

What if the Birth Certificate has the wrong father on it?

Question: My boyfriend's name appears on my son's birth certificate even though he is not the father. We are no longer together. What are his rights and how do I get him off the certificate?

Answer: I assume that the gentleman is not being co-operative. This means that he has bonded with the boy emotionally. If that is the case, it may not matter much that he is not the biological father of the child. So it's not so easy to dismiss a claim for access by a "psychological dad". On the other hand, if the gentleman was simply doing you a favour at the time and really has no bond with the child, you can take the following steps, assuming he doesn't oppose. Get a court order for DNA through cheek swab tests, another court order to declare he is not the father and then have the birth certificate amended with the Registrar of Ontario.