

Summary of Federal Lawsuits Concerning Judge Yvonna Abraham

One detail has been withheld from this public page: the specific method Maryam identified for carrying out self-harm. This is omitted in line with standard suicide-prevention safe-messaging practice, which avoids naming specific methods in public content regardless of context, to avoid risk to other readers. The complete original, including that detail, has been provided to the courts, CPS, and law enforcement, and is available for verification on request. Every other detail below is complete and unredacted.

In 2020, Bilal Jones -- then a young child -- was strangled by his mother, Tenisha Hampton. This is confirmed by an official Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Children's Protective Services Investigation Report (Case ID 87172544, Investigation ID 151503286), which found by a preponderance of the evidence that Hampton committed both physical injury and mental injury against Bilal, and that she was placed on Michigan's Central Registry for Child Abuse and Neglect as a result. The same investigation report reviewed a separate set of allegations against Bilal's father, Gregory Jones, reported by the children's maternal grandmother -- but the report's official findings name only Tenisha Hampton as a substantiated perpetrator; nothing was substantiated against Gregory Jones. Four years after the 2020 strangulation, in June 2024, Bilal was strangled again -- this time by Hampton's live-in boyfriend, Douglas McClain -- while Hampton was present and, according to Gregory Jones's federal court filings, did not intervene. Jones has stated in multiple federal lawsuits that when he tried to present evidence of both incidents in the Wayne County custody case involving his children, the presiding judge refused to allow it into the record.

1. Overview

The case file collection contains roughly 20 separate pro se federal lawsuits, all filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. Twelve of them concern Judge Abraham directly: seven name her as a defendant (5th, 9th, 11th, 13th, 14th, 15th, and 19th lawsuits), and five more are built around her conduct while naming other Wayne County officials as defendants (6th, 10th, 16th, 18th, and 24th lawsuits). Nearly all of these trace back to the same underlying Wayne County Circuit Court case, No. 17-163353-DP (Hampton v. Jones), the paternity/custody matter over which Judge Abraham presides.

2. Judge Abraham's Rulings and Denied Motions (Chronological)

Every order below is signed by Judge Yvonna C. Abraham in Case No. 17-163353-DP (Hampton v. Jones) unless otherwise noted.

Date	Case No.	Ruling
11/1/2024	24-112909-PP	PPO petition (Gregory Jones v. Tenisha Hampton) DENIED without a hearing.
11/5/2024	17-163353-DP	Order Denying Emergency Relief and Setting for Hearing -- all 10 of Defendant's ex parte emergency motions DENIED as a group, without a hearing; set for hearing 11/26/24.
11/26/2024	17-163353-DP	Domestic Scheduling Order -- each of the 10 motions individually ruled on (9 DENIED, 1 MOOT); full list below under "Motions Denied on November 26, 2024." Contempt hearing adjourned to 12/4/24.
12/4/2024	17-163353-DP	Order Following Hearing -- held in CONTEMPT OF COURT; sentenced to 60 days in jail, no early release; \$10,000 bench warrant issued.
12/4/2024	17-163353-DP	Amended Order (re Oct. 7, 2024 hearing) -- orders Hampton to retrieve Jameel and Maryam from Gregory's home with law-enforcement assistance; "law enforcement may use force, if necessary."
12/6/2024	17-163353-DP	Sentencing Order -- formalizes 60-day jail sentence, no early release, \$10,000 bond.
12/19/2024	24-112944-PH	Order Sua Sponte Terminating PPO and Removing PPO from LEIN -- terminates the PPO filed on Jameel's behalf against Douglas McClain; rules the petition "improperly filed" and that Jameel "is not the alleged victim."
9/11/2025	17-163353-DP	Amended Domestic Scheduling Order -- sets evidentiary hearing for 12/1/2025; notes Plaintiff "does not agree with FAME."
12/1/2025	17-163353-DP	Order Following Hearing -- parenting time SUSPENDED; orders law enforcement to retrieve daughter Maryam from Gregory or any third party, including grandmother Lubreta Jones; entered while Gregory was involuntarily hospitalized (Nov. 30-Dec. 3, 2025).

