

Testimony of Kara Metzger re: defamation vs. James Allen

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icon Re: Two sides of a coin

quote: DragonKara wrote:

Hey everyone. It is your friendly neighborhood Kara. Myhr! You know, the girl with the streak(Well, I used to have one) who always seems to be dancing. No, not the one who is hanging out with Topher, the other one. I was kinda excited to see the new board up and running. I am so disgusted to find out that sometimes it seems to turn into a slander board instead of a discussion board. This has finally gone too far.

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I know that Psychosis and others will prolly yell at me for it but it has gone on too long. Guys I am sorry. I am so tired of seeing James's hurt face and feeling the pain this situation brings him. These nasty letters and comments about what should have stayed personal business are making it worse. He may be able to be strong enough to deal with it, but I had to say something. I have seen both sides. I know what is going on. Most people don't and it is affect many friendships. Sorry for any confusion on names...

--Show me exactly where I slandered him... Have you really seen MY side. I think not. You don't know me, never have.

I have watched the "Veronica aka Sex Kitten" vs "James aka Stryx" (people know who they are, I will not hide behind their names on the list. Their real names have been mentioned several times before this.) episode go on long enough. The "Shitty Fathers" post by Veronica is the last straw for me at least.

---I didn't post that.. but thank you for saying I did.

James is hurt and tired and believes that trying to tell his side does no good. Well, if she wants to air dirty laundry and make nasty letters, then I am going to at least put it through the ringer and show you the other side that she is neglecting to tell you.

If you happened to stumble upon this thread and have no clue as to what is going on or decide that this is too much, please ignore and read something more interesting. This is for those people who have become involved or affected by it.

Yes, I am dating James at this time. Yes I know that there are many of you who definitely do not share my opinion and will prolly believe that I am saying these things simply because of that fact. Once again, those of you who truly are my friends know that I do not take sides easily and if I did not have at least some of the facts right in front of me, I would not be typing this letter. I am not trying to win anyone over. I just want people to know that there is another side they are not hearing. It is amazing how much people are ready to believe the worst about someone even if they have never had proof to the contrary or know the person well enough. People, we all have dated. We all know that they do not always end well and there are misunderstandings and bad feelings. This does not necessarily apply to how a person truly is. That is only how you either see or choose to see them due to your past relations.

When a child is brought into the matter is another thing. I saw and heard many things before James was even my roommate. Many of these things I tell from what I heard and saw before I dated him when I was simply a friend. I heard the nasty vicious voicemails. I saw the attempts at mollification and civil discussion be completely disregarded by Veronica. She has never mentioned that it was SHE who took the child out of the back seat and away from James.

-- Did he mention that he slammed his fist on the dash board scaring the shit out of me?

Her family's nastiness and her own attitude prevented him from seeing Magnus even though he desperately wanted to.

-- Did he mention he came over, said he was taking Magnus, and wouldn't tell me when he would be coming back, or where he was going?

She was the one who broke up the family that had formed together.

-Yes, after constant fighting arguing, and crying. I had enough, somedays where happy, most were sad. It's hard to love someone who only loves themself.

I heard someone refer to him as a deadbeat dad. Let's see, does a deadbeat dad spend over \$15,000 worth of his own money in medical bills for his pregnant girlfriend because he did not trust Medicaid and wanted to make sure that she got the best care available? This includes not even knowing for certain if the child is his. I have seen the bills. He is still paying off that debt. He invested in a new, very expensive car because it was supposed to be the safest family car available at the time. He worked to COMPLETELY support Veronica and her daughter and Magnus. Veronica never got a job or even tried to take something part time.

-- I was put on bed rest, and when I could work, he didn't want me to.

Anyone can find temp work. He provided a spacious \$2000 a month loft for her to live in. She paid no bills. He would take her out to dinner almost every night. He built her and her daughter a computer.

-- wrong, he used my parts and a motherboard, spent all of 30 bux maybe, then ruined my computer that my friend had bought me.

Bought her a cell phone and paid for the service. She and the children never lacked for food or clothing or a warm safe place to sleep. He took time, at the risk of losing his job, to spend with her and her daughter. He would babysit while she was at the doctor. Offered to stay at home and watch Alexis so that she could go off to spend time with her friends and escape from the children once in a while (offers she refused).

