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## Best-Selling Author and Award-Winning Therapist Releases Second Book: "Exposing Financial Abuse: When Money is a Weapon"

Shannon Thomas Writes Real, Raw and Shocking Exposé on Financial Abuse

**DALLAS – June 14, 2018 –** Test yourself. How would you describe financial abuse? Many people have no idea, yet they or someone they know has been a victim. Award-winning therapist and best-selling author Shannon Thomas announced today the release of her second book, "Exposing Financial Abuse: When Money is a Weapon." Not only is this book the first of its kind to shed light on such a widespread form of hidden of abuse by sharing both survivor and victim stories, but the book also provides a roadmap for healing for those who live and breathe economic exploitation.

Case in point: one survivor in the book shares, "Identity theft by withdrawing children's 529 accts that were in my name. Used our son's name and debit card for Ashley Madison dating site. Told car insurance agent he was my fiancé when getting car insurance in my name without my knowledge. Check kiting. Tax fraud. Lied on tax returns to get the most refund possible for multiple years. Never paid taxes on the withdrawals on the 529's accts which I'll be responsible for if audited."

Within the pages of "Exposing Financial Abuse: When Money is a Weapon," Shannon Thomas brings awareness to such a manipulative, crippling form of abuse that is discussed so rarely, yet seen across every demographic, hiding in every type of community and neighborhood. By narrating the raw and emotional journey through the lies, crimes and threats victims have shared, Shannon Thomas also brings readers full circle by offering ways to take action and rebuild. "Exposing Financial Abuse: When Money is a Weapon" is the second book in Thomas's "Healing From Hidden Abuse" series.

Paperback and Kindle versions are now available for purchase. The audiobook version will be released by Tantor Media on July 10. For more information about Shannon Thomas and to purchase a copy of "Exposing Financial Abuse: When Money is a Weapon," visit <a href="http://shannonthomas.com">http://shannonthomas.com</a>.

## **About The Author**

Shannon Thomas, LCSW is a licensed clinical social work supervisor, best-selling author and the owner and lead therapist of an award-winning private practice-counseling agency in Southlake, Texas. Her passion is helping people overcome life challenges and seeing abuse survivors living to their fullest potential. She approaches her counseling work from the lens of a therapist and as a fellow survivor of psychological abuse.

## About "Exposing Financial Abuse: When Money is a Weapon"

Money being used as a weapon occurs across all demographics, genders, financial income brackets and communities. Throughout "Exposing Financial Abuse: When Money is a Weapon," readers are given the opportunity to see into the lives of those who have been financially harmed by someone close to them. Serving as both an exposé and source of hope and healing, Thomas uses true victim and survivor stories to shed light on this malicious form of hidden abuse.

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