

## Remember the AA woman denied her adoption, who won eventual

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| <p><b>vncn2</b><br/>NEW</p> <p>Joined: Wed Sep 02, 2009 8:36 am<br/>Posts: 4</p> | <p><b>Re: Remember the AA woman denied her adoption, who won eventual</b></p> <p>To those of you that think the CCAA turned her down for a reason other than race, I want to assure you it was race and race only. There was nothing about her ability to be a good parent. <b>It was race only!</b> Also, it was not the director of the orphanage that had the problem. The orphanage director knew from the beginning that she was African-American and did not have a problem.</p> <p>Dick Graham<br/>IAAP</p> |

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| <p><b>jensboys</b><br/>Casual poster</p> <p>Joined: Tue Jul 22, 2008 3:35 pm<br/>Posts: 110</p> | <p><b>Re: Remember the AA woman denied her adoption, who won eventual</b></p> <p>Dick ...well then seeing as your agency is the one that approved her, do you mind me asking how she passed a homestudy when she had already killed one child and left another near death?!??</p> <p>It seems to me that Lavender could have lived a full and happy life if someone had picked up on THAT little fact!</p> <p><a href="http://anickelsworthofcommonsense.blogspot.com/">http://anickelsworthofcommonsense.blogspot.com/</a></p> |
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| <p><b>vncn2</b><br/>NEW</p> <p>Joined: Wed Sep 02, 2009 8:36 am<br/>Posts: 4</p> | <p><b>Re: Remember the AA woman denied her adoption, who won eventual</b></p> <p>Her home study was done by a local agency in California. They ran a check through the appropriate authorities in California. She was not convicted of killing another child. She was never prosecuted nor convicted. The state said that the child died of an accident or natural causes.</p> <p>I am certainly not defending Sabrina but we do need to look at the information that was and is available. She has not yet been convicted of this death. We have been in contact with the police since shortly after this happened and they have not even told us of all the evidence so no one else has any more information than we do.</p> <p>We were as shocked as anyone about this. Let us let the police and the courts do their job.</p> <p>Dick Graham</p> |
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is the outcome we hope will come from this tragedy.

Dick Graham

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**Re: Remember the AA woman denied her adoption, who won eventual**

We can only hope and pray that justice is done, and that the supports come into place so that no child ever faces this again.

To ANY parent that is reading this that struggles or feels overwhelmed, or wonders at their sanity -- PLEASE reach out. Please. Find another parent that will understand, call a crisis line, send a private message -- do something - ANYTHING - to support yourself.

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**Re: Remember the AA woman denied her adoption, who won eventual**

Well said. We are in contact with the police and will post here and other areas any information they give us about the proceedings. We are also trying to find out if there was a burial and where if anyone wants to send flowers or a do a memorial for Lavender.

Dick Graham

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**GDS**

Posting is so much fun



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**Re: Remember the AA woman denied her adoption, who won eventual**

Dick - can you clarify if you know the answer. Would the fact that she was a former foster parent have been included in the homestudy? I know that mine included pretty much all the experience I've had dealing with children from nieces and nephews to volunteer work that involved kids.

That leads to the follow-up question. Did the CCAA know about her foster care experience, and did they have a right to know, even given the fact that she was cleared at the time?

This whole case makes me sick. All of us adoptive parents talk about how we go through the ringer to get approved and bring our kids home, but then we hear of a case like this, or corruption in some other areas and you realize that standards really need to be even higher - kids lives and well being are at stake. Loopholes and lax standards need to be closed.

Blessings,  
-Greg

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18-Mar-08 -- CJ home forever!!!  
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**Re: Remember the AA woman denied her adoption, who won eventual**

I am still in shock over this. She belonged to a yahoo group I belong to, I remember when she fought so hard to bring Lavender home...we were all so outraged that suddenly she was being denied after already being matched. I don't remember her ever mentioning that she did foster care, but then, after what happened I guess you wouldn't.

May sweet little Lavender rest in peace.

Mary, Duke, Dillon, Travis & Megan (Xinfeng SWI, Jiangxi Province)  
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