I absolutely can. All I have to do is either take 100% custody of the child or allow you to have 100% custody. Joint isn't an option and is never mandated. That's common sense. Besides, I will fight until I have no fight left in me to not have you be a part of my life. The courts can't force someone to stay with someone else. That's unheard of and has never been done. Just remember, there is no scenario in which we raise the child together, if you even have a child, which I'm still not convinced. But if you do and it is somehow miraculously mine, like I said, I'll take care of the child if that's what it comes to, but I WILL NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE co-parent with you. Just want to make that clear. I would rather co-parent with literally anybody else besides you, as you have shown me you don't respect my opinion. You just force what you want onto people to get your way and it is gross.

That's my two-cents. Take it or leave it. Again, there's no more need for conversation and no more need for you to pester me each day until the 8th week. I tell you to stop sending me messages and you just have zero respect and keep sending them regardless. So, I suppose I'll just continue to receive them and not respond, as my days are much better when I don't interact with you.

Clayton Echard

EXHIBIT “4”

Only open this if you want option A and will unblock me. Seriously.

To: Clayton Echard

...and if you want option A, I will not post this. I am just looking for support during this incredibly overwhelming time.

Final email regarding this, but I wanted to give you the courtesy of showing you the post. I'm attaching the photo I'm going to use. I'm over being treated like shit and at least if this is public, you'll have to give a statement to the media. Not sure when I will put it up.

The caption is:

Surprise! I can't wait for the arrival of these two next Valentine's Day!

On a more serious note, their father, @claytonechard, has said he "wants nothing to do with this process". He has blocked me from messaging him, refuses to see me and his growing babies, and says he will continue to ignore me. He doesn't want to have anything to do with them when they're born and thinks they will negatively impact his dating life. Tag him and let him know what you think.

Please note the following legal waiver:

If, after proof of opening is obtained, I choose not to respond to this email, I am confirming that its content is true. This includes my acknowledgment of paternity. In addition, by not responding, I am giving my approval to [redacted] to post the above content on social media.

Clayton, this is a situation you can't run and hide from -- you will need to take accountability for your actions which created twins. If I can't get you to do it, then maybe the public can convince you to.

All the best,




 [Pregnancy announcement!](#)

EXHIBIT "5"

Good morning,

I wanted to give an update on where things stand as I have not heard back from Clayton and presume he has still blocked me, which he told me before he does when he doesn't want to deal with a situation. If only I had the opportunity to do the same (!), but obviously, my body isn't allowing me to forget that I am pregnant. Rather than continuing to send him several emails a day, I hope that we can meet in person to discuss what is going on, because as Clayton said last week, "I feel we need to have a face to face discussion. It's too easy to get upset via text. But in-person, conversations are more caring and cordial. I believe this is exactly what we need, as texting hasn't been working well," and, "We should have been talking in-person for most of this anyways. Texting isn't meant for meaningful/impactful/life-changing conversations and I've known and learned that plenty of times."

I told Clayton last week that I was going to be going to California for the weekend and that if I was going to get abortion pills, it would be much easier to do so there in California for many reasons, and less traumatic because there isn't a law there like there is in Arizona that the mother has to view the ultrasound. He has told me that he wants me to take the pills, but understands that his preference for me doing so (because it would impact his ability to date other women in the future) is not enough of a reason for me to end a human life. I am attaching a screenshot of my chart after my visit on Sunday to Planned Parenthood in Orange County, which confirms that I had an ultrasound that was consistent with the conception date of 5/20 when I was with Clayton (and like I've said, he's the only person I've been with since March of 2022), that there was a gestational sac meaning a viable pregnancy, and that I refused to view the ultrasound and take the abortion pills at the clinic. They don't typically allow you to take them home, but since I live out of state and was as conflicted as I was, they allowed me to.

Now that we know we have a viable pregnancy, things seem all the more urgent. I'll continue to say until I'm blue in the face that Clayton is the father and that there is zero percent chance that it is anyone else. I told him that he needs to pay for the prenatal paternity test because it is not providing me with any information that I don't know, but that I will gladly reimburse him for the full amount if I'm wrong. He agreed to that. I am eager to get it done and have contacted multiple companies about the timing of it. The consensus is that while it can be performed at seven weeks, there is a chance that there is not enough fetal DNA present at that point, in which case you would have to repeat the \$1500 test. It seems like we would be safest doing it at eight weeks, although ArcPoint Labs based in Scottsdale said twelve weeks was their minimum. The results will come back in 7-10 business days.

It was explained to me at Planned Parenthood that medication abortions are most successful early on in the pregnancy and that as the weeks go on, they become less effective. By the time the results are back from the prenatal paternity test, I would need to do a surgical abortion, which I will not do under any circumstances. I only mention this because once the prenatal paternity test is taken, it's a done deal that I am having the child and there will not be an option for an abortion once the results come back. My preference has been to have the baby all along, so that's obviously not an issue for me, but if it is for Clayton, he needs to know that. I haven't lied about one thing so far, despite his doubts; he himself had me take a pregnancy test, which turned out positive, and now, a doctor has confirmed the pregnancy on an ultrasound and said that it was the very small size it should be based on the date. If he doesn't trust me, that's fine, and I am more than happy to prove him wrong again. I just know how high the stakes are right now and want to be clear that this really is the last time that I will consider an abortion.

The last thing I would want if I were in Clayton's position is to feel like I didn't have an opinion on something so important, but it seems like his reaction to the stakes getting higher is to withdraw even further. However, there are several factors at play that he needs to consider regarding my health and its impact on the baby if we decide to carry it to term. First of all, my stress levels have a major impact on the fetus's development in the womb and not having any emotional support from Clayton like he promised has been extremely difficult on me. Most importantly, though, my neurologist has emphasized that I need to change my dose of epilepsy medication significantly because I'm at a higher risk of a seizure during pregnancy and having one could have a terrible impact on the baby. I've delayed going up on it because I haven't known what we are doing, but I really need to make a decision. I don't think that either Clayton nor I could forgive ourselves if the child ends up having a lifelong condition that could have been preventable.

