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Thread: ["Hero Dad" saved His Children From Freezing Charged with Torture.](#)

The Pact - November 27, 2025, 8:35 pm

Dad Hailed a Hero for Protecting His Children in Freezing Weather Charged with Aggravated Child Abuse and Child Torture

A Utah father who was previously hailed as a hero for protecting his three kids in frozen weather is now charged with child torture.

Smith, his 8-year-old daughter, his 4-year-old son and 2-year-old son were reported missing and rescued a day later. Two of the kids were taken to the hospital in critical condition.

In a since-deleted GoFundMe, Smith was said to have "bravely sacrificed himself" to protect the children.

Now, Smith is charged with child torture.

When the 4-year-old arrived at the hospital his temperature was 62.6 degrees and he later suffered a stroke and needed a portion of his skull removed.

A video from that day found on Smith's phone captures the 8-year-old asking, "Are we going to freeze to death, daddy?,"

When the group was found on the trail, the children were standing alongside a boulder with a few sticks stacked against it to provide wind cover. It was noted that the children were not wearing much clothing, and the 2-year-old was underneath the 4-year-old.

When the 8 year old shared that she was getting scared, Smith answered, "You shall not pass."

The father had previously told people he was suicidal.

<https://www.wdbj7.com/2025/12/02/dad-accused-taking-3-kids-hike-dangerous-conditions-charged-with-child-abuse-torture/>

RangoWorld - November 27, 2025, 11:15 pm

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The Pact - November 29, 2025, 3:37 am

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The children had very little clothing and when the 8 year old said she was scared and asked if they would freeze to death her father quoted the Lord of the Rings shouting "You shall not PASS!"

PremiumJoe - November 29, 2025, 11:12 am

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Mass murderers are usually the same and most family annihilators. They are so angry as well as sad and depressed, they feel like nothing but they don't even make it about the people who made them feel like nothing and get revenge, instead they make it about people in general. Or even the family pet as well they never felt that they could affect anything in their lives so they want to affect someone else as they die and finally feel some power as they die. Yes so grossly immoral and disgusting. And you know I thought maybe poverty was part of that but then you see Stephan Paddock. And the Columbine boys both had upper middle class parents as well and were spoiled being able to buy any merch of favourite celebrities and stuff.

Stephen Paddock was a whale as a gambler he was a multi millionaire still when he died although he'd lost several million gambling he still had a net worth of 5 million when he died made in real estate and gambling. He was bitter that his Filipino girlfriend was probably with him for his money still he flew her back to the Philippines and bought her a \$250,000 house there before his mass murder in some form of protection.

Hackers - November 29, 2025, 7:34 pm

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Prosecutors allege the torture was a deliberate act of endangerment linked to domestic issues.

Smith, his 8-year-old daughter, 4-year-old son, and 2-year-old son, began hiking the strenuous Broads Fork trail in Big Cottonwood Canyon, Utah, on October 11, 2025. He reportedly did not check the weather forecast and continued hiking despite a significant storm moving in.

The Ordeal: The family was caught in freezing hail and snow conditions overnight. The children were inadequately dressed, and a video found on Smith's phone allegedly recorded one of them asking, "Are we going to freeze to death, daddy?" while he ignored their pleas to turn back.

He was later trespassed from the hospital for allegedly interfering with his four year old son's medical care and tampering with equipment.