

TRANSCRIPT

Grant Reichert Interview

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The interview was conducted via Zoom Video Conferencing.

Wayne Dolcefino, the interviewer, is in his office in Texas

Grant's father, Jeff Reichert, is on a different floor while the interview takes place.

Grant's grandparents are visiting from Florida to see Grant. They are supervising the interview, but not in Grant's line of sight.

(- indicates notes not in transcript)*

[Wayne Dolcefino] (0:06 - 0:08)

Grant, how are you, dude?

[Grant Reichert - Age 12] (0:08 - 0:13)

I'm fine, you know, best I can be.

[Wayne Dolcefino] (0:13 - 0:24)

Yeah, it's a little weird, right, having to be, God, I know it must be horrible feeling like you're in the middle of some big war, huh?

[Grant Reichert] (0:24 - 0:39)

Yeah, it's, oh, yeah, it's, I don't, I don't even know what to say, like, you know, it's, I don't like it.

[Wayne Dolcefino] (0:41 - 0:43)

Yeah, has it gotten a little numb in a way?

[Grant Reichert] (0:44 - 0:48)

Yeah, very numb, that's the best way I can describe it.

[Wayne Dolcefino] (0:48 - 0:51)

Tell me about your summer, what'd you do?

[Grant Reichert] (0:51 - 1:00)

I basically spent all of it in Maine, whether it was at summer camp or sailing camp, I didn't really have, like, I couldn't actually have a good summer, it was just all camp.

[Wayne Dolcefino] (1:01 - 1:03)

Is that not what you ... you didn't want to do that?

[Grant Reichert] (1:03 - 1:08)

I didn't. I was fine with either one or the other, but it was back to back, both of them.

[Wayne Dolcefino] (1:09 - 1:12)

So you were away then from your mom and her*... ?

(*Sarah Hornbeck's latest boyfriend, Jon Michel)

[Grant Reichert] (1:12 - 1:34)

I, for, for three, for basically the first three weeks of my summer, yes, I was at sleepaway camp, and it was only letters, but then the second half of my summer, the next three weeks, that was sailing camp, where I would wake up, I'd go, and then at the end of the day, I'd come back.

[Wayne Dolcefino] (1:35 - 1:48)

Got it. Hey, I know your grandma's behind you, and what's it like to see her? It's been a long time, right?

(*Grant's grandparents, on his father's side, are sitting behind Grant)

How long has it been since you've seen your grandma?

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[Grant Reichert]

It's been, like, a year.

[Wayne Dolcefino]

It's been a year?!

*(*In the background, Grant's grandmother holds up two fingers)*

Two years?!

[Grant's Grandma]

A year and a half, two years.

[Grant Reichert] (1:48 - 1:50)

A year and a half, two years.

[Wayne Dolcefino] (1:50 - 1:57)

Oh my gosh, dude, so that's, that's not fair, but tell me, tell me what it's like to see grandma?

[Grant Reichert] (1:58 - 1:59)

It's good, very good.

[Wayne Dolcefino] (2:01 - 2:01)

That's it? *(*laughing)*

*(*Laughing - speaking to grandmother)* That's all you get?

*(*Everyone laughing)*

[Grant Reichert] (2:02 - 2:09)

It's awesome, it's great.

[Grant's Grandma]

Grandpa's here, too!

[Grant Reichert]

*(*Turning around in chair)* He's back there.

[Wayne Dolcefino] (2:09 - 3:57)

(speaking to grandfather) Hey, grandpa!

[Grant's Grandpa]

What's up, dude!

[Wayne Dolcefino]

*(*Laughing)* There you go! My kind of guy, man. He says, "dude".

*(*Speaking to Grant)* Hey, look, I know it's kind of weird talking to someone like me in the middle of this, and I don't want to keep you long, and I want you to have as much time as you can with your dad and your, and your grandparents, but look, I'm going to tell you a little bit about me.

I'm a former investigative reporter for ABC. I was with them for about 30 years. I've won a bunch of Emmys, which doesn't mean anything, but I'm a pretty well-known TV reporter.

A licensed private investigator, too, for what that's worth. I've been, I've been investigating this case, and quite honestly, trying to help your dad, but more importantly than your dad right now is me and you, okay? I don't want you to feel like you have to say anything to impress your grandma, your grandpa, your dad, or your mom, or anyone else, okay?

[Grant Reichert]

*(*in agreement)* Mmm hmmm

[Wayne Dolcefino] **(continuing)*

And I know you don't know me from Adam, but the best way I can help you have sort of a more normal world is for you to be straight with me, right? And then I can best represent you and say what you actually think, okay?

And I know it's hard sometimes because you have all these people's voices in your head and what you think the court wants you to say and what you want to do, but this is just me and you, okay, dude?

[Grant Reichert]

**(in agreement)* Mmm hmmm

[Wayne Dolcefino] **(continuing)*

So, it's... look, I've been to some of the hearings, and one of the things I want to talk to you about is Ms. Laird*, who is the person that is telling the court what you want... what you want, right?

And I know I wouldn't be happy if someone else was speaking for me, and I want to ask you first about that.

How do you feel about Helen Laird speaking for you?

**(Helen Laird is a custody evaluator with the circuit court of Anne Arundel County)*

[Grant Reichert] (3:59 - 4:38)

It's... I don't like it at all.

Like, she basically... she'll sit down and do something like this, where, you know, I'll talk to her, and she'll give me basically two options, and both of those options are terrible, and it's "pick the lesser one".

So, when she says, "What do you want?", and I say what I want, she goes, "oh, that's not an option. I'll give you two choices. You can either go back and forth, or you don't see your dad again."

She said you won't see my... she said if I don't agree to visitation and 50/50 with my mom, that I... there's a good chance that I will not see my dad for a while.

[Wayne Dolcefino] (4:39 - 4:40)

Do you view that as a threat?

[Grant Reichert] (4:41 - 7:35)

I view that as yes, sort of, you know, it's the person who's supposed to be my voice is essentially giving me an ultimatum.

And it's, you know, it's just like... it's... I just remember I was on the phone with her, and she's, she asked me, she said, "What do you want?"

I said, "To be full-time with my dad", and to basically be with my dad full-time, like, be with my dad full-time, right?

I'm sorry for stumbling over words, but that's what I want. I want to go back to Virginia with my dad, live a normal life.

And she goes, "oh, well, that's not possible right now". She goes, "That's not possible right now".

So, I say, "All right, well, that's what I want".

And then it just turns into this whole thing where, oh, "it's actually not what you want, it's your choices..." like... she's supposed to be basically... when I **(Grant)* say something, repeat it **(Helen Laird)*. That's my voice in the court. And she **(Laird)* makes her own opinion on that.

For me, it's just bias. Like, she's openly biased on the phone. She's biased with my mom. Like, she's biased towards my mom.

She prefers... if it was up to her and that she didn't talk to me... and that's basically what she's doing.

Like, she (*Laird*), she'll talk to me and then she'll say the opposite of what I said. And, like, I'll, like, say something... I'll say something and then, like, take it back or whatever...

...And I'll say, "oh, yeah, you know, I mean... 'this'". And she'll (**Laird*) take something that I didn't mean and then twist it. And then that's in her court.

Like, she (**Laird*) refuses to take what I want and say what I want. She'll just say what she thinks I want.

But she doesn't, like, she's against me.

It does not feel like... she's my... I have a voice in the court. It's... I have to fight her (**Laird*)... and it is along with, you know, everyone else in the court.

Because it's like, you know, Susan Crone*, like, I can't... it's just bias!
(**Susan Crone is a custody evaluator with the circuit court of Anne Arundel County*)

And it's like, basically she's telling... giving me the idea that my dad's a criminal?!

And it's like, "Alright, well, what's he done wrong?"

"Oh, not bringing you (**custody exchange - reason told Grant by Helen Laird*)

Well, the reason that he didn't bring me is, and it's not like I wanted to go when he didn't bring me, I didn't want to go (**in mother's custody*). But that's on top of other stuff.

So, you know, it's just wrong.

And like, I don't claim to know much about much. I'm only 12, almost 13. But, you know, I can tell when someone is being completely biased.

It's like; here's a murderer*, right?

(**A fictional scenario, as an example, for emphasis*)

But let's say that murderer is... you've known them for a while. And you have the victim.

You will side with... she's (**Laird*) doing the equivalent of siding with the murderer, because they know them better. Because Helen's basically like a family friend to my mom.

That's the idea I get.

[Wayne Dolcefino] (7:36 - 7:38)

Why do you get that idea?

[Grant Reichert] (7:39 - 7:49)

She talks about her like, "oh", my mom's just like, "oh yeah, Helen does a great job", and "Helen looks out for you". And she says all that.

And it's like, no, she doesn't. She doesn't.

[Wayne Dolcefino] (7:50 - 7:52)

You don't think Helen's looking out for you?

[Grant Reichert] (7:52 - 7:53)

Helen doesn't. She hasn't.

[Wayne Dolcefino] (7:56 - 8:18)

Look, I do a lot of investigations into unfortunate family fights, custody fights. I do a lot of it all over the country, right?

So, I know that there's a group of people who believe that they fix the family by taking you away from one parent, right, and eliminating them...

[Grant Reichert] (8:18 - 8:42)

... And it alienates it. And it's hypocritical.

Because they say you need a relationship with both your parents and then completely take me away from my dad.

Oh, so it just, you know, it doesn't matter when it's my dad, but when it's my mom, oh, God forbid.

You know?

God forbid I don't see and call my mom every single day, but hey, I haven't seen my dad in seven months, "Whatever". You know, "Who cares?" It's "Only his dad".

[Wayne Dolcefino] (8:44 - 9:00)

Your relationship with your mom, obviously, I read transcripts. You know, you and I don't know each other. I only know about you from what I've read, right?

But talk to me about how your relationship has changed with your mom since you were back with her.

[Grant Reichert] (9:00 - 9:11)

I'd say it's changed a little, and then it just goes right back. I think, you know, it's, hey, it might be getting better, and then it goes right back, you know?

[Wayne Dolcefino] (9:12 - 9:12)

Why?

[Grant Reichert] (9:13 - 9:22)

It's, for example... let's say one time I talked to another lady, named Inica. I don't know if you know who she is?

[Wayne Dolcefino] (9:22 - 9:23)

Yeah.

[Grant Reichert] (9:23 - 11:12)

I talked to her, and, you know, before I had talked to her, it was great. And, like, a couple days after I had talked to her, it was amazing.

And then come the trial where the stuff I said is in court, she (**Sarah Hornbeck/mother*) gets home from the trial, and it's like, and it's basically like, "oh, my God, you said those things", and my grandpa (**mother's side*)... my grandpa's down here for every single trial, on my mom's side, and he's like, he scares me, like, he really does.

You know, he sits in my room...

Like, let's say I'm playing Xbox with one of my best friends in Virginia Beach. He'll come into my room, and he'll say, like, "Who is this?!"