On a personal level, I wanted to share that a big reason I am against terminating the pregnancy is because of the impact not having an abortion had on my family. My great-grandma was fourteen when she gave birth to my grandma, who she gave up for adoption. If she had an abortion, I wouldn't be here. It's impossible for me to think about terminating the pregnancy without thinking of that, even though in many ways, not having the baby would be an easier option. I'm also getting feedback from my sister, whose baby was born a month early on May 24th, and who says that it is the greatest thing she's ever experienced, but that it is also the hardest and she can't imagine how she could do it without a partner. On the other hand, my mom has been my main source of support on this and has asked me to think about what I would regret more when I'm ninety years old and on my deathbed: having had an abortion or having had the child? When I think of it that way, the idea of giving up the child feels implausible, even though Clayton has told me many times that he would not want any custody nor to have anything to do with him or her. I imagine that would change at some point once he saw the baby. I would absolutely expect him to share custody and parenting time with me.

I apologize for yet another email, but I feel really helpless in terms of communicating with Clayton, and as the father of the child, he's the only person whose support and input really matter to me. Obviously, having a child would completely change the course of our lives and I want to figure out what we are doing together. I know that many women would make their own decision without regard for the baby's father's opinion, but that's not me and I need him to understand that. I really care about Clayton's feelings, but can't take them into consideration if he is treating me like this. If we are going forward with it, that's great and I want to be able to get excited about it! But right now, it feels like there's tension in the air about what is happening and the silence is deafening. If there's anything you can do to talk to him, I would really appreciate it.

Thank you so much for your time!

All the best,





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I am the anonymous woman in the Clayton Echard scandal. Here's my story.



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I am the anonymous woman who has been labeled Clayton Echard's "ex-fling". I am accomplished in my own right and have no desire to gain notoriety from this, which is why I chose not to be named. I was very clear that I had no desire for money from him. All I wanted from him was communication to figure out a parenting plan for our unborn twins. He has refused to talk to me for a long time, with the exception of the occasional hurtful email. I told him many times that if he did not figure this out with me privately, I would go to the media because I thought that would get him to step up to the plate.

I am coming forward simply because there has been confusion over whether or not Clayton sent the cruel text messages and emails that he did. I've chosen to publish them here and will put my entire reputation on the line by saying that he sent every one of those messages. If anyone wants to claim these were doctored, I have the phone and email records to prove it. He knows better than to sue me for libel because the truth is a complete defense to defamation, and I am telling the truth.

I first met Clayton on the night of May 20th, which is when we unexpectedly hooked up. I was not on birth control because a) I hadn't been sexually active since March of 2022, and b) my anti-seizure medication interfered with it. In the days after, I told Clayton that I had been considering taking Plan B because I wasn't on birth control. In the end, I didn't.

On May 31st, I had a pregnancy test done prior to a medical test. It was negative. I was still concerned I was pregnant since again, I wasn't on birth control, and bought a pregnancy test the next day. On June 1st, I tested positive. I knew Clayton wouldn't believe me, so I decided to go to urgent care to get a test done. I figured he would believe it if there was official medical documentation. Contrary to what many have said, it was not on that day that I learned I was having twins; all that happened was that I discovered I was pregnant.

I sent Clayton an email with a timeline and all of the evidence. I got this in response, which is proof that Clayton very much knew and believed that I was pregnant after we hooked up:



We did not communicate much after that for several days, but I did get this message from him:



He also spewed the following insults at me, and for those who doubt that he did, I have records to prove it.

I don't believe you for a second and it's honestly sad this is what you've resorted to

you're embarrassing yourself at this point.

You need to seek professional help and I hope you will do so to take a deep dive into addressing all this trauma.

I hope you understand how sick this is of you to try and pull on me. You want me to stress about wondering if I impregnated you for weeks.

ask yourself why you're doing this. Please, reflect now. Why are you subjecting another human being to this?

You're trying to destroy my mental state.

But that pain you feel....don't place it upon someone else.

But to try and bring someone else into it all is just cruel.

I legitimately hate you right now.

You've made my life so stressful since I've known you and if you decide to not take plan B and in the wild event that you are pregnant, I would hate you even more.

my hatred will only grow if you decide to put me through all of this.

My animosity would last for a lifetime and that's not something either of us want to subject ourselves to.

Even if a kid was present...I would not say a word to you. I would not acknowledge you.

One thing about me is when I make up my mind for good, especially when it's rooted in anger, I don't sway. Ever

I am the victim!!! You are acting so irrational that it's scary!!! You can stop every last one of these consequences and you're choosing not to because you have lost touch with reality!

I mean, it's fucking hysterical how sad this is. And I'm pissed for allowing myself to even be bothered by it.

You have lost your mind and I hope YOU think about how terrible this is that you would subject me to this.

My hate is toward you and you only.

I have decided I will no longer be in contact with you, unless your mom takes a phone call with me. If she will not, that's ok, but then all communication will be cut off.

God is telling me this man will provide me with the clarity I need, as I have many questions and those questions have turned into beliefs...ones that have led to animosity and a complete lack of trust toward you. (God told you my abusive ex who caused me to get epilepsy would be a better resource than me? And you could trust him more than me?)

I believe this is some sick game you play for attention.

You better be serious about being pregnant because if you're not, I'm bringing this all to light. People like you need to be held accountable. You can back off now if this is all a game and I'll let it go, but if you continue any longer and it's all a lie, I won't hesitate to reveal the truth.

My personal hell would be having to have you be a part of my life

The desperation is something I hope you can address.

I'm living in the fear of having to be associated with you for my lifetime.

You will bring nothing, but pain and misfortune into my life.

You're manipulative, obsessive and display narcissistic behaviors.

But I don't have any empathy for those that attack the mental health of others through manipulation and then try and play the victim card.

Individuals like you that play with people's emotions are the worst kind of person. I've met many, been taken advantage of by many and am sick and tired of playing nice with them.

You don't deserve my empathy.

You're obsessed with the idea of being adjacent to me.

