

The State of Delaware v Melvin L Morse MD

In August of 2012, I was charged with seven felony counts of “waterboarding” my 13 year old step-daughter. A jury found me guilty of a single count of child endangerment. I lost my temper after the young girl threw up on herself after binge eating. I attempted to rinse her off in the bathtub which the jury determined involved felony child endangerment. I was acquitted of all “waterboarding” charges and no evidence of CIA waterboarding torture or anything remotely like it was presented at trial.

I readily acknowledge that I lost my temper. In that single act of anger, I undid a lifetime of service and good works, including resuscitating hundreds of critically ill children. I spent 2 years in prison. I have paid my debt to society.

I vigorously protested my innocence at trial and appealed my conviction to the Delaware Supreme Court. Although they agreed prosecution misconduct occurred in my case. I still lost my appeal.

What is true is that I failed to act in a loving manner towards this young teenager. It was my responsibility to make this young teenager feel loved and safe. I failed to do so. All that transpired came from my failure to properly love a child.

Prior to my arrest, I was regularly recognized as one of America's Best Doctors. This case involved my homelife and had nothing to do with my practice of Medicine.

Nevertheless, I passionately believe that we create our own reality. My one act of anger destroyed my reputation and a lifetime of service. I have only myself to blame. It has not and will not happen again.