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## ALLEGED CHILD NEGLECT DISPUTED

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Former Syracuse Common Councilor **Frederick "Rick" Guy** said Friday child neglect allegations against him are retaliation for his efforts to get authorities to investigate a relationship between his 15-year-old daughter and a 19-year-old man.

**Guy** said there was "not a truthful line" in The Post-Standard story Friday about the neglect petition filed against him and his wife Thursday by the county. He said the allegations contained in the petition are all based "on the misrepresentations of a 15-year-old girl" involved in a relationship with an older man.

**Guy** said he had been "trying my hardest" for several months to get authorities to do something about that situation without success.

"This is retaliation for that," he said.

**Guy's** lawyer, Marilyn Miller, said she is confident **Guy** and his wife, **Alycia**, will be "totally exonerated" once all the facts are aired in Family Court.

"This is a family with a teenage daughter who has some issues," Miller said. "They love her very much. Their hope is for an outcome that will be in her best interests."

Miller said the Guys will deny the neglect allegations when they appear Tuesday before Family Court Judge Bryan Hedges.

Among the accusations in the county's neglect petition are allegations **Guy** used excessive corporal punishment with his daughter, disrupted his children's education by moving them from program to program and used Persons in Need of Supervision, or PINS, proceedings against two of his children in Family Court to try to enforce strict obedience by the children.

While **Guy** said he was the victim of retaliation, lawyer Lisa Gilels said the PINS action against the teenage daughter was retaliation for the daughter's initial allegations against her father. Gilels, who represents the daughter, said the county's neglect investigation began before the Guys initiated the PINS case against their daughter.

Gilels declined comment on allegations the teenager was retaliating against her father for trying to break up a relationship.

County officials Friday questioned those claims by **Guy**.

Chief Assistant District Attorney Christine Garvey said the issue of the girl's relationship first came up when police investigated the Sept. 30 incident in which **Guy** was accused of striking his daughter repeatedly with a belt. At the time, **Guy** told authorities he was disciplining his daughter because she was dating a 19-year-old and the family did not approve, the prosecutor said.

There was no mention by **Guy** at that time of any inappropriate relationship, Garvey said. The first time **Guy** told police he suspected there was an inappropriate relationship was just this past week, the prosecutor said.

It could not be determined Friday what allegations were made in the PINS proceeding against the girl that was first filed Oct. 8.

County Attorney Anthony Rivizzigno on Friday noted that when the PINS case was initiated and the teenager was assigned a lawyer, **Guy** refused to let the lawyer meet with his daughter.

"If he was seeking help for his daughter, why not let her talk to the law guardian?" Rivizzigno asked.

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