And it's like, all right, first of all, don't barge into my room.

Like, my door will be closed... and my door will be closed, you know, and I'm just not... I'm minding my own business, because I don't, you know, I'd rather be hanging out, playing Xbox with my friends!

He comes in, he goes, "Who is this!?" ... and he just sits there with his arms crossed, like, standing over me. Like, he just, so it's really annoying.

And it's like, you know, it doesn't make me feel like I have my own rights, really.

Like, you know, and it's, and most of the time when I am playing with some of my best friends, and I'm having the most fun, he'll come in, and he'll make the most random reason as to why I can't play with him anymore.

Like, let's say me and my best friend, Blake, right? Me and him will be playing VR together... like the virtual reality. We'll be playing that together, and he'll walk in, he'll say, "What are you doing?! Who are you playing with?!"

Like, just interrogating me, pretty much... like, "What are you doing? Who are you playing with? What are you doing? Why are you playing with them?"

And it's like, oh, "They're my friend, I'm having fun". And then, you know, he says, "oh, yeah, well, you got to come downstairs and help make dinner".

And it's like, well, some nights, you know, some nights I don't *(have to help with dinner)*, but it's just not... because it's only when, you know, I'm actually playing with my friends and having a good time.

[Wayne Dolcefino] (11:12 - 11:17)

Well, you said you've gotten a little better with your mom, and then it reverts back.

[Grant Reichert] (11:18 - 13:15)

It's like it goes up, and then it shoots right back down. It goes up, and it shoots right back down.

Because I think to myself, you know, I try to give people second chances, right? You know, I don't view someone as, oh, they did something bad, and they're bad forever.

But, you know, when my mom is taking my phone...

... like last night, she took my phone, and she went through it, and, you know, she goes on all my social media to make sure my dad's not *(sarcasm -- hand quotes)* "stalking" me.

(Sarah Hornbeck/Mother has made numerous false accusations against father)

Like, and she goes through her text log... It's me and her in the text log... She goes through the text log last night, and **she deleted a bunch of stuff...** and she took my phone.

So, I was going to watch a movie on my phone before I went to bed, just like I was lying in bed... and she comes in, and she says, "Give me your phone", because normally what she does is she'll go in, and she'll, like, swipe it from me without me noticing.

Let's say it's on my nightstand. She'll walk in, and casually, and she'll say something random like, "You know, oh, are you excited for this coming up in two weeks?", and then she'll just take my phone... and by the time I realize it's gone, she's going through it.

And that doesn't... like, trust works both ways. I see trust working, is both ways, you know?

But it really is just disturbing when, like, for example, last night when she took it, you know, she was hiding in the bathroom going through my text logs. And it's like, **that's not normal.**

Like, I get, like, a concerned parent, but you go through it with me! You don't take my phone.

And then what I caught her doing in this process was, **she was going through my phone, and she was deleting text messages between me and her** of things like me saying, "oh, I don't like the school I'm in", you know, kind of **exposing her** in a sense because, like, I don't even know why she would do it.

But there's, like, now there's, like, gaps in her text messages *(between Grant & mother on their phones)* where it's, like, one second, I'm *(texting mother)* at school wondering when I'm going to be picked up, and then, you know, cut to a week later *(text)* when I'm at Airsoft.

[Wayne Dolcefino] (13:15 - 13:19)

She's deleting text messages between you and her.

[Grant Reichert] (13:19 - 13:20)

Yes.

[Wayne Dolcefino] (13:20 - 13:21)

Do you know why?

[Grant Reichert] (13:23 - 14:32)

Because it's incriminating.

Like, I don't know why, but my best guess is that she doesn't want that stuff coming out of me saying things like, I don't want to do this. I, you know, why?

Me, basically resisting some of the stuff that she's forcing me to do, and she'll delete that because, you know, she knows...

... for example, when I talk to you, what she didn't consider really, that that stuff's in my memory. All the texts that I have... for some reason, I have a thing where if I write something down or if I read something, I remember it really well.

So I remember all the stuff that she said, and also she screenshotted a text message between me and her, and she sent it to herself, and the text message was me saying to her that I don't want to meet with Susan Crone because I had a stomach ache, but she cropped out the part where I had a stomach ache because, like, I didn't want to sit, because I had to sit at a desk and, like, talk, and I just didn't want to do that. I just wanted to, you know, rest because my stomach was hurting, and she, you know, takes it completely out of context, and it looks like me texting her, I don't want to meet with her. She said the text was her telling me you have to meet with Susan today and me telling her I don't want to.

[Wayne Dolcefino] (14:33 - 15:03)

I don't want to dwell too much in past history, okay?

But I heard Helen Laird say that several months ago, you were complaining that your mom was drinking again, and that later on you said, I'm sorry that I said that as if it was not true.

So, I'd like to just factually understand, since you've been with your mom, have you seen her drinking?

[Grant Reichert] (15:03 - 15:59)

There's alcohol in the house. I haven't directly seen her, you know, sipping a bottle of wine or drinking beer or anything, but, you know, she acts, I can definitely see right through when she's, like, acting different. I see right through that.

And there was a period where she was acting very different in a sense that I don't know why, but it was like a two-week period, and I get, like, flashbacks from when I was, like, younger and I was living in Baltimore with her, and she would be acting the same way, and turns out back then she was drinking. So that's why I said that.

And Helen Laird, when I said, "I'm sorry I said that", Helen Laird was going on, like, a rant about how awful that was that I said it, and it just slipped out.

So, she was... because it was taken out of context. Helen, you know, a lot of the stuff that they'll do and say that I said is taken out of context.

[Wayne Dolcefino] (15:59 - 16:08)

So, you didn't say, I'm sorry I said that as to apologize. You just said, I'm sorry I said that, because you were getting so much grief?

[Grant Reichert] (16:09 - 17:34)

I was getting backlash for saying that, but I'm not sorry at all.

Like, I really am not, but, you know, I also really hated when the person who's supposed to be my voice in court is ranting at me about how awful it is that I said that and how a giant thing had to happen, and it's, like, "Made my mom's life miserable", and she's just going on and on and on about it. And it's like, "All right, I'm sorry I said that, please stop!" That's basically the context it was in. But I wasn't really sorry.

Because, like, it's just annoying.

It really, like, when I'm sitting there for the person who's supposed to be telling me, oh yeah, I'm your voice in the court, and then they get mad at me for something that I thought, because, you know, I don't have anything else to compare that to. You know, they were, I get flashbacks to when she was acting in a strange way, and it's a couple characteristics.

She (*Sarah Hornbeck/mother) walks around, and she tries to, like, look all happy, and she tries, but it just fails, because I can see right through it.

And then another thing is that she, you know, she'll just be... like... outcasted, you know? She'll be more, like, in a mood all the time, and it's just like, I get that compared to, you know, when I know there was, I know for a fact she was drinking, so it's the best thing I can compare it to.

That's why I said, she was.

[Wayne Dolcefino] (17:34 - 17:38)

You see times when she acts like she acted when she was drinking.

[Grant Reichert] (17:38 - 17:47)

Yes, because back when I was really young living in Baltimore and she was drinking, she was acting the same way that she was acting when I said it recently.

[Wayne Dolcefino] (17:48 - 18:29)

If you could talk to the judge right now, and I don't know much about the judge....

...Oh, by the way, did Helen (*Laird) tell you that I did a video on your case and included some of that conversation you had with Itica?

[Grant Reichert]

Helen did not tell me that, no.

[Wayne Dolcefino]

Okay, has anyone told you that?

[Grant Reichert]

No.

[Wayne Dolcefino]

Okay.

So, if you could talk to the judge right now... here's your chance to tell Judge Asti... what do you want?

And I know you'd rather live with your dad, I think I get it, right?

But does that mean you don't want to see your mom, or you do sometimes? You just don't want to have to go back and forth like that?

[Grant Reichert] (18:29 - 19:47)

I don't like going back and forth, whatsoever.

And my dad constantly gets the misconception of that he wants to alienate me from my mom. He doesn't want to, you know.

He's tried to center things and I've seen them. You know, I even helped, you know, I looked over it and he was basically like, "Hey, Sarah, you know, we can get a couple weeks in the summer, like two weeks in the summer that they cherish", and all that. And, he's offered that, and they declined it.

And then, you know, they took me.

So, I'd honestly say, yeah, I want to be full time with my dad. I want, you know, to go to school down there, play sports down there.

But I would not be against, you know, like two or three weeks in the summertime and maybe like for spring break, like half of my spring break, half of my, like, a part of my winter break, things like that. You know, I would not be opposed to that.

And I would kind of... I would like it in a sense that some of the things up here... for example, there's an airsoft field that I really like to play up here. You know, I would not be opposed to coming up here and playing, you know, like once, like four times a year and just playing up here and also seeing my mom. Like, I'm not opposed to that.

But the way that they did, it's not, they can never find the right balance.

And I'm trying to tell a judge, here's what I can do. Here's the balance part. And this would make my life the best it could possibly be.

[Wayne Dolcefino] (19:47 - 19:52)

What's better for you in Virginia Beach than the school situation you have?

[Grant Reichert] (19:53 - 19:56)

So, I could go on for hours about that.

[Wayne Dolcefino] (19:56 - 19:58)

But it's also- Give me a taste.

[Grant Reichert] (19:58 - 21:01)

Okay, so first of all, it's my friends, you know. I think we can all agree that friends are probably the most important part about school.

Second thing is just lessons and classes overall.

Like my school up here, there's no honors. There's just the classes. So, you know, it's a challenge down there.

I'm in all, in *Western Branch (*in Chesapeake, VA with Father)*, I should speak, I was in all honors classes. I was in all honors classes. And, you know, my teachers were great.

All my friends were there. I was on a great football team, the 757 Bucks, which we won the state championship my first season there. So, all that, the friends, once again, I just, I can't, I go on and on.

And it's just, there's so many things better.

There was a five-minute drive, maybe a 10 minute bike ride to my school, which is great now. And I could wake up and, if I really wanted to, and I had like showered and everything the night before, because sometimes I do that, I'll shower the night before and then go to bed.

[Wayne Dolcefino] (21:01 - 21:04)

You miss your friends a lot. You miss your friends a lot.

[Grant Reichert] (21:04 - 22:21)

It was the perfect place. You know, it was, it was the, it was just, I don't know, it was just great. Every single night I would get home, and I could play VR with my friends. I could play Xbox.

I could go fishing, see my dog, all that, ride my bike, do guitar... and I would play guitar, all that.

And then up here, it's just, you know, it's a 45 minute drive each way. Not to mention I'm left at aftercare most of the day, which, or it'll let out at 3:30, and I'm left at aftercare until probably about 4:30 each day.

