Direct of Hadley Gruber

1. Please state your name for the record.

My name is Hadley Gruber.

1. What can you tell me about yourself?

I’m 17 years old. I’ll be a senior Weston High School when school starts back. I’m president elect of the student body. I have a 4.15 GPA and have 9 hours of college credit.

1. Why are you here today?

I’ve been falsely accused of assaulting one of my former patients, Karl Godunov.

1. You said Mr. Godunov was a patient of yours. How was Mr. Godunov your patient?

I was a personal care assistant at Mapleleaf Manor over the summer as part of the Med-Prep Program.

1. Can you tell us about Mapleleaf Manor?

Mapleleaf Manor is a nursing home and assisted living complex in our city.

1. What is the Med-Prep Program?

Med-Prep is one of the most selective programs in the state that allows only a few of the most qualified high school students hands on medical experience over the summer. The opportunity opened my eyes to how important doctors were and how large of an impact they have on their patients’ lives.

1. What was your job while you were there?

I was a personal care assistant. I was assigned to the Orange Wing. That wing housed the residents that required the most attention and care. My everyday tasks included giving the residents their meals, helping them get dressed, help them use the restroom, assisting with group activities, and administering medications.

1. How was your experience at Mapleleaf Manor?

I loved the residents and they seemed to love me, even the residents that couldn’t remember my name.

1. Can you tell us about one of these times?

Sure. I think it was my second week at Mapleleaf. I was making my lunch rounds and I came to De’Voreaux Black’s room. Black had only eaten her dessert, but nothing else, which is very unhealthy. The nurse didn’t put a bib on Black and she spilled milk over herself. I changed Black’s shirt and started to tell her how important it was to eat all of her food. When I went to put the bib on so she wouldn’t make another mess, she jerked it off and called me a few names. Seeing that she was agitated, I thought it best to leave the room and continue my rounds.*Narrative*

1. What other problems did you face at Mapleleaf?

After the incident with Black everything seemed to be going just fine. Until the incident with Mr. Godunov. It was the final week of the program and my final week at Mapleleaf. I was decorating the dining room for family day when the police investigator came.

1. Why was there a police investigator at the nursing home?

He said Mr. Godunov had been choked. People started saying that I must have had something to do with it. *Hearsay* I knew it was just a misunderstanding. I never heard anything about it from the bosses and the investigator never came to talk to me.

1. Why did the investigator not come talk to you?

Like I said, there was a misunderstanding. I assumed that everything had been quickly cleared up.*Speculation*

1. When did you next hear about the incident?

It wasn’t until a few weeks later after Mr. Godunov passed away. My mom received a phone call saying I was being charged with a felony. Not only that but they want to charge me as an adult. It was only then when I found out the incident had not gone away. I’m sure if the investigator talked to me at Mapleleaf we could have cleared up the situation.

1. What are your plans for the future?

I’ve been accepted into Big Orange University. I want to graduate in three years so I can move on to med school. Both my parents are doctors and their parents were also doctors.

1. Have you done anything to prepare for a career in medicine?

Last year my sister and I were accepted into the Academy of Medical Technology’s Med-Prep Program. This year my sister, a girl from another high school and I were chosen to work at Mapleleaf Manor, a local nursing home and assisted living complex.

1. Do you have any past criminal records?

When we were 14 my sister hit the back of this kid’s head for skipping line. We are twins so I took the blame to help her out. I knew I the community service would be easier for me than for her.

Thank you, no further questions.