

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this to refute any allegations that Umut Ozkirimli was (and still is) anything but a loving and devoted father to our son Luca. Umut was there the day Luca was born, the day he got his cancer diagnosis at 11 months, the day he took his last breath when he was 5 1/2, and at every moment possible in between. During the 4,5 years that Luca was sick we spent countless days (turned into weeks, months, years) caring for Luca at home or in the hospital. We also made a great effort to make the most of the good days. During all this time, Umut was always deeply devoted and always gave Luca the best of himself.

The funds that we raised to try to save his life (which took us to Michigan, Los Angeles and Barcelona during the last 1,5 year of his life) was always in my keep and I can assure that they never went to anything than trial-costs, travel expenses and - after Luca passed - to help other families fighting paediatric cancer.

Considering what we have gone through during the last 4,5 year it breaks my heart to have to write this. Under normal circumstances, I would find the allegations petty and ridiculous. As it is, I find them deeply unjust and inhumane. They are also profoundly disrespectful to our beautiful son and to all the people who loved and fought for him during his short life.

Erika Larsson
Luca's mother
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