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INT. CONFERENCE ROOM - DAY

RONNIE, a sharp high school teacher, sits with Melissa, 16, and her mother, PAULINE.

RONNIE

You need to give me some answers, Mrs. Campbell. Or I will contact the police.

PAULINE

This is really none of your business.

RONNIE

That's the fourth time you've said that. Once again...is your daughter carrying your husband's child??

PAULINE

(finally)

She's carrying our child. His and mine.

RONNIE

Excuse me??

PAULINE

I suffer with lupus. I need a kidney transplant.

RONNIE

Now I'm more confused.

PAULINE

Melissa offered to donate one of her kidneys. We tested for a match, but it still wasn't perfect.

RONNIE

I'm not following.

PAULINE

We thought that if we had another child we might get the match we were looking for. Unfortunately, because of the lupus, I could die if I get pregnant and try to give birth.

RONNIE

So you let your husband get your daughter pregnant instead??

PAULINE

We harvested my eggs and fertilized them with my husband's sperm. The embryos were tested to see which would provide the closest match. We had that one implanted in Melissa.

(beat)

She's a surrogate mother carrying our child.

RONNIE

This is child abuse.

PAULINE

Ms. Cooke, we are an extremely close family. This --

RONNIE

Your daughter took a flying leap off of a stairwell --

PAULINE

Which shocked us as it did you. We are getting therapy, and --

RONNIE

Where did you find a doctor who would even perform this procedure?

PAULINE

Belgium.

RONNIE

It's going to be years before the child will be old enough to donate a kidney.

PAULINE

That isn't true. Once the kidney is implanted it grows to full size extremely fast.

RONNIE

I will be calling Social Services.

PAULINE

What will that accomplish? Melissa's already pregnant. Do you want them to take the baby? What good will that do anyone?

RONNIE

(incredulous)

You're her mother. You're supposed to take care of her. It's not her responsibility to make this kind of sacrifice for you.

PAULINE

We didn't force her to do anything. We asked --

RONNIE

And what was she supposed to say? "No, I don't want my mother to feel better. I want her to suffer."????

(more, then)

Of course she's going to do what you ask. She loves you.

PAULINE

I think it is in any daughter's best interest that her mother should live.