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## **Superior Court of Washington County of Mason**

IN RE the Marriage of.

LISA MARIE DRACOBLY,

JASON FREDRICK DRACOBLY,

Petitioner,

NO: 14-2-00621-1

**DECLARATION OF JEFF RHOADES** 

Respondent.

I, JEFF RHOADES, hereby declare as follows:

On 052913 I was ordered by MCSO Command Staff to seize the personal firearms of Jason Dracobly pursuant to an ex-parte restraining order brought upon him by his wife Lisa Dracobly. I responded to the residence owned by Jason and Lisa, together with Detectives Jack Gardner, Luther Pittman, and Jason and retrieved numerous hunting rifles and handguns. All of the guns were then turned over to Shelton PD for storage.

Later, in early June 2013, Jason informed me that we forgot to retrieve a handgun from the residence. He described the gun as an H&K pistol that belongs to MCSO, it had been issued to him when he first came to Detectives. The pistol was reported kept inside of a backpack in a spare bedroom.

Due to the restraining order, Jason was not allowed to return to the residence. Upon realizing that the pistol hadn't been retrieved he told me that he would have his adult daughter Courtney coordinate with

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Lisa so that I could respond and take custody of the pistol. When I inquired the next day about when I could pick up the gun I was told that Lisa wasn't cooperating and had advised Courtney that she needed to speak with her attorney before turning it over.

A few days later, on or about June 10<sup>th</sup> 2012, I was contacted by Jason who told me to go to the residence owned by he and Lisa, his son Danny was home and that I could retrieve the pistol. I drove to Jason and Lisa's house on Wyandotte Ave. and upon arriving was met by Danny at the front door holding a backpack that was zipped closed. Upon opening the backpack I discovered that it contained an unloaded H&K pistol and magazines.

I then transported the backpack and pistol to MCSO where the pistol was secured in a gun locker inside Jason's office as Chief Osterhout was not there to take possession of the gun. Upon securing the gun I took the only key for the safe and maintained possession of it so that nobody else could access it, pursuant to the court order. Later, I removed the pistol from the safe and turned it over to Chief Osterhout.

On 071413 I received a text from Jason Dracobly requesting that I call him as he needed assistance with something. Upon calling and speaking with Jason he requested that I go with him the morning of 071513 and chaperone a visit between he and his son Danny.

Jason and his wife Lisa are in the process of a divorce and she has temporary custody of Danny. A exparte order is in effect that states Jason is not to be within 500ft of Danny's residence or school. Jason and I were set to leave the afternoon of 071513 for training and he wished to have breakfast with Danny in the morning prior to leaving. He advised that Lisa was demanding I call to speak with her prior to the visitation as she wished to advise me of the ground rules for the visitation.

I called Lisa's cell phone around 1721hrs, but received no answer. I was unable to leave a voicemail as her mailbox was full. Around 1728hrs, I received a call back from Lisa stated that she and Danny were just leaving a Tacoma Rainier's baseball game and asked if she could call me back later, which I stated yes.

Around 1837hrs. I received another call from Lisa at which time she filled me in on the visitation rules. She advised that I would have to pick Danny up alone as Jason wasn't allowed to be at the house and that during the visitation Jason wasn't allowed to talk about her, talk despairingly about her, ask Danny where he wanted to live, or ask Danny to remove any items from the residence for him. She apologized numerous times for me having to be involved but stated that the only other option should Jason not conform to her wishes was for Jason to have supervised visitation at a Family Visitation Center.

On 071513 I picked Danny up as planned and transported him to Rooster's restaurant in Shelton where we had breakfast with Jason. Upon completing the meal I transported Danny back to his residence.

On 081813 I assisted in a second visitation with Danny and Jason as they were going to assist me at building a fence at my residence. Jason had inquired on 081713 when I wanted him there and I told him to arrive around 1000hrs. and I would go retrieve Danny at that time. Upon Jason's arrival I drove his vehicle to the house he and Lisa own on Wyandotte Ave. to pick up Danny.

I arrived at the residence around 0955hrs. and was met by Lisa who seemed surprised that I was there, claiming that I was early. She stated that Danny was in the shower as he had just gotten up so I remained outside the house in the area of the front door, talking to Lisa as she performed some chores inside and outside the residence.

While awaiting Danny to finish his shower and get dressed Lisa was moving around the living room and at one point leaned down to the family dog, who was lying a few feet away from where I was standing, and

said to the dog, "I hope Danny has fun today, and I hope that Jason follows the rules." Upon making the comment Lisa was leaned down petting the dog, looking at the dog, and obviously talking to the dog using "baby talk" like persons do when speaking with small children or pets. Although the comments were made to the dog they were quite obviously meant for me to hear.

Upon Danny getting out of the shower he and I left the residence and he remained with me throughout the day assisting on the building of the fence. I transported Danny home later that evening upon finishing the work for the day.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed at Shelton, Washington on the 10 day of November, 2014.

Jeff Rhondes