Then add that 45-minute drive... add that 45 minute drive on, which is just, it's, that's miserable. Like, I'm getting to school... I'm waking up at about 6:45 every day, and I'm getting home at about 5:30 every day, and then I have to, like, help cook dinner and do all that. Which normally I'd be fine with, but when it's that big of a drag each way, and the only thing I want to do is either play Xbox with my friends or just frankly go to sleep, and then you just, and it's just miserable. It really is.

Every single morning, I have to drink a can of Monster. I don't normally drink energy drinks, but every morning I gotta drink a can of Monster to just get me, get my eyes open.

[Wayne Dolcefino] (22:22 - 22:29)

Um, yeah, I know you're a little worried about talking... I know you're worried about a video that I did...

[Grant Reichert] (22:30 - 22:56)

It's the backlash.

I'll get, like, basically if I say something... for example, when I talk to Hica, and then I guess that stuff came up in trial, I got severe backlash for that from my mom. Lectures... you're like, you know, it just made my life miserable.

Like, not punishment, not like, oh, you know, you have to do this, but, for example, oh, it's super convenient that after I do that (**made his preference, to live with his father, known in court proceedings*) I have to be left at school until about 5 o'clock every day (**by his mother, Sarah Hornbeck*).

Which is just...

[Wayne Dolcefino] (22:57 - 22:59)

You think that's punishment?

[Grant Reichert] (23:01 - 23:37)

It's... Well, and you put it in things, and normally, like, she has no issue, you know, because she has to pick up my brother, so she leaves the house, you know, and she drops me off, she picks up my brother, or picks me up first, because my school lets out earlier than his... but, no, he should get picked up first.

Then, for some reason, if it's a 20-minute drive, it should be 4, 4:15 every day, but, oh, it's conveniently... he (**Grant's half brother, age 9 at time of this interview*) wanted to go get some new shoes, or all that, and I'm just left at school.

So, and it's just annoying, and I know it doesn't seem like that, but when it's every single day, for, like, a couple weeks at a time, it's just...

(**Grant's mother had another child with another man, outside of wedlock. Ms. Hornbeck is not primary custodial parent and has very limited visitation.*)

[Wayne Dolcefino] (23:37 - 23:41)

What else was in the lecture that she gave you after you found out?

[Grant Reichert] (23:42 - 24:11)

She'll sit me down at the table, and she'll have basically her entire family there, and they'll just... it's mostly my grandpa on her side, and it's... And he's just, you know...

He's not a good person to me. Especially, like, I was talking about how he just comes in the morning... He just... Like, if I'm enjoying myself, and it's not, you know, something that he likes, then, oh, it's terrible. Like, for him, he's just...

[Wayne Dolcefino] (24:12 - 24:15)

Not a big fan of him, I don't think?

[Grant Reichert] (24:15 - 24:49)

I'm not.

You know, and he's, for example, at the, um, out front of the courthouse... This is something that, like, you know, if I say this out loud to them... I don't know... I'm scared of what is going to happen to me...

... but outside the commissioner's office, I think it was August 7, 2020, he (Sarah Hornbeck's father, _____ Hornbeck) basically tried to grab me from my dad. I was walking away with my dad, and I don't know how he got there... my guess is that they traced my phone to the commissioner's office, because how would he just conveniently show up there, you know?

[Wayne Dolcefino] (24:51 - 25:13)

Um, look, I don't want to keep you here much longer, because I know you want to spend time, and I want to ask your grandma one quick question, but... Helen...

Helen (Laird) has said you want to go back and forth...

I just want to make sure that I understand you correctly... **That is not what you've told her you want?**

[Grant Reichert] (25:13 - 25:57)

I said, no, I don't like going back and forth.

And then she said, "oh, well, if that is"... She said, it was, I don't want to go back and forth.

Okay, well, that's... It's either that, or you're full-time with your mom.

I said, in that case, yes, as long as I can be with my dad, and if that's my only option.

But I realized... that was basically, she set me up to say that.

Like, I don't know how else to... And this was after, like, an hour-long call... She basically said, "Say this", right?

She gave me two options, and she made the other one wildly crazy, so I had to say one thing, and then she... I said it, and that's how that happened.

[Wayne Dolcefino] (25:57 - 25:59)

What's it like being with your dad again today?

[Grant Reichert] (26:00 - 26:32)

It's great.

You know, we're probably going to go to Dave & Buster's after this, just have a good time, you know, and it's back to some normalcy.

And then, you know, the worst feeling I get is probably that I'm going to have it today is tonight when I realize, oh, crap, you know, I have to go back to my mom...Because this is a sense of normalcy.

Even though it's not normal that we're sitting in a hotel room in Maryland, it's a sense of normalcy when I'm with my dad, you know?

It's normal stuff and not just utter lies that I'm being told by my mom.

Really, that's...

[Wayne Dolcefino] (26:34 - 26:36)

Why did you want to do this?

[Grant Reichert] (26:37 - 26:42)

You know, it's the best way to get my voice out.

If the judge doesn't listen to me, someone has to.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

SARAH HORNBECK,

Plaintiff,

vs.

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1 Dad asks Grant what he wants to do. So I don't have any
2 confidence that Grant will ever go see his mother under
3 these current circumstances.

4 Now, I understand that spending 90 days away
5 from Dad will be traumatic for Grant and for Dad. But
6 if not now, I don't know when would be a better time.
7 And 90 days is not an eternity, because Mom has not seen
8 the child more than twice, really, for Christmas and
9 Maine, in two years. And she won't see him again,
10 because Dad moved out of state and is simply not going
11 to make him available.

12 I mean, I am concerned about Grant not having
13 contact with his father for that period of time, because
14 I know they're very codependent. But, on the other
15 hand, I don't think there can be any success moving
16 forward, developing any kind of a relationship with
17 Mother, and him -- Grant having any understanding that
18 the -- his parents handling this case because they've
19 delegated it to the Court.

20 The Court makes the decisions and not Grant.
21 I don't think he will understand that if he's in
22 constant communication with Dad and continuing the same
23 pattern that he has had.

24 I told Grant that whatever happens today is
25 only temporary. I told him that I had hoped that I

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1 would see the visitation pick up after Maine and that
2 that would prove that things can go well. Of course,
3 that didn't happen. But I believe at this point in time
4 it's in Grant's best interest to have one opportunity to
5 be alone with his mother and without his father for the
6 90 days they've proposed and get him into therapy and
7 just try this one time to develop a relationship.

8 So I'm going to grant -- modify the custody
9 order, the P.L. order to grant sole physical and legal
10 custody to Mom between now and the merits hearing in
11 September. We're going to have a review hearing in
12 90 days. During the period of the 90 days, Grant is not
13 to have any communication with his dad. It's his time
14 with his mother.

15 The mother is to make sure he's getting in
16 school and enrolled in whatever extracurricular
17 activities he wishes and that he has his own therapist
18 that he can see and hear and that the reunification
19 therapy continues.

20 He will leave today from this courtroom. I'd
21 like to discuss how that would go forward without having
22 a lot of dramatics.

23 With respect to the contempt, the attorney's
24 fees, and the child support, I'm going to reserve on all
25 of them. There was really nothing put into evidence as

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1 to -- for child support or attorney's fees. Contempt
2 is, I think, inappropriate to address without addressing
3 a purge.

4 I'm giving this 90-day period we're having --
5 which, as I said to you and him, is temporary. Anyone
6 can do anything for 90 days. I don't think it's time to
7 set a purge for the contempt or address any of that. So
8 all those things will be reserved.

9 THE CLERK: And who is going to create the
10 modification order? I assume -- oh.

11 THE COURT: Your hearing sheet.

12 THE CLERK: Thank you.

13 THE COURT: Given what the Court is ordering,
14 what do you think would be the best way? I want to tell
15 Grant in court what the Court decided, but I don't want
16 a lot of theatrics.

17 MR. REICHERT: (Crying.)

18 THE COURT: Do we need to take a little break?

19 MR. MCCARTHY: I think we should take a little
20 break, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: Okay. But I'm worried about Grant
22 in the hallway and the break.

23 MR. FLECKENSTEIN: What do you mean?

24 THE COURT: Well, I don't want a big scene out
25 there. And I want to tell him what's going on, not

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1 anyone else.

2 MR. FLECKENSTEIN: So you want him in the
3 courtroom?

4 THE COURT: I want Grant to come in the
5 courtroom so I can tell him what the Court's doing. So
6 why don't we just take a break in place.

7 MR. FLECKENSTEIN: Okay.

8 THE COURT: Ms. Laird, did you have any other
9 thoughts on this transition?

10 MS. LAIRD: Your Honor, Ms. Harger and I were
11 just talking about we would not want Grant to be in the
12 courtroom and witness this degree of upset, if maybe he
13 could come in through the back door?

14 MS. HARGER: If -- yeah, if he goes out this
15 door, and then we can bring Grant around this way, or
16 this -- yeah.

17 MR. FLECKENSTEIN: Well, do we really think
18 it's a good idea for him not to see his father at this
19 point in time?

20 MS. HARGER: Not upset.

21 MR. FLECKENSTEIN: And I understand the
22 concern.

23 THE COURT: I think we need Dad to settle down
24 first.

25 MR. FLECKENSTEIN: Okay.

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1 THE COURT: Does he need some water or
2 something?

3 MR. FLECKENSTEIN: Your Honor, he's got water,
4 and I provided the tissues, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: So do the custody evaluators have
6 any other suggestion? I was going to have Grant come
7 in, and I was going to tell him what the Court has
8 ordered. And then he will leave --

9 MR. REICHERT: You just ruined him.

10 THE COURT: -- with his mother.

11 MS. LAIRD: Will his mother have a piece of
12 paper in her hand that says that she has sole legal
13 custody of --

14 THE COURT: The clerk is working on that.

15 MS. LAIRD: Okay. And the father will remain
16 here until the mother and child are --

17 THE COURT: Yes. The deputy will let Mom and
18 the child go first, and Dad can wait so there's not a
19 scene, because we've had other scenes here between the
20 families.

21 MR. REICHERT: (Crying.)

22 THE COURT: And we'll pick a date 90 days out,
23 if you can contact my office.

24 MR. FLECKENSTEIN: Okay.

25 THE COURT: Well, obviously, I can't find a

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1 date at this time of night.

2 MR. FLECKENSTEIN: Your Honor, would you like
3 us to do that -- is that okay to do that tomorrow?

4 THE COURT: Yes, of course.

5 THE CLERK: I'll just put on the hearing
6 sheet: Court to set review hearing.

7 MR. REICHERT: I have to talk to him.

8 (Mr. Fleckenstein confers with his client.)

9 MR. REICHERT: I can't even speak to my son
10 for 90 -- I mean, oh, my -- she had him for two years!
11 And he came back --

12 THE COURT: Mr. Reichert, it's 90 days.

13 MR. REICHERT: She had him --

14 THE COURT: Mr. Reichert, I'm going to ask you
15 something really important here. Please pull yourself
16 together and let Grant know it's okay and that you'll be
17 waiting to see him again. Okay?