After his litany of insults, I was surprised to receive these messages from him on June 19th:

If you decide to have the kid, then that is your decision and I will respect it. However, one of us will have 100% custody...there will be no joint custody. I feel strongly about this and that decision is also final.

I feel we need to have a face to face discussion. It's too easy to get upset via text. But in-person, conversations are more caring and cordial. I believe this is exactly what we need, as texting hasn't been working well.

So, let's plan on 7:30?

I feel God is telling me we should meet up tonight, so yes, I'd like to do that. We should have been talking in-person for most of this anyways. Texting isn't meant for meaningful/impactful/life-changing conversations and I've know and learned that plenty of times.

I'll text you when I'm heading back home tonight, but around 7:30pm should work.

On that night, Clayton purchased a pregnancy test and had me take it in front of him. It was positive. We sat down for a couple of hours and talked. He explained to me that he had a dream about his future wife and son. The woman was blonde, and not me. He said he was attracted to ethnic women, not petite brunettes like me. He said that he always swiped left on women with children, and his biggest argument to end the pregnancy was that women would swipe left on him. He worried that it would impact his dating life. Despite this, we had a decent conversation and decided we would consider giving dating a try for the sake of the baby (we didn't know we were having twins then). He promised to be supportive and said that he would check on me every day. That lasted one day.

On June 20th, I received these messages:

I'm sorry you're feeling sick.

I'm going to try and give us a chance this week. I'm keeping an open mind and maybe this weekend we can meet back up and see if it's a possibility to be intimate. I'm really trying to have you feel seen and heard so I want to give it a chance your way. At least at the end of it, I'll know I tried everything I could.

An hour later, Clayton changed his mind, but this text confirms he knew that the test was positive:

To: Clayton Echard

I'm sorry this made it harder. I wanted you to come over to confirm what I was doubting. And it did confirm that. So, I don't see you as a liar anymore. But, that doesn't change how I feel about proceeding forward. I can believe you're telling the truth, but still stand firm in not wanting to pursue anything further with you. That is what I'm choosing to do.

On the very same day, he went from wanting to be intimate to this, confirming that we did indeed hookup:

Sat, Dec 16 at 5:19 PM

Hey, I'm sorry you're feeling sick and that's a bummer. I just hope you feel better. I'm sorry you're feeling sick and that's a bummer. I just hope you feel better. I'm sorry you're feeling sick and that's a bummer. I just hope you feel better.

I am the victim. You are trying to trap me. It's that simple. We weren't meant to be together in any capacity. My personal hell would be having to have you be a part of my life. I want nothing to do with you. God doesn't want this for us. I don't know why you think He does. You've never given me options.

How about we just take a pill and make one? This wasn't meant to be anything other than an emotional holding. The fact that you are trying to make it more is sad. The desperation is something I hope you can address. I've said what I've said. You know how I feel about it. There is no further discussion. Go ahead and do what you're going to do. I've never had a say in it. And I'm not living in fear because of the responsibility I'm being in the fear of having to be associated with you for my lifetime. You will bring nothing, but pain and misfortune into my life. But I won't allow you to impact me. I'll live above this like I have everything else. I'll find a woman that will accept me for my situation and we'll have a loving future. That will happen regardless of what you do, so go ahead and do whatever.

Don't you think if I wanted to trap you I would have begged you to sleep with me?? That would be logical.

When you have said to me is so selfish and cruel that I can't even know how to address it. I haven't said what you've said to me. You had discussed having the "being intimate" with me and I thought that in doing so I would give you time to figure out what to do and make a good decision. I never said that if I didn't work out I would have the baby. Never.

We've had a kid in this the whole time. I have never wanted to do anything but make the right decision for you, me, and the baby. I've made that really clear. Being a mom hasn't been in my mind at all and it's not something I want. But I had to do something to save the life. I won't have an abortion simply because you'd be responsible for it.

Well let me tell you, I haven't felt like I've had any say and that's MY perception. So, it doesn't matter if you think I've had a say because to me, I haven't had any. So, accept responsibility for how your actions have been perceived.

On June 21st, I received an email from Clayton with a theory that my anti-epileptic medications caused me to test positive. I disproved this theory, which you can view below. You can also see that the positive pregnancy test I took at his house is on the counter:

12/21, 2:47 PM

Multi - something to consider



Something to Consider

2 messages

Clayton Echard

To: [Redacted]

Re: [Redacted]

I wanted to send over this message because I think it's very important that we are both aware of the possibility that hasn't been discussed yet, but is worth considering.

Even after seeing a positive pregnancy test, I did feel doubts in my head. Something was telling me to look deeper into things. So, I did and came up with a theory that could potentially be me [Redacted]

What I found upon researching online though, that is worth noting is the effect of antiepileptic medication on HCG levels. There is a direct correlation between false positive pregnancy test [Redacted]

You have mentioned multiple times that you have epilepsy and take medication for it, so there is a chance the medication itself is responsible for the positive pregnancy test.

Also, something else I found interesting was that the test you had done on Day 17 and the test you took on Day 21 with me looked identical, so far as the test line goes. The test line almost always continues to rise, due to the impact of the drug inside the womb. I have attached both photos for reference.

Day 21

View of Clayton Echard's profile



10/12/23, 9:50 AM
Anonymous

On June 24th, Clayton emailed me saying that he would pay for the paternity test, despite telling the press that he has said that I would be responsible for the full amount. I told him that I already knew that he was the father, and if he needed reassurance he needed to pay. While Clayton claimed that he told me that I needed to pay for the paternity test, you can see that was not the case:

8:20:24 AM



EXHIBIT 7
Petitioner's messages to Respondent regarding taking prenatal paternity test

Paternity test, etc.

Clayton Echard <claytonechard@gmail.com> Sat, Jun 24, 2023 at 4:32 PM
To: [REDACTED]

I will pay for 100% of it. You have my word. Let this message serve as the proof. Just schedule it and let me know where you scheduled and I'll pay.

