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Parental Child Abduction Outline

Thesis: Parental Child Abduction happens more common than expected for specific reasons.

Introduction: Fifty three percent of parental child abductions are only gone for a week or less. While twenty one percent are gone for a month or more. Even though the statistics show that the child is returned in under a week, having a child kidnapped is a terrible situation to go through. I have researched this topic well in the last few days which allows me to be credible for the information I say. Today, I will give on what parental child abduction is, the reason it occurs, and the different kinds of abductions.

I. What is parental child abduction and is it illegal or legal?

 A. Parental child abduction is when a legal guardian does not know the whereabouts of someone under eighteen. Even if one of the two guardians does not know where the child is, it still counts.

 B. Until twenty eight days after a child is removed by a parent, without the consent of the other in the United Kingdom it is legal.

 C. In the United States, if the parents are separated and the child is removed it is perfectly legal for it to be done

II. Why does parental child abduction occur anyway?

 A. Parental child abduction occurs for a few different reasons there was a dispute between the parents and one became angry, the court ruled against one of the parents which lead to the parent not being able to see the child, or they are attempting to remove the child from an abusive relationship.

 B. The most common reason however when parents separate or when they are filing for divorce because they use the children like pawns for an advantage or they are scared of losing them.

III. There are a few different kinds of parental child abductions.

 A. There is domestic parental child abduction which is when a parent takes a child and is still in the country in which they reside; they can go out of state or stay in the same state.

 B. Then there is international parental child abduction and this occurs when the parent takes a child and it violates some sort of custody agreement. This is different from the domestic abduction because it is actually illegal to do this, compared to taking a child in the United States.

Conclusion: Concluding, I have explained parental child abduction occurs, why it happens, the legal side of child abduction, and the various types of it. So now that I have shared this information with you, don’t get divorced or your child could be taken.

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