18 MR. REICHERT: (Crying.)

19 THE COURT: Just do your best. Okay? Because
20 it's not going to help Grant --

21 MR. REICHERT: Can I go talk to him? I will
22 do that. But can I go talk to him? I can't do that
23 here. I -- do you under- -- like, this is ter- -- I
24 mean, you should be ashamed. (Crying.)

25 THE COURT: Ms. Laird?

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1 MS. LAIRD: Your Honor, it's important that
2 there not be any private conversations between the
3 father and the son at this point. And it's extremely
4 important that Mr. Reichert present to Grant that he is
5 going to be okay.

6 MR. REICHERT: I've already told him. All
7 right. Fine. I'll tell him that.

8 MS. LAIRD: No. Not out there.

9 MR. FLECKENSTEIN: They just want you to pull
10 yourself together and tell him, just like she said,
11 that, you know, "It'll be okay, Grant. I'll be okay.
12 And I'll be here when the 90 days is up," something like
13 that.

14 Is that what you anticipate, Your Honor?

15 MR. REICHERT: I --

16 MR. FLECKENSTEIN: Just don't let him see you
17 so upset. You know he won't like that.

18 MS. LAIRD: I know that you care enough about
19 your son --

20 MR. REICHERT: I really don't want to hear
21 this right now, Ms. Laird. I really don't. To say
22 you're an expert and never talk to him --

23 MR. FLECKENSTEIN: Stop, stop. Why don't
24 we --

25 MR. REICHERT: -- and then one person talks to

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1 him for a short period of time, and then all of a sudden
2 you're --

3 MR. FLECKENSTEIN: It's best to get this over
4 as quickly as possible.

5 THE COURT: Okay. Can you get Grant in here?
6 And you should do that as soon as you can
7 because we need to give it to them.

8 (Pause in the proceedings.)

9 THE COURT: Good evening, Grant. If you can
10 just come up to the podium here and say your name so we
11 know you're here.

12 GRANT REICHERT: Grant Reichert.

13 THE COURT: So, Grant, I know you've met with
14 me twice, and you met with the other custody evaluators
15 on other days. And we have expressed our concerns
16 during that time about the difficulties you've had in
17 having any relationship with your mother.

18 I understand that you don't want to have a
19 relationship with your mother, and I respect that's your
20 understanding of your own feelings right now. But I
21 think, as we discussed, there might come a time when
22 you're older that you would really look back on this
23 time and regret if you never had this opportunity to
24 have a relationship with your mother.

25 So considering all of that, the Court is going

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1 to have you go with your mother for the 90 days and try
2 to spend some time and develop a relationship with her.
3 Okay?

4 GRANT REICHERT: (Crying.)

5 THE COURT: Your dad understands what the
6 Court decided, and he's still going to be there for you.
7 But during the period of 90 days when you're with your
8 mom and her family, you're going to need to put all your
9 attention on them. And your dad is just going to
10 patiently wait to talk to you at the end of that time.
11 Okay?

12 GRANT REICHERT: (Crying.)

13 THE COURT: All right?

14 GRANT REICHERT: (Crying.)

15 THE COURT: So, Mr. Reichert, did you have
16 anything you wanted to say to him before you guys left?

17 MR. REICHERT: I love you, Grant. You know
18 how much I love you. We've talked about -- it's going
19 to be okay, buddy. It's going to be okay. It's going
20 to be okay. It's going to be okay. I'll be here.

21 You know -- you know -- you know, Grant -- you
22 know we've talked about I will always be here. I will
23 always be here. You know that. It's going to be okay,
24 buddy. It's going to be okay.

25 GRANT REICHERT: (Crying.)

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1 THE COURT: Okay. Why don't we let Dad exit
2 first, because I have his order. I still need to read
3 and sign.

4 GRANT REICHERT: No, no, just -- (Crying.)

5 THE COURT: Okay?

6 So, Grant, just stay here for a moment.

7 GRANT REICHERT: Please, I want to just --
8 (Crying.)

9 THE COURT: Mr. Fleckenstein and Grant [sic]
10 are going to step out. Okay?

11 GRANT REICHERT: Can you all just please just
12 -- please! (Crying.)

13 THE COURT: He's going to go home. You're
14 going to spend 90 days -- I know you're a strong young
15 man.

16 GRANT REICHERT: (Yelling and crying.)
17 Please!

18 THE COURT: You can do anything for 90 days.

19 GRANT REICHERT: (Yelling and crying.) I'm
20 begging you! I'm begging you! I'm begging you!
21 Please! Please! Don't touch me! Five minutes, just
22 give me five minutes! Please give me five minutes!
23 That's all I'm asking! That's all that I'm asking!
24 Please! I'm begging you! I'm begging you! Please give
25 me five minutes just to say good-bye!

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1 THE COURT: I'm sorry.

2 GRANT REICHERT: (Yelling and crying.)

3 Please!

4 THE COURT: Okay. Not right now.

5 GRANT REICHERT: (Yelling and crying.) Why?

6 Why not?

7 THE COURT: Okay?

8 GRANT REICHERT: Why?

9 THE COURT: Because I've asked him to leave
10 ahead of time because we didn't really want a big scene.

11 GRANT REICHERT: (Yelling and crying.) I just
12 -- let me just give him a hug! Please, let me just give
13 him a hug! Please! Please! I'm begging you! I'm
14 begging you! I'm begging you!

15 MS. HARGER: Grant, I'm going to have you come
16 sit over here in this chair. Okay? Grant?

17 GRANT REICHERT: (Yelling and crying.)

18 MS. HARGER: Grant, an adult gave you an
19 instruction. We talked about this. You need to go sit
20 right there in that chair.

21 GRANT REICHERT: (Crying.)

22 MS. HARGER: The judge made the decision.

23 GRANT REICHERT: (Yelling and crying.) Let me
24 go with him! Just give me five minutes with him!

25 Please! That's all I'm asking! He's the only person

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1 who's ever looked out for me my entire life! That's all
2 I care about!

3 MS. HARGER: Put your hands down.

4 THE COURT: I'm going to leave.

5 MS. HARGER: The direction was already given
6 by the judge -- by the judge.

7 THE CLERK: Yeah. We're done here. We're
8 good to go. Can we take us off the record?

9 MS. HARGER: We had this conversation;
10 correct?

11 THE CLERK: All rise.

12 GRANT REICHERT: (Yelling and crying.)

13 (Off the record - 7:12:01 p.m.)
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This is to certify that the proceedings in the matter of SARAH HORNBECK v. JEFFREY REICHERT, CASE NUMBER C-02-FM-20-001706, heard in CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY on FEBRUARY 2, 2022, was recorded on digital media without video.

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SARAH HORNBECK

Plaintiff

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JEFFREY REICHERT

Defendant

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ORDER APPOINTING COUNSEL FOR CHILD(REN)

This matter having come before the Court, the Court having considered the factors set forth in Maryland Rule 9-205.1, and a determination having been made that appointment of child counsel is appropriate, it is this 12th day of April, 2021, by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, ORDERED:

1. That pursuant to the Maryland Guidelines for Practice for Court-Appointed Lawyers Representing Children in Cases Involving Child Custody or Child Access,

Name of Child Counsel: E. Todd Bennett

Address of Child Counsel: 116 Cathedral Street, Suite E, Annapolis, MD 21401

is appointed on behalf of the minor child(ren):

1. Grant Lyle Reichert, date of birth: 11/07/2009

2. _____, date of birth: _____

3. _____, date of birth: _____

4. _____, date of birth: _____

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as his/her/their:



Best Interest Attorney providing independent legal services for the purpose of protecting a child's best interests, without being bound by the child's directives or objectives. In accordance with *Nagel v. Hooks*, 296 Md. 123 (1983), if applicable, the Best Interest Attorney can decide whether to assert or waive, on

behalf of a minor child in a custody action, any statutory privilege.

☐ **Child Advocate** providing independent legal counsel for a child and who owes the same duties of undivided loyalty, confidentiality, and competent representation as are due an adult client.

☐ **Child(ren)'s Privilege Attorney** in accordance with Nagel v. Hooks, 296 Md. 123 (1983), deciding whether to assert or waive, on behalf of a minor child in a custody action, any statutory privilege. The attorney appointed herein shall provide written documentation/line asserting or waiving the privilege, to be filed on or before _____. Within five (5), days both parties shall provide contact information of the child's therapist(s), if any, to the appointed attorney.

2. That the parties, counsel for the parties and all persons who are custodians of record pertinent to this Order, and all person who otherwise have privileged or confidential information pertaining to the children shall fully cooperate with the attorney appointed herein in the performance of the duties instructed by this Court.

3. That the attorney appointed herein shall have reasonable access to the child(ren) and to all otherwise privileged or confidential information, including but not limited to any protected health information, about the child(ren), without the necessity of any further Order of Court. The attorney's access to privileged and confidential information shall be without the necessity of a signed release, including medical, dental, psychiatric/psychological, social services, drug and alcohol treatment, law enforcement and educational records and information.

4. That the attorney appointed herein shall be compensated as follows:

a. ☐ Payment into attorney's trust account. Plaintiff is hereby directed to pay the attorney appointed herein, for deposit into the attorney's trust account, the sum of _____ (\$ _____) within 10 days of the date of this Order as an initial contribution towards the attorney's fees in performance of the services identified herein. The attorney is authorized to draw from the trust account as the fee is earned, upon submission of an itemized monthly

statement to the court, counsel, and any unrepresented party.*

b. ☐ Payment into attorney's trust account. Defendant is hereby directed to pay the attorney appointed herein, for deposit into the attorney's trust account, the sum of _____ (\$ _____) within 10 days of the date of this Order as an initial contribution towards the attorney's fees in performance of the services identified herein. The attorney is authorized to draw from the trust account as the fee is earned, upon submission of an itemized monthly statement to the court, counsel, and any unrepresented party.*

c. ☐ Payment for Child(ren)'s Privilege Attorney. Plaintiff is hereby directed to pay the attorney appointed herein the sum of \$250.00 -OR- \$ _____ within 10 days of the date of this Order, and the Defendant is hereby directed to pay the attorney appointed herein the sum of \$250.00 -OR- \$ _____ within 10 days of the date of this Order for the attorney's fees in performing these services; subject to further review by the Court upon motion of the child(ren)'s counsel.*

d. ☒ Final allocation of fees shall be determined by the Court at a hearing on the merits of this case or upon the Petition of the attorney appointed herein.

e. ☐ The attorney appointed herein shall provide representation on a pro-bono basis. A request may be made to Family Law Case Management for payment if funds are available.

f. ☒ Absent further Order of this Court, the attorney appointed herein shall not be required to participate in any appeal in this matter.

5. That within ten (10) days of the date of this Order, counsel for Plaintiff, or Plaintiff shall provide to the attorney appointed herein copies of all pleadings and papers filed in the above action and any correspondence between the parties or counsel for the parties.