Thanks,

Clayton Echard

On June 28th, I received this:



[REDACTED]
Clayton Echard <claytonechard@gmail.com> Wed, Jun 28, 2023 at 8:38 PM
To: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I will find someone else to love and share my life with. I may honestly move to the east coast at this point as well. We'll see. I can do whatever I want with my life, but what I won't do is allow you to hold me back. And don't try to explain to me that I can't move out of the state and away from you. I absolutely can. All I have to do is either take 100% custody of the child or allow you to have 100% custody. Joint isn't an option and is never mandated. That's common sense. Besides, I will fight until I have no fight left in me to not have you be a part of my life. The courts can't force someone to stay with someone else. That's unheard of and has never been done. Just remember, there is no scenario in which we raise the child together, if you even have a child, which I'm still not convinced. But if you do and it is somehow miraculously mine, like I said, I'll take care of the child if that's what it comes to, but I WILL NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE co-parent with you. Just want to make that clear. I would rather co-parent with literally anybody else besides you, as you have shown me you don't respect my opinion. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Clayton Echard

I reached out to Clayton's parents several times, but received no response. On July 2nd, I even invited them to an ultrasound, since he had not gotten back to me about attending my doctor's appointment:



Proof provided to Clayton & your family's invitation to ultrasound

Sun, Jul 2, 2023 at 9:57 AM

Hi Mr. and Mrs. Echard,

On Thursday, Clayton said that if I provided him with additional information, such as the date and time of my next ultrasound, he would be able to be consoling. I gave it to him and invited him, but have not heard back. I was lucky enough to get accepted to see a high-risk specialist, [REDACTED] on July 24th at Sam for an ultrasound and an hour long consultation. I told Clayton that he was welcome to go and that I wanted him to, and even offered to change the date and time if it didn't work for him. I explained to him that it's a referral based practice that does not accept patients without medical records, including verification of the pregnancy and test results/notes from a specialist to prove that there is a condition that requires a high-risk obstetrician (my neurologist about my generalized epilepsy in my case). I understood his need for extra proof, so I sent him screenshots from my patient portal to show him proof of the appointment and the records they received. [REDACTED]

Even though I have gone above and beyond to prove to Clayton that the pregnancy is real, nothing is enough for him to be civil to me, even though he claimed weeks ago that the test I took in front of him that was positive was sufficient. I've taken the initiative to contact three different labs to organize a prenatal pregnancy test at the one that can do it the soonest and that will be acceptable by the court so that I can establish paternity as soon as possible and so that we can make a parenting plan as we are required to do. I am very financially stable and want absolutely no money from him except what is required by law. All I want is the support he promised to provide me with. I'm under an immense amount of stress and have developed high blood pressure and have explained that this could cause the baby to be born with developmental issues, which I know we don't want.

With all of that being said, the purpose of this email is twofold:

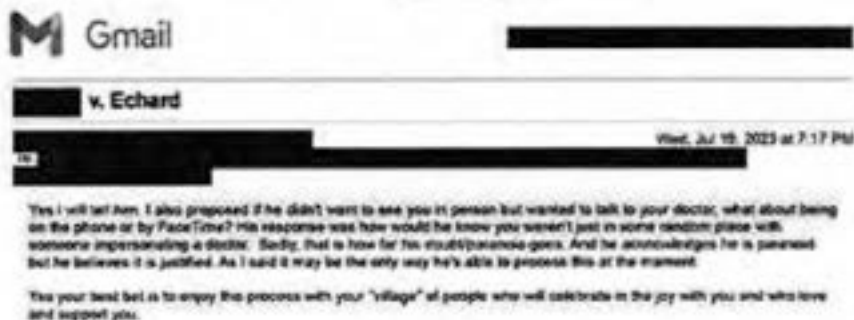
1. I wanted to show you how much information Clayton has been provided with by me to verify the pregnancy. This is what he asked for, all of which was given. There was so much that it wouldn't all fit in a single email, so I had to make a Dropbox file of it. You can access all of the proof by clicking [here here](#).

Based on how he has treated me, I don't want him present at the ultrasound and appointment on July 24th. Hearing the heartbeat for the first time is sacred to me but I know it means nothing to him since he has not had the courtesy to respond to my invitation to be there or even change the date and time. Either or both of you, or your other sons, are welcome to be at the appointment if you would like to be. I know it's an important event and I want people there who feel the same. I just didn't want you guys to not feel included just because Clayton is no longer welcome unless he drastically changes his behavior and shows some respect. If he does, of course he can come.

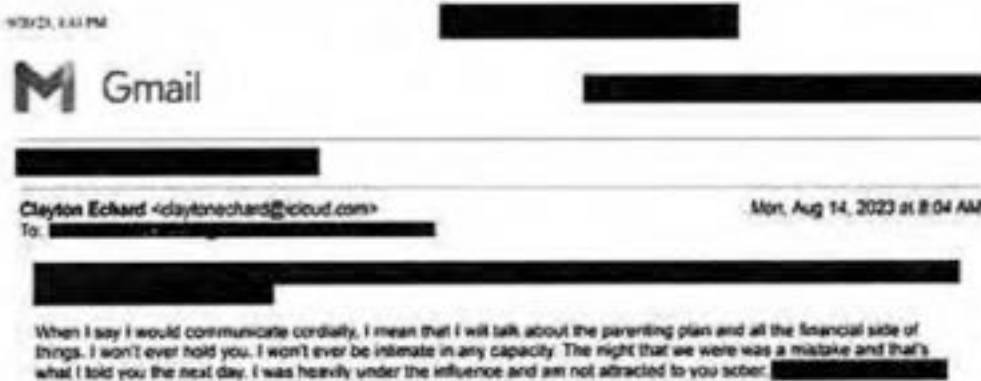
There's no need to respond if you don't want to, but please know that your family is most definitely welcome to be there and I would change the day and time for you guys too if the current date didn't work out.

Thank you for reading this and hope you are having a great weekend!

