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STATEMENT OF TONY ARCHULETA

My name is Tony Archuleta and I am Hannah's father. Hannah resided at Turn-About Ranch for about 2 months in late 2019. During her stay, she sent me letters talking about how she became the victim of sexual abuse while she was at the Ranch. In her letters, she asked me not to tell anyone because she was living in fear of being punished by Ranch staff for having told some staff members what happened to her. It was hard for me to honor her request.

On or about December 19, 2019 I rescued Hannah from Turn-About Ranch. I had sent her there because I was told that she would receive the education and therapy there that would help her. I was very upset to hear what had happened to her and how she had been abused when she was there.

The day after I rescued her, I personally called Salt Lake City Police department to report the abuses. The operator at the police department informed me that "it's out of their jurisdiction" and I should report it to Garfield County Sheriff's Office, which had jurisdiction over the Turn-About Ranch.

Next, I called Garfield County Sheriff's office to report the incidents on the telephone. I spoke to a male deputy when reporting the incidents. He listened, took down our contact information, and asked a few basic questions. Afterwards, I asked for a "report number." The deputy said something like, "I can't give it to you yet because we have to assign the case to a deputy and he'll create a report number for you."

In May 2020, I called the Garfield County Sheriff's office again, because I had not received any follow-up from them. I spoke with a woman who provided me with the case number and said that the original investigating officer was no longer employed there, and that he passed the case down to his son who is also a

Garfield County deputy. I then left a message to please contact me, but after that I was never contacted by anyone from the Garfield County Sheriff's office by phone or writing, directly or indirectly.

I personally feel they swept it under the rug without even bothering to interview Hannah as a victim. The Garfield County Sheriff's department should have taken this report of sexual assault and child sexual abuse seriously and done an investigation.

I am proud of my daughter and I am glad that she is now pursuing justice and speaking out today in order to help others.

TONY ARCHULETA
FATHER OF HANNAH ARCHULETA
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