6. That within ten (10) days of the date of this Order, each party is to provide the attorney appointed herein the names and known addresses and telephone numbers of any and all mental health providers who have evaluated or treated the child(ren) and anyone else with whom the child(ren) may have a privilege pursuant to the Statute.

7. That the attorney appointed herein shall not have any ex parte communications with the Court. In addition, the attorney/client privilege shall be respected at all times.

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Judge Mark W. Crooks

Recommended by:

Magistrate

Date

Prepared by:

Scheduling Conference Administrator

Date

* If you meet income eligibility guidelines you may be entitled to a fee waiver, subject to the availability of funds. Please visit the Court's website at <http://circuitcourt.org/learn-about/family-law-cases> and look for the heading "Programs & Services" for information on how to apply for a fee waiver. If you need a fee waiver you must file it within 15 days of this Order.

cc: Child Counsel

Sarah Hornbeck

v.

Jeffrey Reichert

* IN THE
* CIRCUIT COURT
* FOR
* ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
* CASE NO.: C-02-FM-20-1706

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ORDER FOR THERAPY FOR CHILD AND APPOINTMENT OF THERAPIST

The Court finds that there is good cause shown for appointment of a therapist to provide individual therapy, and that such an appointment is in the best interest of the child in this case.

It is therefore ORDERED that Andy Smith, LCSW 1657 W. Broad Street Suite 200 Richmond, VA 23220 617-379-0496 ext 279 be appointed as the individual therapist for the child in question. Each party is ORDERED to contact the Therapist's office within seven business days of the signing of this order, to provide a copy of this order to the Therapist, and to provide copies of all current orders, including the currently court-ordered parenting time schedule, to the Therapist and to provide any updated orders within 3 business days of such orders being signed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each party shall fully comply with the Therapist's requests in conducting therapy, including, but not limited to, ensuring that the child is available for scheduled appointments in a timely manner and exercising parental authority to require that the child attend and cooperate with counseling treatments and interventions. The duration, frequency, location, and persons in attendance for each session with the Therapist shall be left to the discretion of the Therapist, who is specifically authorized to notify the Court if any party is failing to comply with the spirit or letter of this order or other orders of the Court. The therapy sessions are expected to occur on a weekly basis.

IT IS ORDERED that each parent shall make the child available for any appointment that is scheduled by the Therapist during that parent's visitation time. It is expected that the child will have absolute privacy during the individual sessions. Should the Therapist deem it necessary to ensure privacy, sessions may occur while the child is in his school setting.

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COMMUNICATION

IT IS ORDERED that the Therapist may communicate and share information with the parties, the parties' attorneys, and custody evaluator appointed in this case, any of the parties' or the child's individual therapists, or any other professional in connection with this litigation as deemed necessary by the Therapist. Any privileged communication between the Therapist and the child, however, shall not be shared unless the child's privilege is waived by a court-appointed Privilege Attorney.

IT IS ORDERED that the parties shall execute any authorizations as requested by the Therapist to enable the therapist to receive or provide information about the parties or the child in question. The parties shall notify the Therapist in writing within 24 hours of any changes in their contact information, legal representation, residency, or occupants in their home.

IT IS ORDERED that the Therapist shall have access to the parties' Our Family Wizard accounts. The parties are ORDERED to complete whatever forms are necessary for the Therapist to have such access.

DURATION OF THERAPY

IT IS ORDERED that therapy shall continue until the Therapist makes the recommendation the goals of therapy have been met, that no further progress is possible at this time, or that appointment of a different Therapist is necessary.

PAYMENT

IT IS ORDERED that the expense of the counseling services shall be paid by the defendant, with the exception that the Therapist may assess to each party a pro rata share for time expended for reviewing documentation, out-of-session time, and other individual services.

If a parent cancels a therapy session less than 24 hours prior to the scheduled session time or fails to make the child available for a scheduled appointment during that parent's visitation time, that parent shall be responsible for 100% of the cancellation fees.


THERAPIST TESTIMONY

IT IS ORDERED that the Therapist shall testify at any hearing in this case at the written request of any attorney or record sent via subpoena, which may be delivered to therapist via fax or email. Unless payment for testimony is already addressed above, the requesting party shall

be responsible for the Therapist's customary and usual fees for testifying and said fees shall be paid at least seven days prior to the hearing in the manner specified by the therapist.

The Therapist may make recommendations to the parties regarding changes in conduct that may be helpful to the parties in implementing the Court's orders.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 10th day of November, 2021.



Judge

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE CITY, MARYLAND

JEFFREY W. REICHERT

Plaintiff

v.

Case No.: 24-D-10-002538

SARAH H. REICHERT
[n/k/a "Hornbeck"]

Defendant

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CONSENT ORDER

UPON CONSIDERATION of the parties' respective pleadings, motions, and other filings, all proceedings before this Court (as outlined below), all issues presented in other litigation involving the parties, and the parties' global settlement agreement as set forth herein, Plaintiff Jeffrey W. Reichert ("Plaintiff") and Defendant Sarah M. Hornbeck ("Defendant") hereby agree, and, it is, this 28th day of October 2019, by the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, hereby:

Introduction

1. **FOUND** that the parties were divorced in this Court by Judgment of Absolute Divorce dated October 11, 2011 (the "JAD")¹; and it is further,
2. **FOUND** that the parties have one minor child, Grant L. Reichert (date of birth November 7, 2009); and it is further,

¹ The JAD was subsequently modified by a mandate remanding, in part, the proceedings from the Court of Special Appeals on May 29, 2013. See *Reichert v. Hornbeck*, 210 Md. App. 282 (2013). The term JAD as used herein shall include the original JAD as amended or changed by any subsequent Orders or Judgments modifying it as a result of that appellate mandate and remand.

EXHIBIT

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3. **FOUND** that, in 2016 and 2017, Plaintiff re-opened this litigation by filing *Petitions to Modify Custody*, and Defendant filed a *Counterclaim to Modify Custody* in 2017; and it is further,

4. **FOUND** that a Magistrate's hearing was held in this Court on the competing claims to modify custody on March 14-15, 2018 (the "March 2018 Trial"); and it is further,

5. **FOUND** that, as a result of the March 2018 Trial, the Magistrate issued Initial and Supplemental Reports and Recommendations, and Plaintiff subsequently took exceptions to the Magistrate's Initial and Supplemental Reports and Recommendations; and it is further,

The Orders Issued at the June 4, 2019 Status Hearing

6. **FOUND** that, on June 4, 2019, the Court conducted a status hearing on all open issues in these proceedings, including Plaintiff's pending exceptions filings; and it is further,

7. **FOUND** that, on June 4, 2019, the Court entered, *inter alia*, an Order *Sustaining In-Part and Overruling In-Part Plaintiff's Exceptions to Magistrate's Report and Recommendations (DE# 436) and Plaintiff's Exceptions to Magistrate's Supplemental Report and Recommendations dated November 5, 2018 (DE# 464)* (the "June 4 Order on Plaintiff's Exceptions"), and in doing so, the Court issued a Scheduling Order and set the proceedings in for a *de novo* trial on October 28-31, 2019; and it is further,

8. **FOUND** that, on June 4, 2019, the Court also entered a *Temporary Order for Custody and Access* ("June 4 Custody Order"), which was the current operative

custody order in these proceedings until the issuance of a Final Protective Order (as discussed below); and it is further,

9. **FOUND** that, on June 4, 2019, the Court also entered an *Order Appointing Minor Child's Best Interest Attorney*; and it is further,

10. **FOUND** that Defendant noted an appeal of, *inter alia*, (a) the June 4 Custody Order, and (b) the June 4 Order on Plaintiff's Exceptions, to the Court of Special Appeals ("Defendant's Appeal of June Orders"), which is pending before the appellate court in Case No. CSA-REG-0851-2019; and it is further,

11. **FOUND** that Plaintiff has filed for contempt against Defendant for violating the June 4 Custody Order (and the Final Protective Order, as defined below), which is pending before the Court; and it is further,

The August 2019 Final Protective Order

12. **FOUND** that, on August 8, 2019, the Court entered a Final Protective Order against Defendant (the "FPO") in *Reichert v. Hornbeck*, Circuit Court for Baltimore City Case No. 24-D-19-002574, which is a separate protective order proceeding in this Court involving the parties hereto; a copy of the FPO is attached as Exhibit A and is incorporated as if set forth fully herein; the FPO superseded, in part, the June 4 Custody Order; and it is further,

13. **FOUND** that Defendant noted an appeal of the FPO to the Court of Special Appeals ("Defendant's Appeal of FPO"), which is pending before the appellate court in Case No. Unassigned; and it is further,

14. **FOUND** that Defendant has filed for contempt against Plaintiff in the FPO proceedings and a Show Cause Hearing is scheduled for November 8, 2019 at 9 a.m.; and it is further,

The Anne Arundel County Tort Proceedings

15. **FOUND** that, in 2018, Plaintiff sued Defendant and her parents, Richard and Linda Hornbeck, in *Reichert v. Hornbeck*, Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, Case No. C-02-CV-18-002557 ("AA County Tort Suit"), which was dismissed prior to trial by the Anne Arundel County Circuit Court, and subsequently appealed by Plaintiff to the Court of Special Appeals ("Plaintiff's Appeal of AA County Tort Suit"), which is pending before the appellate court in Case No. CSA-REG-0138-2019; and it is further,

The Parties' Global Settlement

16. **FOUND** that the parties have reached full and final settlement of all issues pending between them before this, or any other, Court; and it is further,

17. **FOUND** that the parties' settlement is in the best interest of the minor child; and it is further,

18. **FOUND** that the parties' settlement is approved by this Court; and it is further,

All Court Proceedings to be Dismissed, Withdrawn, or Otherwise Cancelled

19. **ORDERED** and **AGREED** that, upon execution of this Order, the Court shall **CANCEL** and remove from the docket: (a) the trial scheduled for October 28-31, 2019 and (b) all further proceedings in this custody modification action, including (i) Plaintiff's *Petition for Contempt* against Defendant for allegedly violating the June 4 Custody Order and the FPO, (ii) Defendant's *Motion to Dismiss and/or to Transfer Venue*, (iii) the Minor Child's *Petition for Contempt for Failure to Enroll Minor Child in Health Counseling Services*, all of which are **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE** by stipulation of the parties; and it is further,

20. **ORDERED** and **AGREED** that Defendant's Petition for Contempt filed in *Reichert v. Hornbeck*, Circuit Court for Baltimore City, Case No. 24-D-19-002574 is **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE** by stipulation of the parties, and the Show Cause Hearing on November 8, 2019 at 9 a.m. is **CANCELLED** (a separate pleading to be filed in that case number, *see Exhibit B*); and it is further,

