Smiles and secret pleas for help: Who were the Hart family, really?

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The multiracial family reminded two neighbors of their own, she said. Sarah Hart, Jen’s wife, and the one who worked outside the home, was known as Jen, and the one who worked inside, was named Jennifer. The multiracial family reminded Washington of her own, she said. African American, Washington had been raised by parents and relatives. So when in the fall she noticed that the girls had traded their black bandannas, she said, she told Jen: “Don’t worry. I’ll show you how to do it. My mom had issues too.”

But every time she tried to follow through, she said they were too busy or make up a story. Jen “would never hear it,” Washington said, Jen “would never hear it.”

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Jennifer and Sarah Hart and their children attended a Bernie Sanders ral­ly in downtown Washington, on April 13. Although they were in a packed pub­lic place, the fam­ily was described by neighbors as insular. Reports to child welfare offi­cials alleged phys­ical and/or cal­lous abuse and lack of food.

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