Leving recalls Army dad whose son was murdered by ex’s boyfriend

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CHICAGO — Fathers’ Rights attorney Jeffery M. Leving has represented many military fathers who have important and challenging needs when it comes to parenting time, since their schedules and deployment can change with little notice.

One emotional case that sticks with him involved an Army sergeant who was serving in the Middle East. Unbeknownst to him, his then-wife was reportedly having an affair, and she had placed the couple’s three children in the care of her boyfriend. One of the children, a 4-year-old boy, was later found lifeless in his bed. The police said the boy endured two days of being punched in the head, stomach, chest and back, and was beaten with a belt. The boyfriend was eventually convicted of murder.
Leving will talk about this heart-rending case on his radio broadcast, the Dads Rights Legal Hour, 9–10 a.m. CDT Saturday, Oct. 3, on Power 92.3 FM in Chicago.

“I represented the father in his divorce, and gained him sole custody of his surviving children,” Leving says. “With the support of the Army, this loving father was able to bring his other children with him and raise them while he served at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. I wish DCFS would have moved the surviving children into the father’s custody, and I told the Chicago Tribune it was sad that he had to hire me to go through these maneuvers to place his other children with him. But, that’s what happened, that’s what he did, and we won.”

Leving urges fathers who believe their kids are in danger, particularly with their ex’s new boyfriend or husband, and who feel they’re not getting a good response from DCFS, to seek excellent legal representation. “My firm works regularly with DCFS, and we’ll go to court if necessary to safeguard children,” Leving says. “I’ll never forget attorney Maureen Gorman at my firm winning four DCFS appeals in a row. Protecting children is our top priority.”

Leving also will speak about his recent appearance on CourtTV, where he was asked to be a legal analyst on the Wyndham Lathem murder case. This is the Northwestern professor accused of stabbing his boyfriend to death. In the TV appearance, Leving raised a number of points in Lathem’s defense. The video is available for viewing on YouTube.

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