--I was pregnant, I didn't care to go out. The only time I had him help after I had my son, well ask him what happened. I don't remember it, I just remember what happened when I woke up the next day.

He put her on the lease so she would not have any anxiety over not being allowed to stay there.

-- Yes, he did, that was 6 months after I already lived there. Still never gave me a key.

Even after Magnus was taken away from him, he continued to deliver food to her at her request.

--Yes he did bring food at first until he found out I was dating someone else.

He finally stopped when the atmosphere at her house became too hostile for him to bear. He wanted to be a father. He was doing a good job. She was the one who took Magnus from him and made his life miserable whenever he attempted to see his son.

-He is still welcome to come see the baby, I have no problems with this. He knows where I live, and he knows I'm here during the day, when no one else is.

Never once did he give her reason to fear that Magnus would be taken from her.

--that's so wrong

SHE is the one who took him from James and for a while refused to allow him to see Magnus.

--wrong again

I wonder if people know that she and her family call Magnus "Maggot", "Maggie" and other such names, already ridiculing the child.

--oh wasn't it you who picked on his name when you came over? I've never called him a name, he's my child, I love him. Anyone who has been around me and my children can tell you that. You however have never seen me with my children.

Once or twice in fun is one thing, calling your son by Maggot all the time and continuously is something else.

---girl you are so wrong

I watched him, me almost in tears, be afraid to pick up his son (at least we assume Magnus is his) the last time he saw him, for fear that it would lead to the violent yelling and accusations that he had no right to Magnus, which occurred at the last visit when he reached out to pick up Magnus.

--Several of the people here know my family can tell you that is so wrong.

He did not get anything for either Magnus for Christmas, not for lack of wanting to, (it was almost too painful for him to go into FAO Schwartz with me because of this) but for a few reasons.. Number one, he is not supposed to contact her due to the case in suit that is currently in court. No matter how much he wants to, and he would have liked to see his son, he is unable to do so.

-He can call his lawyer, and set up a time to see Magnus. It's simple really.

Second, he feared that it would be simply thrown away or burned due to the vicious tone her letters and posts like her recent ones to this list have had.

--It's not for me, I would never take from my child.

He has yet to post nasty vicious things about Veronica to this list and he has been through hell and back because of the situation. Interesting how she doesn't seem to care about degrading him, making him look bad and airing private things about their relationship around to people who have no business knowing about it. It is interesting that, even though she lived only a block away from the Church for such a long time with someone willing to pay her cover, she did not start attending on a more frequent basis until recently though she lives about an hour away now.

--He didn't want me to go. And it's easier to get a babysitter now, not exactly easy to go when you have no one to babysit a 2 year old is it? Also, I did go, when I met him. And before that, just not all the time. I have my own reasons for going now. As well as friends I enjoy the company of. Most of which never liked James in the first place.

Funny how she seems to be getting buddy-buddy with all the people who know James or are his friends.

--Maybe I'm a nice person....

All of a sudden she is now everyone's friend and James is this horrible person. I have seen James take time to talk to someone who is in tears or upset (even if he does not know their name) and merely listen and talk with them.

--This sounds like the Ally story, ask him about that..

I have watched him feed person after person at IHOP and other places and never asking anything in return. I have watched him drive all over the metroplex to pick up friends because they needed a ride. He has provided crash space for many a person who goes to the Church, merely out of kindness. Those whom he has aided know who you are. Yeah, I guess that makes him an awful person to do those nice things for people.

Funny how she left him 24 hours after his work contract ended.

--Not quite, try longer than that. Ask him how many times I almost left when we were together, only to have him cry and ask me back.

Never even gave him time or trusted him to find another contract.

-- I never cared about the money... ask him how much of it I ever asked for.

While there was money she stayed around and apparently would "put up" with him. Her unfounded fear of him possibly not being able to support her (he had other options that were coming up) and she dumps him. The sad thing is, the money is still there. He still fulfills his financial obligations for our apartment and supports himself.

--His mom is nice isn't she.

I have my job and can support myself easily. He does not support me in any way other than through his love. (Yeah, yeah I know that sounded sappy but it is the truth.)