Motions Denied on November 26, 2024

Case No. 17-163353-DP. First denied as a group without a hearing on 11/5/24, then ruled on individually by Judge Abraham in the Domestic Scheduling Order entered 11/26/24:

- Motion to Stay the Transfer of Jameel and Maryam Jones — DENIED
- Motion to Submit Evidence of Child Abuse and Immediate Consideration to Protect Minor Children — DENIED
- Motion to Transfer Custody Case to Oakland County — DENIED
- Motion to Inquire into the Court's Compliance with Mandated Reporting Requirements — DENIED
- Motion to Vacate Findings and Dismiss Case due to Improper Jurisdiction — DENIED
- Motion for Temporary Emergency Custody and Protection of Minor Children — DENIED
- Motion for Reconsideration of Custody Placement and Request for Written Explanation of Safety and Welfare Determination — DENIED
- Motion to Challenge Jurisdiction and Request for Written Clarification of Jurisdiction Over Minor Children — DENIED
- Motion to Temporarily Lift Warrant to Allow Transport of Children's Forensic Interview at Care House — MOOT
- Motion to Inform the Court of New Child Protective Services Case Against Tenisha Hampton for Failure to Protect — DENIED

Related ADA accommodation denials (administrative, issued in connection with her courtroom)

Date	What happened
11/19/2024	Chief Judge Patricia Fresard adopts ADA Coordinator's denial; complaint against Judge Abraham's accommodation denials ruled "without merit."
11/4/2025	ADA Coordinator Frank Hardester denies remote-hearing request for Dec. 1, 2025 hearing; states remote attendance is "at the discretion of the assigned judge."
11/19/2025	General Counsel Frances Yturri denies appeal of the above; rules the grievance "lacks merit" and adopts the ADA Coordinator's determination.

3. Lawsuits Naming Judge Abraham as a Defendant

Defendants: County of Wayne; Michigan SCAO; Judge Yvonna Abraham (official capacity)

Case No. 2:25-cv-13153-TGB-KGA, filed Oct. 2025. Alleges Judge Abraham and Wayne County ignored repeated ADA accommodation requests (heart/lung disease, lung cancer, PTSD) and ordered in-person appearance despite his immunocompromised state, contributing to his roughly two-month incarceration. Seeks \$500,000,000.

Defendants: Wayne County; Judge Yvonna Abraham (individual and official capacity)

Filed Oct. 20, 2025. Alleges Judge Abraham ordered his arrest on Dec. 20, 2024 for missing an Oct. 7, 2024 hearing without a show-cause hearing or notice, resulting in roughly two months' incarceration without due process -- a violation of the 14th Amendment and false imprisonment. Seeks \$5,000,000,000.

Defendants: Judge Yvonna Abraham (individual and official capacity); Wayne County; Wayne County Sheriff's Dept.

Filed Oct. 22, 2025. Alleges that while incarcerated in the civil custody matter, he was diagnosed with lung cancer, and Judge Abraham denied his counsel's motion for early release without a hearing, notice, or review of his medical records -- delaying his lung biopsy roughly six weeks. Argues this falls outside judicial immunity under *Bradley v. Fisher* and *Forrester v. White*. Seeks \$10,000,000,000.

Defendants: Judge Yvonna Abraham; Wayne County; Wayne County Family Court

Filed Oct. 25, 2025. Alleges Judge Abraham prohibited him from introducing evidence that son Bilal was strangled by his mother (2020, CPS-substantiated) and later by her boyfriend Douglas McClain (June 2024), stating on the record she "was

not a mandated reporter.” Companion motions the same day sought a TRO, preliminary injunction, and her recusal. Seeks not less than \$10,000,000,000.

Defendants: Dr. Mohammad Sibai; Wayne County; Wayne County Family Court; State of Michigan

Filed Oct. 14, 2025. Centers on an allegedly abusive July 6, 2025 psychological evaluation, while separately stating he had “not heard” Jameel’s “voice... in over ten months” and attributing part of his trauma to what he calls Judge Abraham’s “repeated racist and discriminatory treatment.” Seeks \$1,000,000,000.

Defendants: Judge Yvonna Abraham; Wayne County

Filed Nov. 1, 2025. The most detailed complaint in the collection: alleges Judge Abraham terminated a PPO protecting Jameel (entered after Bilal’s June 8, 2024 strangulation) despite lacking jurisdiction over the related Macomb County criminal case, then ordered a Wayne County Sheriff’s raid on his Oakland County home the next day. States the prosecution against Douglas McClain later failed to call the children as witnesses and McClain was acquitted. A companion motion sought a guardian ad litem, stating the children “expressed that they feel suicidal if removed from the home again.” Seeks \$10,000,000,000.