I discovered I was having twins after that. In mid-July, I decided to hire an attorney to act as a middleman, since Clayton would not communicate directly with me. He told the lawyer that he thought I was on weight loss drugs or fertility drugs that made me test positive. I offered for him to attend an ultrasound appointment, which the lawyer conveyed to him His response was this:



On August 14th, Clayton sent me this and then went dark on me for days. Telling me that he was "heavily under the influence" and "not attracted to [me] sober" hurt:



All along, I told Clayton I wanted to do a paternity test at any point at the lab of his choosing; in fact, I offered more than fifty times to take it in email and have the messages to prove it. Finally, he agreed to testing. I paid \$725 as a deposit and scheduled it for August 23rd, which he said worked well for him. However, he never called to schedule his portion, so I was forced to cancel the test:



Clayton's behavior caused me to be borderline-suicidal twice, simply because I have felt panicked about raising twins on my own. All I have wanted is communication and a plan. I explained this in emails to him, which I will not post due to the very personal nature of them. I presumed that as a 'suicide prevention advocate' (and the father of our unborn children), he would be able to help me. I needed reassurance that he would help care for them and he could not provide it. Clayton knew that if I took my own life, I would be ending the lives of our unborn twins. I truly believe that is what he wanted, as it would solve all of his problems.

Clayton was also supposed to meet up with me five days prior to our Early Resolution Conference on September 28th, but he has not responded to my emails trying to organize this.

Clayton claimed I was "obsessed" with dating him, which is not true. I emailed him to clarify this after *The Sun* article came out, saying: "I. DO. NOT. WANT. TO. DATE. YOU." I had not seen *The Bachelor*, and if I had, I never would have chosen him as my realtor, let alone as someone I would be intimate with. I have told him many times that I would take a lie detector test to prove that I had not seen his season. After he started to display deceptive behavior in a real estate transaction, I finally searched for him on YouTube and watched three clips of him sending Susie, Gabby, and Rachel home. To date, that is all I have seen.

If I am missing anything, or if someone doubts these messages from Clayton, I am happy to provide any records needed to prove that I am indeed telling the truth. I will put my entire reputation on it.

Finally, Clayton wrote on his Response to Establish Paternity that he did not want to give the children his last name or be put on their birth certificates if he is found to be the natural father.

REQUESTS TO THE COURT:

1. FOR ORDER OF PATERNITY:

Issue order declaring that Party A or Party B claimed to be the father, (named below)

Clayton Echard

IS (OR) IS NOT the natural father of the minor child(ren).

IN THE EVENT THE COURT ORDERS THAT ABOVE-NAMED PARTY IS THE NATURAL FATHER, THEN THE COURT SHOULD ALSO ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

A. BIRTH CERTIFICATE: (check the box and complete if this is desired)

Order that the name of the father as appears on his birth certificate or other legal document should be added to each minor child's birth certificate as the father;

B. LAST NAME: (check the box and complete if this this is desired)

Order that each minor child's last name be changed to the last name of:

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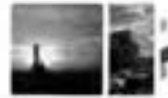
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Echard is accused of impregnating a former fling earlier this year, though he allegedly told her via text message, 'I will not be raising it in any capacity'

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Clayton Echard is being accused of texting a woman who claims to be pregnant with his twins to undergo an abortion.

According to documents obtained Tuesday by Page Six, the former *Bachelor* star also allegedly refuted paternity in text messages.

"I would like for you to get an abortion (if you are pregnant with my child, which I still don't believe, but it doesn't really matter either way Echard allegedly texted the woman, according to the court docs. "If you do not, that's your choice."

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The woman, a 33-year-old podcast host from Scottsdale, Ariz., who wishes to remain anonymous, claims she and Echard had a one-night stand in May that resulted in the pregnancy.

"Then, in that case, if it ends up being my child, I have decided that either you'll take 100% custody of the child, or it will be put up for adoption," Echard's alleged text continued. "I will not be raising it in any capacity."

The text was just one in a flurry of allegedly "erratic, illogical and threatening messages" said to be sent by Echard.

The woman submitted screenshots of the messages, which included, don't believe you for a second"; "I legitimately hate you right now"; and "You have lost your mind and I hope YOU think about how terrible this is that you would subject me to this."

Echard also allegedly wrote, "My personal hell would be having to have you be a part of my life."

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In response, Echard accused the woman of "harassing" him because she is "obsessed" with him. He also denies they ever had sexual intercourse. Echard told *The Sun*, who was the first to obtain the documents, that he plans to sue the woman.

The Messenger reached out to a representative for Echard, who Page Six reports is now scheduled to take a paternity test Sept. 26, two days before the mother meets in court.

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Jennifer Aniston has revealed she texted a "happy and healthy" Matthew Perry on the morning of the Friends star's death.

Perry, who shot to worldwide fame for his role in the cult American television series, was found dead at his Los Angeles home in late October.

"I was literally texting with him that morning, funny Matty," Aniston told Variety magazine.

"He was not in pain. He wasn't struggling. He was happy."





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Jennifer Aniston (left with Reese Witherspoon) gives her first interview since the death of Matthew Perry to Variety magazine - Dan Doperalski for Variety
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It was Aniston's first interview since her American-Canadian co-star's death at the age of 54. Perry's cause of death has not been officially determined.

"He was happy. He was healthy. He had quit smoking. He was getting in shape. He was happy – that's all I know," she added.

"I want people to know he was really healthy, and getting healthy. He was on a pursuit. He worked so hard. He really was dealt a tough one.

"I miss him dearly. We all do. Boy, he made us laugh really hard."





Jennifer Aniston and Reese Witherspoon from VARIETY'S Emmy Edition and speak with Hollywood's most iconic entertainment magazine about 'The Morning Show', Aniston texting with Matthew Perry on the day of his passing, intimacy coordinators, if the show is camp, and more.
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Perry played Chandler in all 234 episodes of the sitcom, which ran for 10 series from 1994 to 2004.

The sitcom catapulted him, Aniston and their four co-stars to household fame and by its final series the group were paid more than £800,000 (\$1 million) per episode.

But Perry struggled with drug and alcohol addiction for much of his adult life.