21. **ORDERED** and **AGREED** that all pending appeals, including (a) Plaintiff's Appeal of AA County Tort Suit, (b) Defendant's Appeal of June Orders, and (c) Defendant's Appeal of FPO, shall be **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE** by stipulation of the parties (separate pleadings to be filed in those case numbers, *see Exhibits C, D, and E*); and it is further,

22. **ORDERED** and **AGREED** that the June 4 Custody Order is **SUPERSEDED** in its entirety by the terms and provisions of this Consent Order; and it is further,

23. **ORDERED** and **AGREED** that in the event of any conflict between the terms and provisions of any prior court orders, including the JAD (as amended on remand from the Court of Special Appeals in *Reichert v. Hornbeck*, 210 Md. App. 282 (2013)), and this Consent Order, the terms of this Consent Order shall control; and it is further,

The FPO to Remain in Effect Until It Expires

24. **ORDERED** and **AGREED** that, except as expressly modified or amended by the terms and provisions of this Consent Order, the FPO shall remain in full force and effect until its expiration on February 8, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.; and it is further,

Legal Custody

25. **ORDERED** and **AGREED** that the parties shall have joint legal custody² of the minor child, but that, to the extent the parties' reach an impasse on a decision of major importance, the parties shall engage in, at least, three hours of mediation with Martin Kranitz, M.A. (or another mediator to be mutually agreed by the parties); the parties shall equally split the cost of the mediation; and, to the extent the parties are unable to resolve the issue through mediation, Plaintiff shall have tie-breaking authority to render the final decision on the disputed item; and it is further,

School Enrollment

26. **ORDERED** and **AGREED** that the minor child is currently enrolled in Jones Elementary School in Anne Arundel County (where Plaintiff resides), and he shall remain enrolled in school in the district in which Plaintiff resides;³ and it is further,

Physical Custody and Visitation

27. **ORDERED** and **AGREED** that Plaintiff shall have primary physical custody of the minor child, and Defendant shall have visitation with the minor child as set forth in the FPO (i.e., every other weekend from Friday at 6 p.m. until Sunday at 6 p.m. and supervised by one of the maternal grandparents at all times⁴); except as expressly stated otherwise in this Consent Order, all other terms and provisions of the FPO relating

² Legal custody is the right and obligation to make long range decisions involving education, religious training, discipline, medical care, and other matters of major significance concerning the child's welfare.

³ Absent some emergency or extenuating circumstances, Plaintiff's intention is to remain residing in Anne Arundel County for the foreseeable future.

⁴ The maternal grandparent who is conducting the supervision shall notify Plaintiff by email no later than 5 p.m. on the Thursday prior to Defendant's visitation to confirm that he or she will be present to supervise the visitation. If Plaintiff does not receive this notification, the visitation shall be automatically cancelled.

to visitation of the minor child, and the conditions thereof, which shall remain in effect until its expiration on February 8, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. ; and it is further,

28. **ORDERED and AGREED** that, upon expiration of the FPO, Defendant's visitation shall continue with the minor child pursuant to the same schedule as set forth in the FPO (the "Regular Schedule"), but without the requirement that such visitation shall be supervised by the maternal grandparents; and it is further,

29. **ORDERED and AGREED** that, upon expiration of the FPO, Defendant shall continue to participate in the Soberlink program on a twice-daily basis for (a) so long as the parties mutually agree or (b) until one year from the date of this Order, whichever occurs first; and it is further,

30. **ORDERED and AGREED** that, if *during* the pendency of the FPO, Defendant fails or misses any Soberlink tests, Plaintiff is authorized to (a) terminate the next visitation, or (b) if the visitation has commenced, immediately pick-up the minor child from Defendant's care; in such event, Plaintiff shall email or text Defendant *and* the supervisor, and instruct *the supervisor* to have the minor child available to be picked at a particular time at a particular convenient location; and it is further,

31. **ORDERED and AGREED** that, if *after* the expiration of the FPO, Defendant fails or misses any Soberlink tests *the day before, the day she is scheduled to pick up* the minor child or *during the visitation*, Plaintiff is authorized to (a) terminate the next visitation, or (b) if the visitation has commenced, immediately pick-up the minor child from Defendant's care; in such event, Plaintiff shall email or text Defendant and instruct her to have the minor child available to be picked at a particular time at a particular convenient location; and it is further,

32. **ORDERED and AGREED** that, both parties must bring the minor child to all scheduled activities during their visitation with the minor child. If either party is unable to bring the minor child, they must notify the other party twenty-four (24) hours in advance, and the other party may take the minor child instead. Activities include: sports practices/games, music practices/performance and any event that requires the minor child's attendance. Each party must post all such activities on Our Family Wizard.

33. **ORDERED and AGREED** that, effective immediately, Plaintiff is no longer obligated to participate in the Soberlink program; and it is further,

Summer Visitation and Holiday Schedule

34. **ORDERED and AGREED** that Defendant shall have three weeks of visitation with the minor child during the summer, which may be three consecutive weeks or three non-consecutive weeks,⁵ and Plaintiff shall have the remainder of the summer vacation (the "Vacation Schedule"); on or before March 1 of each year, the parties shall select the summer schedule as follows: in even years, Plaintiff shall have priority to select his weeks and shall notify Defendant of his selections, in writing, by March 1; and in odd years, Defendant shall have priority to select her weeks and shall notify Plaintiff of her selections, in writing, by March 1; and it is further,

35. **ORDERED and AGREED** that the parties shall be permitted to travel out-of-state with the minor child with prior written notice of travel dates and location to the other party; and it is further,

⁵ The provisions above regarding Plaintiff's ability to terminate the visitation in the event of a failed Soberlink test apply during the Vacation Schedule and Holiday Schedule as well.

36. **ORDERED and AGREED** that the parties shall immediately implement the following holiday schedule at the expiration of the FPO for the minor child (the "Holiday Schedule"):⁶

- a. Thanksgiving: Plaintiff in even numbered years/Defendant in odd numbered years;
- b. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day: Plaintiff in odd numbered years/Defendant in even numbered years;
- c. Winter Break, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day: Plaintiff in even numbered years/Defendant in odd numbered years;
- d. Spring Break and Easter: Plaintiff in odd numbered years/Defendant in even numbered years;
- e. Mother's Day and Father's Day: starting at 6:00 p.m. the day prior through 6:00 p.m. of the day of with the respective parent; and it is further,

Child Support and Child-Related Expenses

37. **ORDERED and AGREED** that the parties shall be charged generally with the support of the minor child and that no child support payment shall be due from one party to the other; pursuant to Family Law § 12-202(a)(2), the Court finds that a deviation of the Maryland Child Support Guideline Worksheet is appropriate for the following reasons: (a) the guideline calculation would provide that Defendant is to pay Plaintiff at least \$64.00 per month in child support; (b) this Consent Order differs from the guideline calculation in that Defendant is not being ordered to pay Plaintiff any child

⁶ The Holiday Schedule shall take priority over the Vacation Schedule, which shall take priority over the Regular Schedule.

support; (c) this agreement is in the best interest of the minor child because the parties have sufficient resources to provide for the minor child while he is in each party's care; and (d) in reaching this agreement, the parties have considered the entire global settlement as being in the best interest of the minor child to end this litigation; and it is further,

38. **ORDERED and AGREED** that beginning in 2020, Plaintiff shall carry the minor child on his health, dental, and vision insurance policies, at his sole cost and expense; this obligation shall end once the child reaches the age of eighteen; and it is further,

39. **ORDERED and AGREED** that Plaintiff shall pay all uninsured or extraordinary medical, dental, or vision expenses for the minor child, provided that such expenses are incurred as a result of the child seeing an in-network provider; Plaintiff is not responsible for any uninsured or extraordinary expenses for out-of-network providers, unless Plaintiff agrees in advance that the minor child should be treated by such provider; the obligations set forth in this provision shall end once the child reaches the age of eighteen; and it is further,

40. **ORDERED and AGREED** that Plaintiff shall pay all extracurricular expenses for the minor child for athletics and team sports; other non-athletic or non-team-sport extracurricular expenses shall be mutually agreed in advance upon by the parties, and the parties shall agree on the apportionment of costs thereof prior to enrolling in such activity; this obligation shall end once the child reaches the age of eighteen; and it is further,

41. **ORDERED and AGREED** that Plaintiff shall pay college tuition for the minor child as stated in the JAD; this provision shall not create any third party

beneficiary rights in favor of any non-party or Grant to enforce the provisions hereof; if Grant does not attend college, Plaintiff shall have no obligation to pay any funds, nor is Grant entitled to claim these funds for himself; and it is further,

Other Agreements

42. **ORDERED and AGREED** that, pursuant to Family Law § 9-106, either party shall provide advance written notice of at least ninety days to the other party of the intent to relocate the permanent residence of the party or the child either within or outside the State; and it is further,

43. **ORDERED and AGREED** that the parties shall continue to use the Our Family Wizard program to facilitate their communications; the parties agree to equally split the cost of this program; and it is further,

44. **ORDERED and AGREED** that, effective as of the date hereof, the parties mutually release and discharge each other from all pending claims, actions, demands, suits, damages, or losses, that either party may have against the other from the inception of their relationship until the date this Consent Order is executed by the parties, regardless of whether such claims are known or unknown, or have been asserted or raised, or not; and it is further,

45. **ORDERED and AGREED** that, each party shall promote the relationship between the minor child and the other party, and neither party shall act or speak disparagingly of the other party to or in the presence or hearing of the minor child. Each party will foster a normal and healthy love and respect by the minor child for the other party; and it is further,

46. **ORDERED** and **AGREED** that, except as modified or amended by the terms and provisions of this Consent Order, the terms and provisions of the JAD (as amended on remand from the Court of Special Appeals in *Reichert v. Hornbeck*, 210 Md. App. 282 (2013)), shall remain in full force and effect, including but not limited to Defendant's express waiver of Plaintiff's Allegis Group Inc. Incentive Investment Plan in exchange for Plaintiff's agreement to pay for the minor child's college tuition as stated herein; and it is further,

47. **ORDERED** and **AGREED** that the State of Maryland shall retain jurisdiction over the custody of the minor child; and it is further,

48. **ORDERED** and **AGREED** that open court costs, if any, shall be paid equally by the parties; and it is further,

49. **ORDERED** and **AGREED** that, upon execution of this Consent Order, this case shall be **CLOSED**.