Defendants: Judge Yvonna Abraham (individual capacity -- non-judicial, administrative acts)

Filed Dec. 10, 2025. Alleges a pattern of administrative retaliation -- revoking ADA accommodations, blocking hearing access, directing staff to refuse filings, and suppressing evidence of daughter Maryam’s documented suicidal ideation -- after he filed federal complaints and grievances. Centers on the Dec. 1, 2025 hearing held while he was involuntarily hospitalized, at which parenting time was suspended and Maryam’s removal was authorized. Explicitly frames the claims as administrative to avoid judicial immunity.

4. Lawsuits Arising From Her Actions, Naming Other Defendants

Defendants: Wayne County; Wayne County Sheriff; Jail Administrators; Jail Medical Staff

Case No. 2:25-cv-13149-RJW-APP, filed Sept. 12, 2025. Alleges that during the incarceration Judge Abraham ordered beginning Dec. 20, 2024, he was denied phone access for the first 2.5 weeks while being diagnosed with lung cancer. Seeks \$500,000,000.

Defendants: CARE House of Oakland County

Alleges CARE House refused trauma therapy and abuse investigation for his children between June 2024 and December 2025, despite knowing “CPS and Wayne County Judge Abraham” had returned the children to a known abuser. Seeks \$1,000,000,000.

Defendants: Third Judicial Circuit Court of Michigan; Frank Hardester (ADA Coordinator)

Filed Nov. 5, 2025. Alleges his remote-hearing requests were repeatedly denied “because Judge Abraham says so,” and that deputies later told him they had been instructed to seize his service dog and send it to a pound in connection with an anticipated custody order. Seeks \$1,000,000,000.

Defendants: Frances Yturri (General Counsel); Hon. Patricia Fresard (Chief Judge)

Filed Nov. 20, 2025. Alleges Yturri told him the Chief Judge’s position was that his “ADA accommodations exist only if Judge Abraham approves them,” making his federal ADA rights contingent on one judge’s discretion. Seeks \$1,000,000,000.

Defendants: Wayne County; Wayne County Circuit Court

Filed Oct. 15, 2025. Alleges that at a Feb. 21, 2025 hearing Judge Abraham stated she “was not a mandated reporter” and did not have to allow child-abuse evidence in her courtroom, and that when he suffered a panic attack she caused, she ordered him jailed during the panic attack without any medical evaluation. Seeks \$1,000,000,000.

5. The December 20, 2024 Raid and Its Aftermath

A Personal Protection Order was obtained on Jameel’s behalf against Douglas McClain after Jameel witnessed his brother Bilal’s strangulation on June 8, 2024. Judge Abraham terminated that PPO and had it removed from LEIN on December 19, 2024, ruling that Jameel “is not the alleged victim” of the incident. The next day, December 20, 2024, she ordered the Wayne

County Sheriff to raid Gregory's Oakland County home; deputies arrested Gregory and removed all three children, placing them with Douglas McClain and Tenisha Hampton. Gregory was jailed for roughly six weeks without a trial for missing one court day.

Within a day of the raid, Tenisha Hampton placed Bilal in a psychiatric/mental health facility after having him in her care less than 24 hours -- retaliation, per Gregory, for Bilal disclosing his own abuse. The following day, Tenisha gave Maryam to Gregory's mother rather than keep her.

Gregory has not seen or heard the voice of his son Jameel since. As a cruel punishment, Bilal and Maryam are not allowed to see or hear his voice either, because they told the truth about being abused. They are only allowed to play with what they believe is Jameel on Roblox -- a cruel, sick punishment inflicted on the children.

6. Therapist Documentation of Suicidal Risk (Maryam and Bilal Jones)

The children's treatment providers documented suicidal ideation tied specifically to the prospect of a court-ordered transfer out of Gregory's home. This section summarizes that documentation; the underlying clinical letters are available for verification on request. One detail -- the specific method Maryam identified -- is generalized below in line with suicide-prevention safe-messaging practice; every other detail is complete.

August 11, 2025. A DocuSign document titled "Due Process 8.11.pdf" was completed between Gregory and Tiffany Bacon at Oakland Family Services (notification sent from her direct line, 2484085015@ofsfamily.org). This is the earliest dated record found of Bacon's involvement as the family's therapist. The notification email does not include the document text, so its contents could not be confirmed from email records alone.

August 21, 2025 -- Crisis Plan (earliest confirmed disclosure). A Crisis Plan for Maryam, dated 08/21/2025 and electronically signed by Tiffany Bacon, LMSW on 08/22/2025 (DocuSign Envelope ID: E221A89A-6EDA-4FFC-8CCF-D5824C1B4CAD), states under "Triggers": "Maryam states that she experienced suicidal ideation while living with mom. Maryam denies any suicidal ideation since living with dad." The plan lists Maryam's proactive coping steps (talk to dad or brother, play Roblox, draw) and reactive steps (contact Bacon or the after-hours crisis line). This is the earliest confirmed, dated instance of a therapist documenting suicidal ideation in either child.