In a 2021 memoir he said he had attended 6,000 Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, been to rehab 15 times and had 14 stomach surgeries.

He added that his alcoholism meant drinking 14 triple vodka shots was not enough to get him drunk.

"Not only do I have the disease, but I also have it bad," he wrote.

"I have it as bad as you can have it, in fact. It's back-to-the-wall time all the time. It's going to kill me."

Aniston said the outpouring of tributes to Perry in the wake of his death was "so beautiful".

"I hope he can know that he was loved in a way he never thought he was," she said.

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'The Bachelor' Alum Clayton Echard Declares the 'Truth Will Always Set You Free' amid Paternity Scandal

A woman that Echard allegedly slept with once reportedly claimed in a new lawsuit that he refused to take a paternity test after she became pregnant with twins

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The Bachelor alum Clayton Echard is setting the record straight.

On Thursday, the 30-year-old reality star posted a screenshot of a receipt for a paternity test in order to clear the air after he was named in a paternity lawsuit in August by an unidentified woman.

In the lawsuit, the woman alleged that Echard got her pregnant after the two met for a one-night stand. Since filing the suit, the woman has requested Echard take a test to find out the paternity of her unborn twins before she gives birth in February. The 33-year-old woman, who has chosen to remain anonymous, has recently claimed that the former Bachelor wasn't complying with her requests for a test.

"This is the timeline. The truth will always set you free," Echard wrote over the email receipt in a post to his Instagram Story. Per his screenshot, the television personality paid \$725 to schedule an appointment with a paternity clinic.

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"Results will then take about a week to get back. I believe we're all on the same page now."

PEOPLE has reached out to Echard's reps for comment.

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that he refused to take a test and that she had to pay a \$725 deposit for it, but Echard called her accusations "baseless" and "lacking in merit."

In court documents obtained by PEOPLE, the woman stated that Echard refused to believe she was pregnant when she originally informed him back in June.

"I wanted you to come over to confirm what I was doubting. And you did confirm that. So, I don't see you as a liar anymore," he allegedly texted the unidentified woman.

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After the two parties take the paternity test, they are scheduled for an early resolution conference and will appear in court immediately on Sept. 28.

Echard's alleged paternity scandal comes nearly one year after he and [Susie Evans](#) announced their [decision to split](#). The former couple met on his season of *The Bachelor* and [lived together for less than a year](#) before going [long distance](#) and eventually parting ways.

Susie Evans and Clayton Echard. PHOTO: CRAIG SJODIN/ABC

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"With incredibly heavy hearts, we wanted to share that we have decided to go our separate ways," Echard and Evans wrote in a [joint Instagram statement](#) at the time. "For anyone who has ever loved, knows this was a painful decision to make and not one taken lightly."


"We understand that there will likely be a lot of questions about this decision — social media is definitely a highlight reel and much of our experiences together we have kept private as I'm sure most can understand. But we will share this — although this last year together has brought us so much joy and so many laughs, there has also been a significant amount of pain," they continued. "We know no healthy relationship comes without its struggles, but we've realized that we were not prepared for the external forces that hindered our ability to not only heal as individuals but also as a couple."

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The former couple said they would be "focused on continuing to work on ourselves, so we can be the best version of ourselves" going forward.


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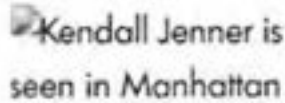
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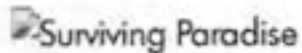
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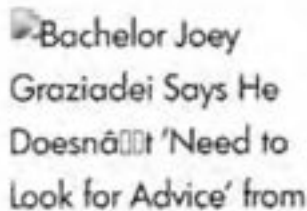
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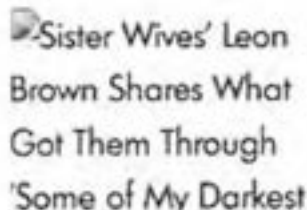
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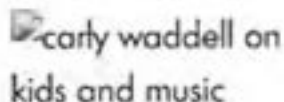
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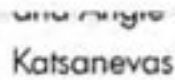
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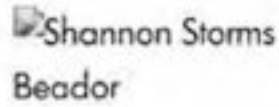
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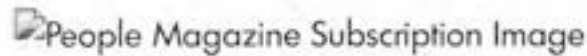
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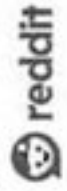
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I am the anonymous woman in the Clayton scandal. Here's the proof. Here's my story:



As a side note, for those who are questioning whether I want attention/followers, please remember I am anonymous in this case. I deactivated my Instagram earlier this week, accidentally logged into that account again, and Instagram will not let me deactivate my account again for a week. I have tried. I don't want money from Clayton. All I have asked for is communication to figure out a parenting plan.

<https://anonymouswoman1.medium.com/i-am-the-anonymous-woman-in-the-clayton-echard-scandal-heres-my-story-97e48632fa9d>

Please remember that Clayton has not denied that he sent any of these messages.

He has been warned that if he does not take down his second story, he will be sued. He is trying to spread false information about me. The two other cases that I have in family court are restraining orders against a man from 2021 and 2022. I have told him that putting me out to the wolves like that regarding cases where I have a restraining order against a man is not okay. It feels unfair and cruel, and for a man who is a mental health/suicide prevention advocate, it crushes me that he won't take it down.

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It's incredibly hard to put this into words and share what's been going on. I've never asked my friends or family for emotional support, but I'm feeling truly shattered, defeated, mentally drained, and worthless due to the events of these past several months. I have been the subject of a smear campaign that I wouldn't wish on my worst enemy, and the target of cyberbullying, cyberharassment, and cyberstalking at a level that I truly think no one would believe was imaginable. My heart has been torn to shreds, and it seems like nobody beyond my family truly sees or understands who I am anymore. Maybe that's my fault, since the sheer embarrassment of it all has been so overwhelming that I've found myself hiding from the world.