Dana M. [REDACTED]
Judge

JUDGE, CIRCUIT COURT FOR
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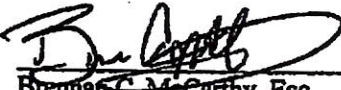
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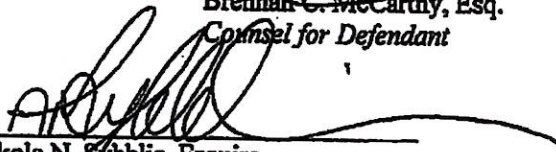
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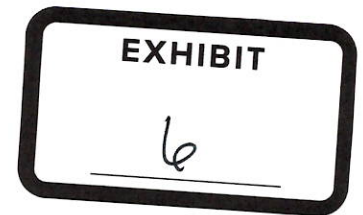
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February 12, 2025

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND MDEC

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Re.: Hornbeck v. Reichert
In the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, Maryland
Case No.: C-02-FM-20-001706

Dear Mr. Groves:

Please be advised that your client, Jeffrey W. Reichert, has recently been in direct communication with Grant Reichert, in violation of numerous court orders in this matter. It has not passed my keen notice that this has been done when your client also filed a Petition for Emancipation of Grant Reichert in Baltimore County, and this case was transferred to the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, Maryland, and is styled as Jeffrey Reichert v. Grant Reichert, et al., in the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, Maryland, Case No.: C-02-FM-25-000493. The chances of any court cutting off custodial rights to Ms. Hornbeck so the child can reside with Mr. Reichert, a noted child abuser, is zero. The fact your client continues to attempt to involve the child in the court process as a named party, when this was found to have been so pervasive as to constitute child abuse, is shocking to the conscience.

Grant Reichert is a straight "A" student at his current school, and your client has been provided report cards accordingly. He played JV football in the Fall, and is now playing JV lacrosse both for his high school. Grant is doing exceptionally well after a long period from November, 2023 to February, 2025 when your client voluntarily refused to have communications with Grant. There is a direct correlation between the two. It would be beyond devastating if the hard work Ms. Hornbeck has performed in adjusting this child and having him perform to his potential were to be the subject of further machinations and mental abuse by Mr. Reichert.

Yet that is precisely what is occurring. The child has begun the very same course of conduct as May/June, 2023 when your client emailed the child and encouraged him to get into a physical confrontation with Ms. Hornbeck. Your client has been recently telling the child that he is "old enough to make his own decisions" and that he should consider transferring from his current high school in Baltimore County, Maryland to Norfolk Christian School in Virginia

Zachery J. Groves, Esquire

February 12, 2025

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Beach, Virginia. Your client claims he knows the football coach and can get the child a spot on the team. Please note that these plans have been made without consulting the custodial parent, and your client has still failed to pay his court ordered child support payments.

Your client is mentally damaging Grant by again involving a fifteen (15) year old child, confusing him and twisting him to gain an ill-conceived advantage in litigation. None of these previous cases have ended successfully for your client. Your client must at some point accept that Grant will be residing with his Mother until he is eighteen (18) years old. If this abuse of the legal process continues, I may well be forced to file a Motion for Filing Restrictions against Mr. Reichert.

To that end, I make the following demands:

1. That your client **CEASE AND DESIST** any and all communications with Grant Reichert without supervision as ordered by the Court. If your client continues to have any further communications without supervision with the child, including not talking about this or any other legal matter involving the child, I will file a Motion for Contempt seeking, among other things, a period of incarceration against your client for violating a purge condition on a previous finding of contempt; and

2. That your client **DISMISS WITH PREJUDICE** the matter of Jeffrey Reichert v. Grant Reichert, et al., in the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, Maryland, Case No.: C-02-FM-25-000493 within ten (10) days of this correspondence. That case rests on a legal theory that flies directly in the facts of this case, the child is less than sixteen (16) years of age, and while it may be what has been termed a "grey" area, given the black and white rulings by numerous courts regarding your client it has been brought in violation of Maryland Rule § 1-341. This is a scandalous and bad faith filing. If my client is forced to defend this item, I will be seeking attorney fees not just from your client, but also from your firm.

Thank you for your prompt attention to these matters.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Brennan C. McCarthy

Brennan C. McCarthy

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cc: The Honorable Elizabeth S. Morris (via MDEC)



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February 13, 2025

VIA E-MAIL:

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Re: Jeffrey Reichert vs. Sarah Hornbeck, et al.
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County
Case No.: C-02-FM-25-000493

OFFER FOR SETTLEMENT PURPOSES ONLY

Dear Mr. McCarthy:

I am reaching out regarding the above-captioned case to see if we can come to a settlement in hopes that the parties will be able to save themselves, and more importantly Grant, from litigation that is sure to be emotionally and financially taxing on all sides.

Grant has unilaterally and of his own volition reached out to Mr. Reichert and indicated that he does not want to remain with Ms. Hornbeck and that he plans to testify to that fact as part of the emancipation presently filed by Mr. Reichert on his behalf. While Mr. Reichert is bound by the custody order and cannot initiate unsupervised conversation, the custody order is not designed to bind Grant himself. If he calls his father, his father will answer, as any father would. To prove contempt, you would have to demonstrate willful and deliberate noncompliance. Mr. Reichert is not seeking to violate the order, but he also cannot knowingly leave his son in the lurch while he is screaming for help and to be heard.

As you are keenly aware, it has been some time since the court heard from Grant himself regarding his preference and his strong desire to be able to make his own choices regarding where and how to live. We are seeking to remedy that through the present litigation.

Grant is fully aware of his right to speak to Mr. Reichert. He is also fully aware of his legal right to emancipate at this point in his life, he is not far from sixteen and is very capable of being self-supporting. Any more attempts to prevent this from happening by your client or anyone at his school will certainly be used as evidence in Grant's favor to emancipate. It is apparent from your letter that your client's goal is to hold Grant captive until he turns eighteen – a fact he is cognizant of and that he resents and what has led to the present emancipation matter filed on his behalf.

Grant is expressing a strong desire to return to the life he knew before being uprooted and the court cannot refuse to hear from him directly as part of the emancipation case – he has asked his father to free him or give him an opportunity to be heard. Given his present competencies and means, he will do well should he be emancipated and being free from constant looming litigation where he has not been heard from or addressed by the court will be a welcome respite. Rather than making him go onto the stand and speak publicly on the reasons why he does not want to live with his mother, the strife and pain this litigation has caused him, and his belief that his mother and the court system overall care far more for Ms. Hornbeck's feelings than about his actual well-being, we are asking that you agree to let him return to the life that he wants. This could be accomplished by the parties agreeing to emancipate or coming up with a new custody agreement that better accommodates Grant's actual needs and desires.

Mr. Reichert does not want to upset Grant's current situation if he does not have to. As it stands now Grant just started the third semester of this school year. There is a spot immediately available at Norfolk Christian

(<https://norfolkchristian.org/academics/high-school/>) where he will be the first recipient of the Donovan Wayne Lynch Foundation Scholarship. He can play lacrosse and football immediately. the time is ripe for an easy transition. It is also special for Grant to receive this Scholarship since he was emotionally impacted by Donovan's death and was a part of a on-field ceremony to honor Donovan at a football game there before he was taken to Maryland.

<https://www.dwlfoundation.org/post/norfolk-christian-schools-ambassador-magazine-spring-2023-includes-6-page-spread-for-donovan>

Please feel free to reach out regarding this matter. My phone number is 443-442-5952 and my email is alexis.sisolak@jamescrawfordlaw.com. My sincere hope is that we can find an outcome where Grant is happy and healthy. If your client does not agree, the court will need to hear from him and sincerely consider his thoughts and feelings regarding this matter – our goal here is to make sure he has the opportunity to be heard, especially given that he has described being treated like and feeling like a prisoner. He is a young man with considered judgment who deserves to be heard and considered no matter what the outcome. If you do not agree, Mr. Reichert is prepared to do whatever it takes in order to do what Grant wants right now.

If we do not hear from you before 5:00 pm on Friday, February 14, 2025, we will continue our efforts. That will include filing to address the wrongful transfer to Anne Arundel County, supplementing the emancipation petition, and motioning for an emergency hearing on the matter.

Sincerely,

Alexis Sisolak, Esquire

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

SARAH HORNBECK

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Plaintiff,

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vs.

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Case No.: C-02-FM-20-001706

JEFFREY REICHERT

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Defendant.

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ORDER

UPON CONSIDERATION of Plaintiff Sarah Hornbeck's ("Mother" or "Plaintiff") Petition for Contempt as Against Defendant Jeffrey W. Reichert for Violation of Orders of September 19, 2022, August 7, 2023, and August 15, 2023 and any opposition thereto by Jeffrey Reichert ("Father" or "Defendant") it is by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, Maryland, HEREBY

ORDERED, that, as previously determined by this Court, the Court finds that there is no likelihood of abuse of Grant Reichert, born November 7, 2009 (the "Child") by Mother; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Father shall have no in-person access with the Minor Child because the Court is unable to make a finding at this time that the Father can have unsupervised access with the Child without the likelihood of further damage to his psychological and emotional well-being; and it is further

ORDERED, that, as previously ordered, physical custody, which is the "right and obligation to provide a home for the Child and to make the day-to-day decisions required during the time the Child is actually with the parent having such custody," shall be granted to the Mother; and it is further

ORDERED, that, as previously ordered, legal custody, which is the "right and obligation to make long range decisions involving education, religious training, discipline, medical care, and other matters of major significance concerning the welfare of the Child," is awarded solely to the Mother; and it is further

ORDERED, that Mother shall provide Father with the names and contact information for the Child's school, medical, and psychological providers, and Father shall have access to any of

the Child's educational, medical, or psychological records available on each provider's website. This right is limited to those records customarily provided by the school or medical provider in the normal course of business and does not include any work product, privileged, or confidential information. Father does not have the right to directly speak with and obtain information from teachers, counselors, and/or medical providers; and it is further

ORDERED, that, as previously ordered, the Mother shall retain the Child's passport, if any; and it is further

ORDERED, that, as previously ordered, if the Child becomes seriously ill or injured, each parent shall notify the other parent promptly; and it is further

ORDERED, that, as previously ordered, all conversations, interactions and dealing of any sort between Mother and Father (collectively, the "parties" or the "parents") shall be conducted in a civil and courteous manner; and it is further

ORDERED, that, as previously ordered, neither party shall discuss the legal aspects of this case or any other case between the parties in front of the Child; and it is further

ORDERED, that, as previously ordered, neither party shall disparage the other party or other members of that party's family or household to or in front of the Child, or permit third persons to do so; and it is further

ORDERED, that, as previously ordered, the Child shall have weekly appointments with a psychologist selected by Mother. Father is not permitted to attend the weekly appointments; and it is further

ORDERED, that, as previously ordered, the parties shall keep each other informed of their current home and email addresses, and home, work and cell telephone numbers, and they shall keep each other advised of any changes thereto (unless a restrictive order has been obtained from a court); and it is further

ORDERED, that the parties shall continue to participate in ourfamilywizard.com, at each of their own expense. The parties shall continue to conduct all communications regarding the Child on the website and shall not e-mail or text each other directly regarding issues relating to the Child but shall post all such communication exclusively on the website. The parties shall not communicate by telephone regarding the Child except regarding matters of an emergency nature regarding the Child that must be acted upon in less than 24 hours. The parents shall renew the

subscription annually before its expiration, unless changed by Order of Court. The parents shall each pay for their own subscription; and it is further

ORDERED, that supervised access between Father and the Child is limited to supervised telephone calls. Communication between Father and the Child is only to occur by scheduled telephone calls. Calls are to be scheduled by Gina Caruana. Phone calls shall be monitored by Gina Caruana to ensure the psychological and emotional well-being of the minor child. There should be no communication between Father and Minor Child by any other electronic means. Father shall promptly pay all costs of supervision, if any, and sign all documents required by the supervisor; and it is further

ORDERED, that the supervisor shall require that Father refrain from discussing the legal aspects of this case or any other case between the parties or from disparaging Mother or members of Mother's household or extended family; and it is further

ORDERED, that if the supervisor observes Father violating these requirements, that the supervised telephone call with the Child shall be promptly terminated by the supervisor; and it is further

ORDERED, that supervisor shall remain within the earshot of Father and Child at all times; and it is further

ORDERED, that, as previously ordered, Child be instructed by Mother not to participate in any discussions regarding the legal aspects of this case or any other case between the parties; and it is further

ORDERED, that, as previously ordered, within 45 days of this Order, Father shall have a follow up psychological examination by Dr. Lefkowitz, the psychologist previously appointed by the Court, and that within 90 days of this Order, Father shall have a complete neurological examination completed by a board-certified neurologist of Father's choice¹; Father shall follow any and all recommendations for follow up care by Dr. Lefkowitz² and the neurologist; and it is further

¹ To determine the impact of severe head trauma and reported vestibular disorder on psychological functions such as judgment, decision making, and behavior.

