

Mom arrested over 12-year-old daughter's tattoo

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The mother of a 12-year-old girl has been arrested after a “Jesus Loves” [tattoo](#) was spotted on her daughter’s shoulder.

The tattoo, which also featured a blue-green cross, was seen by a fifth-grade teacher at Arnco-Sargent Elementary in Newnan, Ga., during a school dance, when the girl wore a strapless dress, [according to 11 Alive Atlanta](#). The teacher called the police to report it.

“Each of the parents had a different story, and it boiled down to frankly just finger pointing,” Lt. Jason Fetner, of the Coweta County Sheriff’s Office, told the news station.

The girl originally told authorities that her father forced her to get the tattoo and that it angered her mother; later, the girl reportedly changed her story to say that she had wanted to get the tattoo. The father, meanwhile, told authorities that his daughter had gotten the tattoo at a Super Bowl party; this was confirmed by a video of tattoo artist Brenda Gaddy tattooing several people there, including “a number of minors,” said Fetner. “It’s difficult to imagine how as a parent you think it’s appropriate to supervise or allow someone to give your child a tattoo at that age.”

Gaddy was arrested along with the girl’s mom, Emmie Nolan, 35, who was charged with being a party to a crime. “I think it’s unfortunate in that the child actually wanted to get the tattoo,” said Fetner. “It’s not like the child was forced to get the tattoo; I think it just comes down to bad parenting.”

The story of the “Jesus Loves” tat sparked controversy [on Facebook](#), where 11 Alive posted its report on Tuesday morning. Although tattooing minors is illegal in the state of Georgia — and laws vary by state, with some allowing the tattooing of minors with parental consent — the post asked its readers, “Are tattoos under the age of 18 appropriate? We’re asking because a mom was charged after her 5th grader got this tattoo at a Superbowl party.”

Some answered in black-and-white terms, including one woman who noted, “The point of it being appropriate or not is not the issue. It is against the law. There are some things that people just have to wait on. There is a consequence to the action of allowing the child to do it and the artist for doing it.”

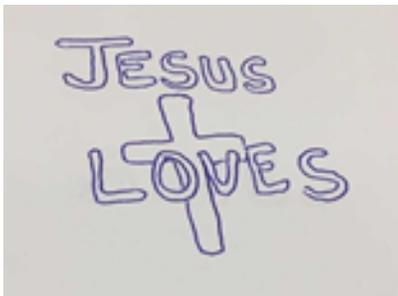
Another said this: “Under 18 is not acceptable. Kids are impulsive and unable to make proper decisions on their own. Just look at how ugly that tattoo is. She’s

going to regret it later. The mother should be charged. That's irresponsible parenting."

And another commenter said, "At that age, no way. I was in my mid 20s when I got my first tattoo, and I am glad I waited that long. Knew of someone that would do tattoos for 'kids' when I was a teenager, but never had the guts to do it. If I had, I would have been stuck forever with something silly, and could have gotten a nasty infection."

But others had more surprising reactions. "It is perfectly legal and socially acceptable for mothers to abort their children, but it's illegal and socially unacceptable for mothers to get their child a tattoo...How does that make sense?"

Finally, though, was the comment from a mother who said her own 15-year-old had just decided to get a tattoo to honor his recently deceased father. "So don't judge people," she wrote, "because you never know what their story is!"



Mom arrested for allowing 10-year-old son to get tattooed

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<https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/mom-arrested-allowing-10-year-old-son-get-tattooed-tired-asking-010623990.html>

A [mom](#) has been arrested for allowing her 10-year-old son to get a [tattoo](#) — by a teenage artist — because she was allegedly tired of the boy begging to get inked, according to Columbus, Ohio, TV station [WSYX/WTTE](#).

The news outlet reported that 34-year-old Nikki Dickinson was charged with first-degree misdemeanor child endangerment and contributing to the delinquency of a minor after a video of the tattoo session went viral.

Court documents obtained by the news station read that the 16-year-old tattoo artist — identified by the [Bellefontaine Examiner](#) as Kyle Richardson of Lakeview — often gives tattoos at his home. WSYX/WTTE also reported that the teen may have tattooed someone who subsequently developed [MRSA](#), a staph infection.

The [Bellefontaine Examiner](#) reported that the artist was charged with “performing tattoos in a manner that doesn’t meet safety and sanitation standards, and tattooing in a manner that does not meet sterilization and disinfection standards.”

“It bothered me. I’m a father and I’m a grandfather,” said one law official in the news segment, which showed a video of the boy (whose face was blurred out, along with the face of a woman on whose lap he sat) getting his arm tattooed by a young man.

Last week, an onslaught of outraged Facebook comments led to multiple calls to the [Bellefontaine Police Department](#) (a representative of which did not return Yahoo Lifestyle’s request for comment). “The phone has not stopped ringing,” the officer told WSYX/WTTE. “We’ve gotten calls from several different states [from] people that are concerned about the welfare of this child.”

The Sept. 24 video was posted to Facebook by Ohio resident Storm Harrington. Commenters were shocked by the “ridiculous” incident and someone noted that the artist wasn’t wearing gloves during the session. Others balked at what they said looked like a syringe lying on his table.

A woman on Facebook named Jaedyn Ford, who identified herself as Dickinson’s niece, told Yahoo Lifestyle that her aunt won’t speak to her about the incident. “It boggles my mind that she allowed her son to do that,” says Ford. “It disgusts me — he’s an innocent young boy.”

According to WSYX/WTTE, when officers visited the home of the child last week, the boy admitted to asking his mom for the tattoo. However, when the station’s reporter communicated with Dickinson via Facebook messenger, she wrote that the video was “fake” but refused to provide further details.

[Municipal prosecutor Daniel D. Carey](#) could not be reached for comment. However, he told the [Bellefontaine Examiner](#) that Dickinson allowed the tattoo to take place in “unsafe and unsanitary conditions” and “encouraged and enabled” Richardson to perform the service.

While Dickinson does face charges, it is not necessarily illegal to [tattoo a minor in Ohio](#). According to state law, “No person shall perform a tattooing procedure, body piercing procedure, or ear piercing

procedure with an ear piercing gun on an individual who is under eighteen years of age unless consent has been given by the individual's parent, guardian, or custodian in accordance with division (B) of this section."

Section B then states that a parent, guardian, or custodian of the minor must appear in person at the business during the time the procedure is performed and sign a document provided by the business that outlines details of the procedure and proper aftercare of the body area. However, the state laws also require that the procedure meet safety and sanitation standards.

The *Bellefontaine Examiner* reports that the incident was reported to [Logan County Children's Services](#).

