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Thread: [MaryBeth “tricked” her IVF clinic, as well as her husband and the judge](#)

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MaryBeth's attorneys echoed that: "I honestly couldn't believe what I was hearing. It was one of those jaw-on-the-desk things,"

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MaryBeth forged Bob's signature on their surrogacy agreement, in what appears to be a violation of state law, which requires the consent of both parents.

Her husband said e later made clear to her that he didn't want more than 13 kids but she moved forward with the donor embryos and surrogate anyway

The procedure worked, though MaryBeth kept the pregnancy from her husband for months. At a subsequent court hearing via Zoom.

“She logged on with a separate account for Bob and kept the camera turned off. When the judge addressed him, MaryBeth says she grunted in assent.”

In 2023, she was indicted on a range of counts including forgery in the second degree, criminal impersonation in the first degree, perjury in the second degree and, most seriously, attempted kidnapping in the second degree.

County officials also moved to prevent her and Bob from obtaining custody of the boy and girl born via surrogate. The children have instead been living with foster parents.

We can't just have crimes committed with relation to the creation of life and then have them get exactly what they wanted under that criminal conduct,” an attorney for the county's Department of Social Services argued at one hearing, according to the Times.

MaryBeth declined two plea offers in order to continue her fight for custody, something her husband now supports, as does the surrogate she originally used.

<https://people.com/mom-of-13-fights-for-custody-of-14th-and-15th-kids-by-surrogate-11852069>

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Because surrogacy laws vary widely by state, the exact remedies and penalties depend on the jurisdiction. Courts typically prioritize the best interests of the child, but they also enforce strict compliance with statutory requirements to prevent exploitation or coercion.