Since around mid-September, I've been noticeably absent from social media and pretty much detached from the life I used to lead. I can count on one hand the times I've stepped out of my home since then, but the number of times I've found myself in tears is beyond calculation. Earlier this morning, around 4:30, I found myself on the floor, overwhelmed with emotions,

feeling more bullied and alone than I've ever felt. It struck me that maybe it's time to stop concealing what I've desperately tried to keep under wraps for months now. I've come to understand that by not being public about what I'm struggling with, I've made this battle harder for myself. It's now abundantly clear that the only way to stand up to bullies is by confronting them directly.

I know that some of you caught wind of the rumors that I got pregnant by Clayton Echard, the star of *The Bachelor's* season 26. Clayton had briefly been my real estate agent, and during a May evening, our professional dealings turned into something more personal. Following three positive pregnancy tests — one taken at home, another at an urgent care center, and the final one done in Clayton's presence — it was evident that I was indeed expecting. Soon after, I discovered I was pregnant with twins, and I knew with 100% certainty that he was the father. Clayton went radio silent when it came time to take a paternity test, despite my persistent requests — twenty-nine times, to be exact — at a lab he had selected previously. When he finally responded, he dared me to reach out to the tabloids, a move I knew would compel him to comply with the test. Before the news hit the public, I pleaded with the media to keep my identity under wraps, and they agreed. However, their description of me as the “anonymous woman” contained enough details for those familiar with me to make connections and for strangers to track me down online.

Like many, I was familiar with Reddit before news about my pregnancy became public, but I had no grasp of the level of dedication its members had. Shortly after the initial articles surfaced, a friend reached out, informing me that self-proclaimed “sleuths” were actively discussing and mentioning me by name in “subreddits” centered around *The Bachelor*. There was a barrage of misinformation circulating, and initially, I wrote back to

correct those who were getting the facts twisted. However, these so-called 'keyboard warriors', shielded by anonymous usernames, only seemed to intensify their interest in my life once they knew I was engaging with them.

Things took a truly devastating turn when an abusive ex decided to reach out to Clayton, telling him that I had 'done this before'. He was referring to two prior pregnancies — a part of my life I've guarded fiercely, not just from the wider audience I'm speaking to now, but from everyone. Rather than having a private discussion with me about it, Clayton broke the news to his hundreds of thousands of followers, and Redditors, like relentless detectives, latched onto this snippet of my personal history. They dove deep into my life, tearing through layers I desperately wanted to keep hidden and, truth be told, deservedly so. My life was becoming a mere public spectacle, and it caught the eye of a *Bachelor* content creator named Dave Neal, a major figure on Reddit, who has completely turned my world upside down.

Dave has blatantly victim-shamed me for my reproductive decisions, stating that my life would hold no interest for him if it weren't for two prior abortions. The source of the misinformation he's spreading traces back to two men I'd been pregnant by before. Their animosity against me, triggered by the restraining orders I have against them, is the driving force behind the distorted tales being circulated about me, and ones they have shared with Dave. They supplied him with court documents containing entirely baseless, never-seriously-considered-by-a-judge claims about me, which Dave has disseminated as if they were factual. Although their accusations were unequivocally untrue, they were mortifyingly embarrassing and not something I wanted anyone to know. My decision to stay silent inadvertently bolstered Dave's platform, giving him free rein to harass me without facing any consequences.

The allegations they had previously made against me in response to cases I filed against them were horrendous, alleging that I falsified my pregnancies, tampered with records regarding my past pregnancies, and fabricated the severity of the injuries I sustained due to abuse. In a desperate effort to get him to stop spreading false and extremely damaging information about me, I offered to sign a release to have my previous pregnancy records sent directly to him from my providers. I sent him proof that I was one of only 630 patients accepted into the Domestic Violence Brain Injury Program at Barrow Neurological Institute, the only one of its kind in the nation, as a result of "multiple strangulation injuries" resulting in me developing epilepsy. However, he ignored my offers, revealing that he cared little for the truth.

Dave's motivation in continuing to create content about me has been the massive surge in viewers and listeners on his monetized platforms by peddling sensationalized, entirely untrue tales about my life. He claims that he "doesn't take a shit without monetizing it", and so his motivation is clearly financial. Dave puts out so much content that it feels like doing damage control is a full time job: he posts three shows, usually one about me, to YouTube and two podcasts a day. Each time, it sparks a fresh wave of discussions that only add more fuel to this never-ending fire.

Dave's enormous following on Reddit has made my life incredibly difficult. They've created countless threads in Bachelor-related subreddits, and in the ultimate showing of targeted harassment, one person even went as far as creating a subreddit in my name just to bully me. I was taken aback when I read a post purported to be from a high school peer with outrageously far-fetched and blatantly false allegations, claiming that during that time, I was pregnant by multiple men, including a special needs student and fathers of my peers. One fabricated story claimed that my father offered one student

\$6000 to buy new speakers for his car if he would date me for a month. The reality was quite different — I was extremely introverted throughout high school, never attended a party, and had my first kiss during the week of graduation. These claims hold no resemblance to reality, yet they've left me feeling utterly powerless and deeply ashamed. It feels as though the reputation I painstakingly built and every achievement I've held dear have been ruthlessly torn apart and relentlessly mocked in profoundly disheartening posts.

The comments said about me have been brutal, such as, "I hope she's an organ donor so something good can come out of her pathetic existence", and that I am "a complete waste of skin and bones". I've been told to kill myself, with comments suggesting it might help my family move past the supposed disgrace they claim I've brought upon them. My dad's Wikipedia has even been edited several times by trolls to state that he only has one daughter, my sister.

Dave claims to have only referred to me by "Jane Doe", but my name has appeared in his content many times, and his fixation on me has reached the level of an obsession. Since September, he's churned out over fifty videos about me, boldly claiming that the count might escalate to "more than one hundred and forty" as he continues to probe into my life. Moreover, he's generated well over a hundred hours of podcast content solely focused on me and actively pursued opportunities to appear on any podcasts, offering to fly anywhere in the country to do so, because he is so eager to discuss my life through his lens of lies.

