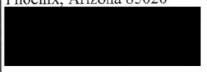
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

In Re the Matter of:

Case No.: FC2023-052114

Petitioner.

AMENDED RESPONSE TO PETITION TO ESTABLISH PATERNITY

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CLAYTON ECHARD,

(Assigned to the Honorable Julie Mata)

Respondent.

Respondent, CLAYTON ECHARD, by and through undersigned counsel, hereby submits his Amended Response to Petition to Establish Paternity, Legal Decision-Making, Parenting Time, and Child Support and states the following:

I. BACKGROUND

1. Petitioner has not provided any verifiable scientific evidence that she is pregnant, and all DNA tests have come back showing "little to no fetal DNA." The testing company, Ravgen Inc, has indicated that it will not release records of the testing without a Court Order.

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- Petitioner filed her Petition only after Respondent indicated that he did not want to have any relationship with her, romantic or otherwise, after she performed oral sex on him on May 20, 2023.
- 3. Prior to and following her filing, Petitioner repeatedly threatened to go to the media about her "pregnancy" and sent Respondent over 500 messages from different phone numbers and email accounts. Judge Gialketsis found these messages and Petitioner's conduct to constitute harassment when she granted Respondent's Injunction Against Harassment on November 2, 2023 (Exhibit 1).
- 4. A sampling of Petitioner's efforts to force Respondent into a relationship are documented, in part, below:
 - a. Petitioner drafted a "contract" for Respondent to sign that promised "for a period of one week, while determining the best court [sic] of action for their pregnancy, Party A and Party B, will exclusively explore a relationship with "intention" [...] There is no obligation to engage in intercourse if either Party is uncomfortable with the act." (Exhibit 2 – Initial Response Exhibit 1)
 - b. 6/28/23: "I have offered to give you control over the outcome of the pregnancy if we date exclusively and care for one another [...] I need to know your decision tonight because I am getting rid of the abortion pills it it's a no or if I don't hear back from you." (Exhibit 3).
 - c. Petitioner threatened to post on her public Instagram account that she
 was pregnant with Respondent's children if he did not "unblock" her and

said "if I can't get you to do it, then maybe the public can convince you to."

(Exhibit 4)

- d. Petitioner contacted Respondent's Father, ostensibly to convince him to force his son, Respondent, to speak with her ("I have not heard back from Clayton and presume he has still blocked me.") (Exhibit 5).
- 5. While this Family case was pending, Petitioner posted an "anonymous" blog post on Medium.com (which she later deleted) (Exhibit 6), contacted the news media, and made multiple postings on Reddit.com claiming that she was pregnant with Respondent's children and including a Dropbox of doctored "medical" documents. (Exhibit 7).
- 6. Despite two (2) fetal DNA tests indicating "little to no fetal DNA" (and one (1) test lost in transit), Petitioner posted another Medium.com article identifying herself as the "anonymous woman" on December 8, 2023. In the article, Petitioner continues to maintain she is pregnant with twins by Respondent. (Exhibit 8).

II. RESPONSE TO PETITIONER'S PETITION TO ESTABLISH

- Respondent affirmatively alleges that Petitioner is fabricating pregnancy, as well as refusing a paternity test.
- Respondent affirmatively alleges that neither pregnancy nor paternity has been proven.
- Respondent contests that Petitioner is pregnant by him and therefore venue is not relevant.
- Respondent contests that Petitioner is pregnant by him and since Petitioner is unwilling to participate in a fourth paternity test, paternity and the jurisdiction for determining

its validity are unable to be proven/determined.

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

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the minor children in question.

- Respondent contests that Petitioner is pregnant by him and therefore unreimbursed medical expenses incurred by Petitioner are not relevant.
- Respondent contests that Petitioner is pregnant by him and therefore unreimbursed other expenses are not relevant.
- Respondent contests that Petitioner is pregnant by him and therefore the Parent Information Program is not relevant.
- Respondent affirmatively alleges that domestic violence has not occurred in this relationship.
- Respondent affirmatively alleges that to his knowledge, neither party has been convicted for a drug offense or driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol in the last twelve (12) months.
- Respondent contests that Petitioner is pregnant by him and therefore child support orders for either party are not relevant.
 - 23. Respondent denies any allegations not specifically admitted herein.
- 24. Respondent is entitled to an adjudication of non-paternity. Petitioner's relentless and harassing behavior through the media will only continue if this matter is not resolved by this Court finding Respondent is <u>not</u> the father of any alleged (and believed to be fictitious) children.
- 25. Rule 26 sanctions are appropriate. Petitioner has violated Rule 26(b), Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure, and sanctions under Rule 26(c) are appropriate. Petitioner filed this action for the purposes of harassing Respondent and forcing him to

communicate with her. Despite Respondent's repeated requests, Petitioner has provided Respondent with no verified scientific evidence proving she is or was pregnant. Further, after filing her Petition, Petitioner filed a "Motion to Communicate," threatening to take her "pregnancy" to the media if Respondent did not communicate with her. This Motion was denied. See Petitioner's Motion to Communicate, filed August 8, 2023. Petitioner also filed a "Motion for Contempt," which this Court also denied, which requested this Court hold Respondent in contempt for not communicating with her. See Petitioner's Motion for Contempt filed August 23, 2023 (also denied by this Court). As such, Petitioner's Petition lacks evidentiary support, is being presented for the improper purpose, to harass Respondent into communicating with her, and to cause Respondent to incur fees.