Funny how James had been given enough reason by Veronica to believe that the child was not his and has made several attempts to get the test done for a few months.

--WRONG WRONG WRONG, he hasn't called me. I offered right after I had Magnus. I said if you have any doubts, have the test done while we are here. Don't sign the paternity papers unless you are sure.

He offered to pay for it entirely at one point. She had backed out and refused.

--WRONG AGAIN

Funny how SHE was the one who FILED the papers for custody, child support and a court date, yet she was the one who did not show up.

--Yes, funny thing isn't it. Read the thread on "I'm going to kill my lawyer"

Her lawyer did not show either. How odd. James had already been asking for the paternity test several weeks before she filed. James has been paying his lawyer and appeared in court on time. I am sorry, when you file papers, your lawyer will make sure that you are aware of your court date. It is your responsibility to be there. Why would someone who filed for a court date not open the letter as soon as it was received?

--The letter I got stated that I had to pay for half of the paternity test, because he said I slept with someone else that was living with me at the time. Care to see them? Anyone have a scanner?

Funny how she seems unwilling to take Magnus for a paternity test.

--It's scheduled hun.

The test does not harm the child in any way. If she does not have the money, the courts will pay for it for the mother. If she knows for certain that James is the

father of Magnus, then why the hesitation?

--Well, trying to decide if I want him to be around my son. And you I suppose. Someone who doesn't know the whole story but jumps in anyway.

The funniest thing of all is that everyone seems to be taking her side and people who were his friends until a short time ago, seem to be turning their backs to someone who they know, in their heart, would not do such things.

--Really?

Now, I am not denying that there was not any miscommunication between the two of them, but things have been pretty direct in the past few months. Now, James is not an angel. He has his faults (as do we all) and I am not placing blame anywhere. I am sure there are many things that happened and many misunderstandings. I am not trying to make him out to be perfect.

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--I don't gossip

completely blown this thing out of proportion and had started poisoning people against him, I would never have sent this letter. It has gone too far and I felt I had to say something. Hopefully this letter might provide some depth on the situation that everyone on this list has been dragged into, unfortunately. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion and I am not trying to get people to change that. I simply felt that it was unjustified that people seem to only be getting one distorted and incomplete side of a situation.

Just FYI, I will not respond any further to this particular thread, so writing replies geared towards me will not get any response. People who are my true friends will continue to be so. I have nothing to fear from nasty letters. I have said my peace and I am content with that. I refuse to take part in a slandering war. I know that what I have said is the truth, and not slander, as I have the bills and letters sitting on the desk I am using. My intent is not to continue this discussion, merely to inform and attempt to defend a dear friend (as he was that long before he was anything else) from the severe hurt he is taking from this particular ugliness.

The simple fact that these TYPES of deliberately hurtful letters and gossip are allowed on this group disgusts me. This is supposed to be a DISCUSSION group about the Church, about the music, about the wonderful friends you can meet and to laugh at the preppy yuppies who wander in from time to time. Not to deride and rip someone to shreds and to manipulate other people into helping do it. Let us get back to the purpose that this board was intended for. If you do not like someone, simply do not join in on their thread, reply to them, or discuss them. It is as easy as that. If you really need to say something nasty and vicious about a particular person on the list, do it through private e-mail. Please note, I merely told the truth as it was presented to me, I did not say nasty and vicious things or call Veronica names. The truth does hurt though and it is not always pleasant. Do not air these nasty and personal things (yeah I know I just did that, but it was in response and defense) for all the world to get involved in. Drama! Too much! Can't take it! :~P

sigh Well, I prolly opened the can of worms on this one. Please know that even though I may not have done the right thing in sending this letter, I did it with a good heart and with good intentions. I apologize to those whom this letter will most likely upset, but things needed to be said, and I took the nasty job of looking like the bad guy and said them.

Always true to my dear friends,
Dragon Kara

12-28-2001 at 01:31 PM Quote Reply

DataLore

Level Sr. Member

sits back, gets popcorn and watches

Wow, more drama, new drama, yay!

(Sorry, do know Im not serious now)

12-28-2001 at 01:39 PM Quote Reply

Jinx

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there arent many people
here who will side with or believe much
of the things you've said about
Stryx's situation...

sorry, but there are many here who dont and have never liked him...