September 12, 2025 -- IPOS Meetings (both children). Oakland Family Services completed Individual Plan of Service (IPOS) meetings for both children on the same day, admitting each with a start date of July 15, 2025. Maryam's IPOS (facilitated by Tiffany Bacon) states under Emotional/Behavioral: "Maryam reported she experienced SI when she lived with her mother," and separately documents that "Maryam stated that she self harmed by pulling her hair in the past when she was angry." Bilal's IPOS (facilitated by therapist Bella Koepp) states: "Bilal stated that he isolates from other people and experienced SI when he was 9-year-old," and includes a standing safety objective: "Family will follow crisis plan to avoid/reduce suicidal ideation and panic attacks. Father will keep all weapons out of reach. Family will contact therapist/crisis line when necessary."

Late September 2025. In an October 15, 2025 email to their therapist Tiffany Bacon at Oakland Family Services, Gregory wrote: "A few weeks ago Maryam & Bilal told you they would kill themselves if they were removed from our home." This places a further disclosure -- this one an explicit statement of intent tied specifically to removal from Gregory's home, rather than general ideation -- at approximately late September 2025, shortly after the September 12 IPOS meetings described above.

October 15, 2025. Gregory emailed Tiffany Bacon directly, subject line "suicide," formally requesting "written confirmation of what actions were taken in response, including any reports made to CPS or the court, as required by law" regarding Maryam and Bilal's statements. He forwarded this request the same day to Oakland Community Health Network (mcdonaldc@oaklandchn.org). No written response from Bacon confirming a report was found in the records reviewed.

October 17, 2025 -- Oakland Family Services. Tiffany Bacon, LMSW, Lead Home Based Therapist at Oakland Family Services, signed a letter (DocuSign Envelope ID: DCA9ED9D-AB98-4EA5-8B76-7ED560EFC043) stating in full: "During my time working with Maryam she has expressed concern and worry that she may be placed into the custody of her mother. Maryam has discussed that the thought of having to talk or visit her mother, let alone having to live with her has caused Maryam to have suicidal thoughts. Maryam states that these thoughts have gone as far as identifying ways to carry out her plan for suicide [specific method withheld from this public page per suicide-prevention safe-messaging practice; see note above]. Maryam has stated that she prefers to continue living with her father as she reports feeling safe with him, and states that the potential custody change triggers these safety concerns." A true copy of this letter has been provided to the courts and is available for verification on request.

October 27, 2025. Ten days after that letter, Gregory emailed Judge Abraham's courtroom and the Office of Chief Judge Fresard directly, subject line "Suicide," attaching what he described as "the last letter from Maryam's therapist" and marking it Exhibit A, stating he was informing the court and CPS. Judge Abraham's courtroom replied instructing him to file the exhibit ahead of trial through the domestic filing system. The timing and description are consistent with this being the same letter.

December 7, 2025. Gregory notified the Birmingham Police Department that "Maryam expressed suicidal intent not because of me, but in response to the court-ordered transfer," and forwarded the therapist's note to Officer Alex Linke.

December 8, 2025 -- New Oakland Family Centers. Laci-Blaine Tobar, MA, LPC, Clinical Supervisor of Crisis Services at New Oakland Family Centers, emailed Gregory an "Assessment Verification Letter" regarding Maryam. In a same-week email describing the letter's contents, Gregory quoted the clinician as writing that Maryam's suicidal thoughts were "specifically triggered at the thought of her going to live with her biological mom," and stated the clinician had recommended a higher level of care (a Partial Hospitalization Program).

December 9, 2025. Gregory submitted a "Formal Request for Immediate CPS Safety Intervention Regarding Suicidal Risk to Maryam Jones" to Oakland County Child Protective Services/DHHS.

January 2, 2026 -- Sealed Exhibit A. Gregory filed, under seal, "Letter from Maryam's Treating Therapist and New Oakland Child, Adolescent & Family Center Admission Letter." The filing describes the sealed records as documenting "expressions of suicidal ideation directly associated with the threat or execution of forced placement away from her primary custodial parent and sibling support system," and states that "licensed mental-health professionals identified a substantial risk of self-harm under such circumstances and determined that immediate intervention was required."