- 26. The requirement of Rule 9(c) have been met in so far as there has been excessive communication regarding these issues, not limited to Petitioner's recent Medium article and the 500+ texts and emails that predicate Judge Gialketsis' granting of the Injunction Against Harassment.
- 27. Respondent is entitled to his reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred based on Petitioner's unreasonableness pursuant to A.R.S. § 25-324. Petitioner initiated this filing based on a pregnancy that could not have occurred from oral sex. Despite this, Petitioner repeatedly harassed Respondent, filed numerous bad faith pleadings with this Court in an effort to force Respondent to communicate with her, went to the media when Respondent would not unblock her, and fabricated medical documents. Petitioner's behavior is the very definition of unreasonableness.

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

Court enter the following Orders:

- A. Issue an order declaring that Respondent is not the natural father of the minor ehildren; any children born to Petitioner;
- B. Order that both parties be ordered to submit to such blood and tissue tests as may be necessary by this Court to establish paternity, and Petitioner be ordered to pay all costs and expenses of this lawsuit under Arizona law, A.R.S. 25-809.
- C. Issue an Order compelling Ravgen Inc produce all records and documents related to the fetal DNA testing in this matter;
 - D. That this Court sanction Petitioner pursuant to Rule 26;
- E. That this Court award Respondent his reasonable attorney's fees and costs based on Petitioner's unreasonableness, pursuant to A.R.S. § 25-324;
 - F. Enter appropriate orders regarding costs and attorneys' fees herein; and
- G. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper under these circumstances.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 26th day of January, 2024.

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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.

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CLAYTON ECHARD

EXHIBIT "1"

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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.

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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"



Clayfon,

I was going to sak if you wanted to read the article I wrose before admitting it to the Huffington Post, but I know you won't respond so I's take it that I have your permission to sind it in as is. Safers I should prive to your work getting involved with withholding income for child export, I wanted to sak one test time about the agreement. I added a few things to it that are in baild. Here it is:

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- 4. After the patentity and require some leads providing Party A to be the father of Party S's tells, then Party S will execute a HIPPA release for Party S to discuss the pregnantly with any of Party A's providers been the state of conception (May 20th) through the exist of the pregnancy in Patentary 2004.
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- 5. During the one week period, if the decision is made to continue the pregnantly, then Perity A skill Farry B will discuss what would make the best situation for the chatten, whether the be naking them together or apart. The goal would be to keep the case out of the court and its swill abstrute continued input from EUGOD-CELTIA will remain writine will an agreement is made outside of onuri, then the perfect will disputate to district it.
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- 8. At the end of the our week period, provided the terms have been met, their Party 8 and foreyer barned been bringing charges against each other for any resson up to their date.

EXHIBIT "3"

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

To: Clayton Echard

Im 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. Yee, 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 girts 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?

go this route (and trust each other enough to have sex), then we are at the point where I would be taking abortion pile...so there's no risk. Also, under no circumstances would I have an abortion if you In regards to infimacy -- 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 want to be on dating apps or seeing other women while we are figuring this out. I would want to date with intention

trusworthy 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 traited me, I believe in you. We've 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 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 a mom more than anything in the world.

I need to know your decision tonight because I am getting rid of the abortion pilis 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 bibby 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

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Clayton Echard

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

To:

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 palernily test as soon as I'm able to.

someone to stay with someone eise. 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 somebow 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 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% outstoon tan'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 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

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.

EXHIBIT "4"

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

Final email regarding this, but I wanted to give you the countesy 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 walver:

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 to post the above content on social media. giving my approval to 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"

stuation. If only I had the opportunity to do the same (i), but obviously, my body ten'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. If so easy to get upset wit text. But in person, conversations are more caring and cordial. I believe this is exactly what we need, as texting haan't been working welt," and, "We should have been talking in person for most of this anyways. Texting isn't meant for 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 meaningful/impactfullife-changing conversations and I've known and learned that plenty of times."

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 screenahot of my chart after my visit on Sunday to Parned 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 less trainmatic because there land a law there are there is in Artzona 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 I told Clayton tast 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 I've been with since March of 2022), that there was a gestational sac meaning a viable pregnancy, and that I relused 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.

aryche else. I told him that he needs to pay for the prenatal patentity test because it is not providing me with any information that I don't had a large reimburse him for the full amount if him 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. Now that we know we have a viable pregnancy, things seem all the more urgent. It 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

are back from the prenatal patentity test, I would need to do a surpical abortion, which I will not do under any discumstances. I only mention this because once the prenatal patentity 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 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 I was intimate with him. If he doesn't trust me, that's fine, and I am more than happy to If 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 prove him wrong again. I just know how high the stakes are right now and want to be clear that this reaby is the last time that I will consider an abortion.