Mainly cuz we've heard his lies...

12-30-2001 at 12:56 AM Quote Reply

ConQbine

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DragonKara I can whole heartedly understand your need/want to stand up for your man. But maybe this sort of thing would be better said to people's face or in e-mail?

You do have a right to post what you want, but normally we ask that to keep it in good taste you don't post names of people. And also since you have that right I might remind you, that so does she.

12-30-2001 at 03:02 AM Quote Reply

malice

Level Sr. Member

Not to be mean to any involved...

Can't we all just get along or LEAVE EACH OTHER THE FUCK ALONE.

Buh-bye now.

12-30-2001 at 06:23 AM Quote Reply

AllyKatt

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hmmmmmmmmmm

haven't even logged on this thing for weeks.

but, i'm going to have something to say here. when i have more time to write it.

oh, yes, i think i must....

sorry, but there are some things that need to be said here.

later, perhaps....

12-31-2001 at 04:43 PM Quote Reply

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AllyKatt

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icon Part I - warning: LONG POST

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no offence, but it's for opinions. like this long one that you posted. others are NOT going to agree with yours.

and now that there are "no mods, no rules" you take the good with the bad, same as everyone else.

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i think i qualify, if you'll excuse my late intrusion into this particular situation.

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lucky fucking you. we were together 3 years, and he maybe said the words 5 or 6 times. and he showed it even less frequently. oh, sure, he acted all cute the first few weeks. then... other things came up. again, i'll address it soon.

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again i say, "friends" is an interesting term....

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a VERY biased opinion, unfortunately. but, again, i'll deal with that in another post.

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kara, we've known one another a long time. hell, i've known you longer than you've known stryx, though we've never been close.

i'm not trying to be mean here.

but i have some things that need to be said, and i'm back just to say them.

like john wesley harding sang, there are two sides to every story and this is mine....

{to be continued}

01-03-2002 at 07:27 PM Quote Reply

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AllyKatt
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icon Part II - warning EVEN LONGER POST kara, let me start by saying that i have no beef with you whatsoever.
you are, in fact, entitled to your opinions.

and i can also say with all certainty that i know EXACTLY where you are coming from in this rant.

EXACTLY.

because i myself have been exactly where you are.

i know what it's like to meet james, to spend a little time with him, and to start to get to know him.

i know how he seems to hurt ALL the time, and how much he has been hurt by people in his past, and how he can not get past what they have done.

i know he talks, i know how he cries, i know about the nightmares and the flashbacks.

i know why he always eats out and doesn't do much housework.

i know why he would rather be in front of his computer than sleep at night.

and when i was first there, i was exactly where you are.
EXACTLY.

what i have to say next i know many people are going to argue with.
but, it's a fact.

YOU DON'T KNOW HIM.

frankly, in the city of dallas, there are MAYBE two people who know him.

i know him better than all of you. i can GUARANTEE that.

veronica comes a close second, but even she doesn't know him a tenth as well as i do.

i've known him since he was 15. i've known his mother longer than he's been alive. i've known her WELL for several years. i know his father, and his step mother. i know his friends, some of them longer than he has, or longer than i've known him well. and i've known him well for about 5 years now.

when we first met, i believed every single word he said. i believed that everyone in his life he'd ever loved has mistreated him, and abused him to the point that he was broken and barely alive. i believed that his ex fiances had all cheated on him, and that his parents neglected him. i believed that he just needed ONE good woman to love him and nurture him to bring him back to the living.

i believed it all for a VERY long time.

then, gradually, things began to not make sense. i got to know his mother, and to see her pain at how he did not return her affection in any way. i got to see the way he manipulated and used his father and step-mother for their financial support, and for nothing else. i got to meet some of the girls that had been his "friends" when he was with his second fiance, the "love of his life" and gradually to find that he cheated on her with them. i got to watch him mercilessly pursue, lie to, and manipulate a 17 year old girl he met at a convention into a relationship with him part time while we were still supposedly together. and i got to live with him EVERY DAY during all of it.

i left several times because it was too much to bear, and he came after me or talked me out of it. he banished me to living in another part of the house, but it was not comfortable with our roommates, so i came back. from that point, our relationship was pretty much all financial, and NO emotion.