I would be lying if I said I wasn't afraid of Dave. During one of his live streams, he inadvertently displayed a map leading to my home. In an interview just this week, his comments became even more alarming as he

said he wished I had been a passenger on the missing Malaysian flight 370. Adding insult to injury, he shamelessly exhibited a picture of me in a bra with an exposed pregnant belly during one of his episodes. When I requested its removal, he callously dismissed my concerns, laughing as he told his audience, "Bra or no bra, who cares?". He's joked about me having a miscarriage, which is something that is not remotely funny.

As a last resort, I filed for an Injunction Against Harassment against Dave due to his obsessive interest in me and his flat out refusal to stop making videos and podcasts about me when asked. However, when I informed him that he would be served by a process server, he turned the tables.

Deceptively, he began painting himself as fearful of me. His followers swiftly joined in, spreading these unfounded notions that I might pose a threat. I've been called "unhinged" an innumerable amount of times and his followers have posted countless times that I need to be institutionalized. It's been outrageous, entirely unwarranted, and incredibly upsetting.

My physical appearance has been a relentless subject of mockery. Multiple memes have been created, emphasizing my looks and targeting me with hurtful comments about my looks. People claimed to be stunned that Clayton chose to be intimate with me for just one night after having numerous beautiful women to select from during his time as The Bachelor. Clayton himself mentioned I didn't look as pretty as I appeared in some Instagram photos he scrolled through.

I thought that maybe if I were able to change my identity on the outside, I might get back to feeling like myself on the inside. After a lot of thought, I decided to file for a legal name change, which was discovered by Dave the day after I filed the petition with the court, and my new identity as Emily

Wilson was disclosed to his audience, making it obsolete. I felt like I had run out of ideas to escape the relentless nightmare I was living in.

My integrity means everything to me. I've never lied about being pregnant nor the extent to which I've been abused, and I have medical records to back both of those things up. However, I won't be sharing updates regarding the status of my pregnancy with Clayton. *I kindly ask not to receive congratulations or engage in discussions about Clayton and my pregnancy.* This post is not intended for that purpose. What I can confirm is that I sought an order of protection against him. Despite my only sending him pregnancy updates, interestingly, a month later, he obtained an Injunction Against Harassment against me.

Dave's followers have chosen to write my full name on Reddit and in the comments sections on his YouTube videos because they say that in doing so, they will alter the SEO algorithm so that these blatant lies about me are shown at the top of Google search results. He has incited hatred, harassment, and threats against me, and I am just exhausted from it.

Over the last few months, I've often questioned: What is the allure of a 33-year-old woman, confirmed to be pregnant three times, to him and his audience? How much more content can he create, and how much more can I take? Although I would be more than entitled to file a defamation lawsuit against Dave, I have no desire to have my life drained by the legal system and simply want him to stop and remove the videos. If you want to watch how cruelly, and flat-out bizarrely, Dave has spoken to and about me, you can watch [this](#) video.

I'm sure this post will spark more hateful content from Dave, and he will incite his followers to make more cruel comments about me. Despite

outwardly claiming to my family that I've become desensitized to anything that can be said to me at this point, Dave's videos still deeply affect me, as do the words of his supporters. While I *know* I will advocate against cyberbullying in the future, right now, I just wish for this torment to stop. His relentless bullying has pushed me to the brink, causing moments where I've felt close to the edge of despair. I've even expressed to him that the blood would be on his hands if I harmed myself due to his relentless harassment, but it had no impact on him. It just provided him with something else to talk about on his shows. And why would he stop talking about me? Spreading misinformation generates profit for him, and that appears to be his sole concern. It's an ongoing struggle to try to rise above this situation.

My life has changed after witnessing how cruel people can be, and while I'm a changed person after all of this (how could I not be?), I still want to be [REDACTED] not Emily Wilson. I'm anxious about how people might perceive me once I share my story, but holding all of this inside hurts. **In the face of relentless cyberbullying, I yearn for the torment to cease, hoping that someday, my story will speak louder than the falsehoods, and the strength I find within will reclaim the identity they sought to shatter.**

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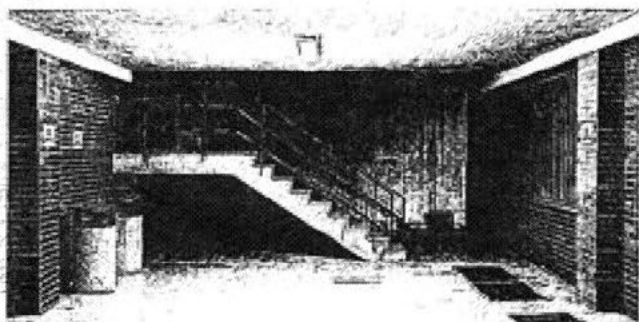
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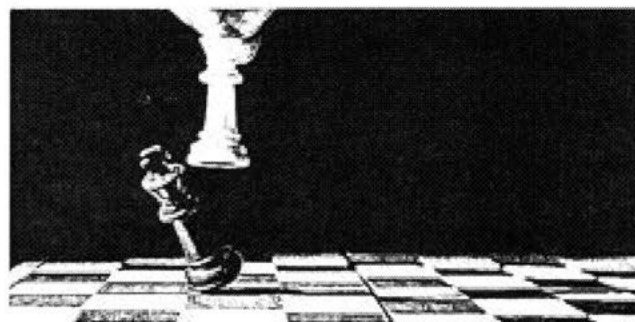
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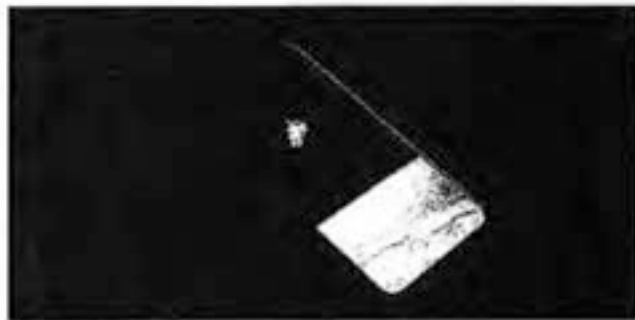
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