

## ELAINE RIDDICK BIO



**Elaine Riddick** is the Executive Director at the [Rebecca Project for Justice](#). Ms. Riddick is a dedicated Women’s Rights activist who as a Depo Provera and contraceptive expert became the Victims Coordinator for Attorney Willie Gary’s Depo Provera class action lawsuit. Elaine studied psychology at New York City Tech and is building the Elaine Riddick Sister Sanctuary

for girls at risk in Georgia—girls who are potential victims of sex trafficking, homeless or pregnant without a place to call home.

Ms. Riddick is an African-American woman who, as a 14-year-old girl in 1968, was [forcibly sterilized](#) by the [Eugenics Board](#) of North Carolina, after she gave birth to her brilliant Son Tony Riddick a successful businessman in North Carolina. The Eugenics board stated that Ms. Riddick was "feebleminded" and "promiscuous"; therefore, in accordance with the policies of Dr. Alan Guttmacher and Margaret Sanger, Ms. Riddick was sterilized without her consent. Elaine waged a 40 year battle for justice securing 10million dollars for surviving victims in North Carolina.

Prior to her sterilization, Elaine had been kidnapped, molested, and as a result of rape became pregnant at 13 years of age. Elaine Riddick was living with her grandmother, Maggie Woodard, when a social worker discovered her pregnancy. Grandmother Woodard was illiterate and signed an “**X**” on a consent form. Woodard was pressured to sign even though she could not read or write to understand the document, but she was told that if she did not sign with an “**X**”, Elaine would be sent to an orphanage.

NBC Nightly News anchor Brian Williams and NBC Chief Medical Editor Dr. Nancy Snyderman narrated Elaine Riddick’s’ life story in “A State of Shame: Eugenics in America” [Click Please click to watch interview](#).

Elaine Riddick is also featured in the [Maafa 21 documentary](#)—Maafa means African Holocaust, Holocaust of Enslavement, or Black holocaust. Ms. Riddick has appeared on major TV networks/magazines including [CNN Anchor Don Lemon](#), People Magazine, Newsweek, Time, and is a subject of a new Lifetime movie in development about her life’s ordeal.

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