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 lifeiong 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 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 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 deatibed; 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.

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 poing forward with it, that's great and I want to be able to get excited about it! But right now, it teels like there's tension in the air about what is happening and the silence is deafering. If there's anything you applopare 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. can do to talk to him, I would really appreciate it.

Thank you so much for your time!

All the best.



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



Anonymous · Follow 3 hours ago









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:

This is the last time I will communicate with you on this matter.

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). If you do not, that's your choice. 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. I will not be raising it in any capacity:

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 turnan 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...! 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 victimt!! You are acting so irrational that it's scary!!! You can stop every test 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 helt 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 Metime.

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 bionde, 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:

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I am the siction. You are trying to trap one. It's that simple. We aren't meant to be together only capacity. My personal half would be having to have you be a part of my the . I want sething to do with you. God desen't want this far us. I don't know any you think he done. You've never mean new college.

Place about you just lide a pill and many on? This report mount to be anything other than an expectated booking. The fact that you are trying to make it more is said. The desperation is something thops you can address. The said what he said. Not know how it has a fact it is a said of the many of the pill about it. There is no further discussion. On ahead and do what you've going to do. The mover had a said in it. And the not happen has been possible in the interest had a said in it. And the not happen has been put the one of having to be assessment with you for my distinct. You will bring nathing, but pass and materialize into my life. But it won't allow you to impact me. I'll not above this like I have everything above. It find a woman that will accept the for my situation and we'll have a leving future. That will happen appartices of what you do, so go shead and do whatever.

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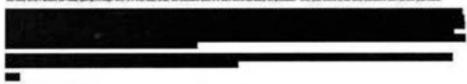
On June 21st, I received an email from Clayton with a theory that my anti-epileptic medications caused me to test positive. I disproved this theory, which you can view below. You can also see that the positive pregnancy test I took at his house is on the counter:











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:

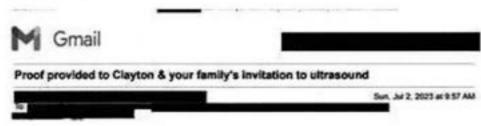
While Clayton claimed that he told me that I needed to pay for the paternity test, you can see that was not the case:



On June 28th, I received this:



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:



14 Mr. and Mrs. Exhand.

On Thursday, Clayton said that if I provided him with additional information, such as the date and time of my next, subsequently the would be added to be control. I gave it to him and anything him, but have not heard back. I was tucky enough to get accepted to see a high-risk specialist. If soil Clayton that he was welcome to go and that I wanted him to an ultrasound and an hour long consultation. I tool Clayton that he was welcome to go and that the heard 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 resultshinder from a special to prove that there is a condition that requires a high-risk obstatrician (my neurologist about my generalized epilepsy in my base). I understood his need for exits proof, so I sent him screenshots from my patient portal to show him proof of the aposintment and the records they received.

Even though I have gone above and beyond to prove to Cizyton that the prognancy is real, nothing is enough for him to be divid to me, even though he claimed weeks ago that the test I look in toot of him that was positive was sufficient. Eve taken the initiative to contact three different labs to organize a prenatal prognancy test at the one that can do it the socreet and that will be acceptable by the court so that I can establish potently 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 worst absolutely no money from him except what is required by law. All I ward is the support he promised to provide me with. I'm under an investigate amount of sitess 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 twokid.

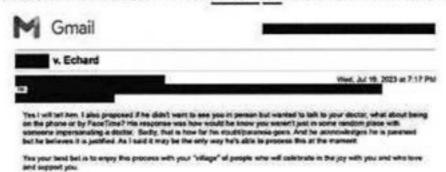
 I wanted to show you how much information Clayton has been provided with by me to verify the pregnancy. This is what he asked for, all of which was given. There was so much that if wouldn't all fit in a single email, so I had to make a Dropbox file of it. You can access all of the proof by clicking here 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 secred to me but I know it means nothing to him since he has not had the countery to respond to my irritation 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 wont 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 dissocally changes his behavior and shows some respect. If he does, of course he can come.

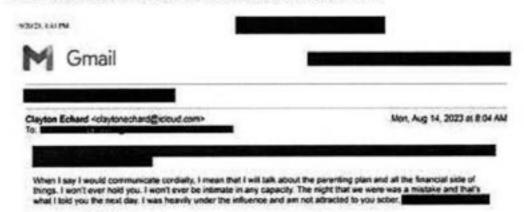
There's no need to respond if you don't want to, but please know that your family is most definitely welcome to be there and I would change the day and time for you guys too if the current date didn't work out.

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.

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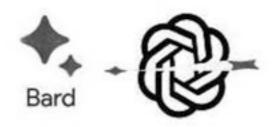
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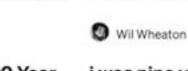


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