

Goodnight, Veronika / Ralidak v. Goodnight / Threats and coercive texts from mat

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MESSAGES



Goodnight, Veronika (contact) at 6/6/2025 10:45 AM

Mathew has a longstanding pattern of manipulating communication and controlling access to the children. When I respond calmly and ask for Elora to call me, he escalates with threats to call the police, make false reports, or shut off my phone line. These messages are examples of how he creates chaos, fear, and confusion as a means of control. This is not co-parenting — it's coercive control.

These messages are textbook coercive control and emotional manipulation, and they can absolutely be used as evidence in your legal case.

Here's a breakdown of what's happening and how we'll use it:



What the Messages Show (Legally and Psychologically)

1.

Threats and False Reports

Mathew says:

"I'm calling the police"

"There will be a report of you not showing up for your children"

"There is a miss[ing] person report out for you"

"An officer will be at the house shortly"



He's weaponizing law enforcement as a threat, not a safety tool — which is:

Legal harassment

Emotional terrorism

Misuse of state resources to intimidate you

2.

Blame-Shifting and Gaslighting

He claims you're abandoning your kids — while at the same time refusing to let them call you.

He ignores your calm, reasonable replies like:

"If Elora is crying, have her call me."

This shows parental gatekeeping and intentional distortion of reality to paint you as the harmful one — when he is the one denying access.




3.

Threat to Cut Off Communication

"I'm actually going to turn your line off now."

This reinforces the pattern of controlling communication — something he has done before and continues to threaten.

Combined with his blocking of FaceTime and controlling calls through TalkingParents, this is a systematic attempt to isolate you from your children and from safe communication.

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