² The recommendations include: to commence a form of cognitive behavioral psychotherapy known as dialectal behavioral therapy (DBT); and consult with a physician who specializes in prescribing medical cannabis to ensure the strain, dosing, timing, and method of use is optimized for his condition.

ORDERED, that, as previously ordered, Father shall continue to have regular treatment by his treating psychologist, Dr. Hawkins, and shall follow each of Dr. Hawkins' recommendations; and it is further

ORDERED, that, as previously ordered, the Child's psychologist, the Court appointed psychologist, Dr. Lefkowitz, Father's psychologist, Dr. Hawkins, the neurologist, and any follow up medical professionals shall be required to consult with one another; and it is further

ORDERED, that, as previously ordered each of the above-referenced medical professionals shall be provided with a copy of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED, that, as previously ordered, Mother shall continue to carry the Child on her health insurance; and it is further

ORDERED, that, as previously ordered, that the Father shall pay the Mother the sum of \$2,000 on the first day of each month as child support effective October 1, 2022 through the Anne Arundel County Office of Child Support; and it is further

ORDERED, that, as previously ordered, Father shall pay retroactive Child Support for the period from February 3, 2022 until September 15, 2022 in the total amount of \$14,000 (or 7 months at \$2,000 per month) by paying an additional \$500 per month until paid in full; and it is further

ORDERED, that, as previously ordered, the Father shall notify the Court, the Mother, and the Office of Child Support within ten (10) days of any change of address or employment so long as this Order remains in effect; and that Father's failure to modify the Court as required by this paragraph, per Maryland Code, Family Law Article, Sec. 10-120, may result in a \$250 penalty. If Father has not done so, he shall file an application for services with the Anne Arundel County Office of Child Support at the Arundel Center, 2nd Floor, 44 Calvert Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401, telephone number (800) 332-6347, and Father shall pay the one-time fee of \$25 to begin those services and shall submit to the Office of Child Support a copy of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED, that, this Court's Judgment in the amount of \$100,000 entered in favor of Brennan McCarthy and Associates shall remain in full force and effect; and it is further

ORDERED, that, as previously ordered, the Clerk is directed to mail a copy of this Order to the Anne Arundel County Office of Child Support; and it is further

ORDERED, that, as previously ordered, all matters concerning custody, visitation, and support of the Child are subject to the continuing jurisdiction and further Order of this Court; and it is further

ORDERED, that all provisions of the Orders entered September 13, 2022, September 19, 2022, and August 15, 2023 are superseded by this Order; and it is further

ORDERED, that all provisions of the Orders entered June 14, 2023, August 9, 2023 and November 14, 2024 which are not specifically modified by this Order shall remain in full force and effect.

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March 18, 2025
DATE


ELIZABETH S. MORRIS, JUDGE
Elizabeth S. Morris

**Information on when a Notice of Appearance
by Janice Wolk Grenadier(JWG)**

An ADA Advocate in the Court can enhance the position of the Targeted Person

That the ADA Advocate is not a lawyer and this should not be construed as Legal Advice or Legal Representation - but, a Natural Attempt at ensuring both sides are presented to the court and considered for the BEST INTEREST OF JUSTICE

Advocate Janice Wolk Grenadier (JWG) can notify a Court that she will be working as an ADA Advocate due to the "Legal Abuse" by all appearances of the documents reviewed in the Clerks office of the Court with the finding of the questionable behavior of the Judge, the Court and or others.

This information that is entered into the Record can suggest an advocate is appropriate. That "The Appearance of Justice is Just as Important as Justice itself".

The documents the ADA Advocate can find in review show an injustice to children, mothers, fathers, the living, to the deceased, and the heirs.. That the SCHEMES of this and other courts to disenfranchise this family from Justice while protecting a powerful lawyer with many "Ole Boy" Network connections.

The cases can be and are extremely disheartening with the family and the docket, the documents speak for themselves of the "targeted person" being denied, Justice.

Abuse matters, as all across America we have seen the "Me too" movement. The fact that a Judge is asked to recuse for Bias and then another Judge would then empower the recused Judge's ruling is always questionable. That the appearance and the documents usually show the denial of any and or all meaningful discovery, with all subpoenas are usually quashed after being filed. Again we look at the "Appearance of Justice is just as important as Justice itself"

We all have jobs where we may not like the person and or agree with the person, but our constitution calls for fairness in the courts. Has the system failed another American Citizen / WhistleBlower? The appearance and the opinion as an Advocate from the documents in the court, and in the past seen the show an irresponsible, bullying, harassing, disingenuous behavior of a lawyer and possibly the Judge which then needs to be and should be reported to the appropriate places. That the Professional Code of Ethics and Candor with the court requires such reporting.

That review of ADA discrimination should be reviewed by the Department of Justice and the ADA Coordinator
Of the Department of Human Resources in Maryland

You can file an Americans and Disabilities Act complaint alleging disability discrimination against a State or local government or a public accommodation (private business including, for example, a restaurant, doctor's office, retail store, hotel, etc.) A Complaint can be filed online using the link below, or by mail, or by fax.

To File an ADA Complaint online: <https://civilrights.justice.gov/report/>
Instructions for submitting attachments are on the form.
To file an ADA complaint by mail: <https://www.ada.gov/t2cmpfrm.htm>

US Department of Justice
Civil Rights Division
Disability Rights Section
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20530



To file an ADA complaint by fax: <https://www.ada.gov/t2cmplfrm.htm> (202) 307-1197

All suggestions are just that, suggestions, and observations and not legal advice.

INFORMATION ABOUT ADA ADVOCATE

1. Being ProSe, Being Poor, Having a visible or invisible disability all people deserve to be treated fairly in a courtroom.

2. It has proven there to be several "silent crimes" against many in the courts.

Helping the justice system help itself: certified ADA advocates can be and in some cases should be part of the litigation team. Litigants with disabilities often need advocates in addition to legal counsel. The advocate manages the extralegal symptoms freeing the attorney to concentrate on the legal aspects of the case. The role of the advocate is the missing link in the judicial system by arranging accommodations to offset symptoms.

Advocates take on an even more important role if litigants do not have attorneys making their role as supportive counselor greatly needed. Advocates serve a unique and critical function in implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act to secure equal access. Opposing counsel will sometimes accuse them of unlicensed practice of law (UPL). ***However, the law is clear that an advocate simply ensuring the functionality of the client is protected under the ADAAA against all harassment, retaliation, false accusation and, when brought to the court's attention, a stop is generally put to such tactics.*** **Certified ADA advocates:**

- come onto your case as a consultant and if needed expert witness.
- reviews each case to determine what accommodations based on their symptoms are needed in the courtroom or during legal proceedings.
- arrange evaluations to assess what your needs are apart from formal accommodations.
- prepares a request that is confidentiality provided to the access coordinator of the court requesting the accommodations.

Certified ADA Advocates are used and or considered needed in: Law firms

- Legal professionals need to know that law schools customarily don't teach training in the new regulations of the Americans with Disabilities Act of October 11, 2016.
- A client with an invisible disability must be accommodated privately per federal mandates. A diagnosis cannot be used to determine custody, guardianship, financial management of assets – only behaviors can be used to adjudicate, not a disability.
- Invisible disabilities must be accommodated in parity with physical disabilities.

Janice Wolk Grenadier has her Certificate from the University College of Syracuse University

Professional legal and medical services:

- Certified ADA advocates can practice in any state. Many lawyers practice law where they are members of the Bar but then use their ADA advocacy in other states where they are needed.
- Sometimes a person needs a person to help them get through stressful times.
- Did it feel like you went to court but did not get heard, did not have access, felt like the entire system was rigged against you? If you don't have equal access pre-arranged through court administration, this is how the court can feel. Once you have a certified ADA advocate, these feelings are eased because increasing communication in the court's makes the process fair.

STATEMENT of FACTS by an ADA Advocate

The Subject Matter of Question appears from the Docket, the Orders, Past Transcripts, the acts and actions of the Judges, the Defendants and or the Plaintiffs. That Advocate Janice Wolk Grenadier is not a lawyer that Legal Abuse Syndrome (LAS) is real and it appears the system is systematically using any and all resources to harm many.

The ADA Advocate will then list what she finds, adding an Exhibit List of documents that should be reviewed for the Plaintiff / Defendant / In Re to ensure that they are not a VICTIM of any Court.

That the appearance can show the scheme to defraud or abuse of power or any other crime through lack of Candor by the Judge and the Defendant / Plaintiff / In RE and others needs a full investigation by the FBI, the State Bar and the Judicial Commission to avoid the slippery slope of judicial misconduct

That any one person who was raised with integrity would be "Shell Shock" . This is a pattern and practice where the courts are able to create a situation where one party of a dispute is demoralized and marginalized by the discrimination of the courts.

Victims can and are created two ways: violence and by deceit. When you are raised you are told the police are your friends. Being a Judge, Doctor and or Lawyer is one of the highest and most respected professions.

Today all across America we are seeing whistleblowers' lives torn apart from what you find in the documents and the acts and actions of Gals, Guardians, Financial Guardians, Lawyers and Judges..

As stated in the beginning Janice Wolk Grenadier is not a lawyer. JWG is not making legal suggestions. JWG as a Certified ADA Advocate is MAKING Common Sense suggestions: for an investigation into the appearance of BIAS et al in a case by others.

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