i made sure he graduated college by helping him finally complete a minor course of study, and making sure he went to class and completed his assignments. i organized things, called clients, paid bills, and kept the house from falling apart. he spent way WAY too much money on things for the "office" and little for us. and for this i was punished for every wrong thing i said, treated like a slave even though i was working full time and supporting us both after he quit his full time job because it was too stressful, and pushed aside every chance possible for internet conversation with his mistress, or trips to visit her.

when i finally could not take the stress anymore, and i left him once again, he took me back agreeing to work on our relationship. it lasted about two days, then he went to visit his mistress to tell her goodbye. he never really came back. i mean, his body came back, but his emotion {what little there was in the three years we were together} was pretty much gone.

it eventually culminated in me holding on by my nails trying to salvage what was not there just for sheer will of wanting it to work. and he continued to resent me, step on me, and push me down until i was afraid to leave the house or talk to my friends anymore.

those who know me here find that hard to believe. they can't fathom that i could put up with such abuse and the guy didn't lose a testicle or his life.

they know me NOW, not THEN.

my friends then were afraid to talk to me, because they couldn't hold back their anger at seeing me treated that way, and in tolerating the abuse. it ended when i tripped trying to run from my work on a company laptop in our front room, through our kitchen, into the room he was in playing a video game. why was i running? because the phone rang, and i knew if he had to answer it himself, i would pay for the interruption later. i was already sleeping on the floor in the living room for other things i had done, and was afraid of the consequence of him having to answer that phone. after my 10 hr work day, i was tired, and i tripped on the cuff of my corporate attire pants, flying headfirst into the kitchen cabinets. i could have died, but i caught myself with my hands and threw myself to the floor. he ran into the kitchen {about 3 steps for him} and asked if i was ok? helped me up? no. said, "goddamit, do i have to take care of YOU now TOO??" to which i replied "no" and got up, still making it to the phone before the 4th ring, when the machine would pick up. it was our friend will, looking for his cousin matt. "no, will. matt's not here." and i went back into the front room, waited until his game was making noise, and proceeded to cry until i was exhausted. i broke one toe, sprained two others, and bruised my knees and hands so badly i could barely walk or function for days. and he never even noticed.

about a week later, we went to a-kon 10. i had decided i was not going to leave until that trip, which all of our friends had planned, was over because i did not want to ruin it for everyone. we had all just graduated college, stryx and i the year before, will and some others that very semester. it was our big trip together.

so we went.

ask james what happened on that trip.

he says i cheated on him, and that's what ruined our relationship.

ask bishop, i think he'll have a different version. especially since he is who i supposedly cheated with.

we didn't kiss, didn't hold hands, didn't even but hug once as i was leaving. we just talked.

and the worst thing it did was to remind me what it was like when i actually had friends and people i could talk to who did not demean me. it reminded me that people found me attractive enough to just talk to me randomly in hallways, and that i did not have to live in torment. it reminded me what life was like BEFORE stryx.

and btw, the "friends" of his that *I* stole...

they are bishop, sidd, jimi, nathan, josh, lara....

sound familiar? that's right, the people you know that i was running around with before he even moved to dallas.

i didn't steal them. he wanted them, but they were not his friends. we may not all still be close, but when i came to dallas, they were the best friends i had. they became my friends because i wanted friends away from where he was, and i let him keep the ones we had shared, that he put so many years and effort into.

now, about sex kitten.... veronica is, in fact, a bitch. she reacts VERY strongly to situations that present themselves to her, and that threaten her. she may not even be pleasant to live with or date.

but she knows that everything i say is true, because she had to live it too.

people were really doubting me about what i went through, could not believe that it was that bad. and a year and a half later, i was starting to wonder if maybe they weren't right, if some of it was my fault, if it was just ME that made it all go bad. then, i started talking to veronica, and it all fell into place.

he hasn't changed.

only the names have changed.

he can't love you while you're there, only after you're gone.

and while he is with you, he can spread love and compassion to almost every living soul he meets. except you.

so enjoy it while you can.

it happens to all of us if we give him long enough.

now, stay out of our lives.

if you want him, keep him. just keep him to yourself, and stop trying to hurt those he has already failed at destroying.

we're moving on.

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