

February 13, 1996

Dear Judge Waldron:

I was the first physician to access Christopher Nabors after his automobile accident. What I observed in the first minutes of Dr. Nabors stay in the Charity Hospital Accident Room was a young man who smelled heavily of alcohol and spoke with the loud slurred speech that I normally associate with heavy alcohol intoxication. Dr. Nabors was verbally abusive to myself and to the nurse who was assisting me in his initial stabilization. He also, while insulting us, was acting in a very self destructive manner. He tried in almost every way possible, including verbal abuse, to hinder our attempts to help him and prevent further injury.

At the time of his arrival to the Accident Room, Dr. Nabors was strapped to a long spine board and a cervical collar was in place to protect against possible neck injury and subsequent paralysis (standard trauma protocol). Dr. Nabors vigorously tried to remove the C-collar while twisting his head in all directions and indicating that, if his neck was damaged, he wanted to be paralyzed.

My overall impression was of a heavily intoxicated young man who would rather die or risk permanent disability than be medically treated.

After performing my initial assessment and stabilization, I turned Dr. Nabors' care over to another physician who I felt was

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better able to calm and care for this very abusive and self destructive patient.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Jean Friday, M.D.