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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF THURSTON

In re the guardianship of:
Raven, Onawa, and Hazel Smith-Wells.

Case No.: 21-4-00443-
34

DECLARATION OF ROBERT KURTZ

Under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, I swear or affirm that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

1. My name is Robert Kurtz. I am over the age of 18, competent to testify, and will do so if called.
2. I am a retired U.S. Marshal and am currently a Security Advisor for the New Jersey Division of Children & Families.
3. On January 16th of this year, Brooklawn PD in New Jersey received a call of a partially dressed young female child wandering in the Motel 6 parking lot. A patrolman responded, found the child and the child took him to where they were staying at the Motel. The patrolman said the child was dressed only in shorts, and was disheveled in appearance. The girl stated that her mom had left about twenty minutes prior. When the patrolman attempted to enter the room, he was repelled backward by the stench inside; used diapers, trash, half eaten food and vermin throughout the room. The trash on the floor was above his boots. Inside there were two more children, in diapers.
4. The children referenced are Hazel, Raven, and Onawa Smith – children of Selena Ursa Smith.

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5. The Patrolman called DCF, and had a team respond. The Mother did show up, driving a White '05 Dodge Town & Country with the Washington State tag BWH-1378. Mother was identified as Selena Ursa Smith - Washington DL# XXXXXXXXX213B (redacted). Patrolman was holding the family there on scene until DCF arrived when he had to answer another call at the same Motel. Selena used that moment to abscond with her children.
6. I have tracked Selena throughout the US. She is originally from Olympia, WA. She has four children – they have three different fathers. It is my understanding that she has major mental health issues (e.g. Bipolar, Depression). Her history has been that when her mania is triggered, she packs up the kids and goes cross country until handling the children becomes too overwhelming, then she calls in Social Services in whatever state she is in to assist and/or transport the children to the grandparents.
7. Right now, Selena is in Oakridge, OR. I am tracking her using methods we prefer to keep confidential so as to ensure our continued ability to locate her. She is very mobile and currently transient with the children. We believe she was recently in some Hotel/Motel in west Portland, making day trips into the heart of the city to get laundry and groceries done. Once she was aware that child protective services was looking for her (police there had requested an evaluation), she suddenly fled with the children again. Selena is supporting herself and her kids of SSSI income derived from her oldest daughters diagnosed Autism.
8. An emergency writ/order placing the children with the petitioners herein, the maternal grandparents, is necessary to avoid irreparable harm in the form of further neglect of the children's basic needs, as well as irreparable harm when Selena absconds/flees

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again and escapes oversight of the children. I have been advised by Oregon child protective services that they would take action once a writ/order from Washington has been issued.

9. Attached as Exhibit A are true and correct copies of my business card and retired marshall service certification.

SIGNED on this 26th day of May, 2021 in Cherry Hill (city), NJ (state).

Robert K. Kurtz
Robert K. Kurtz (May 26, 2021 17:53 EDT)

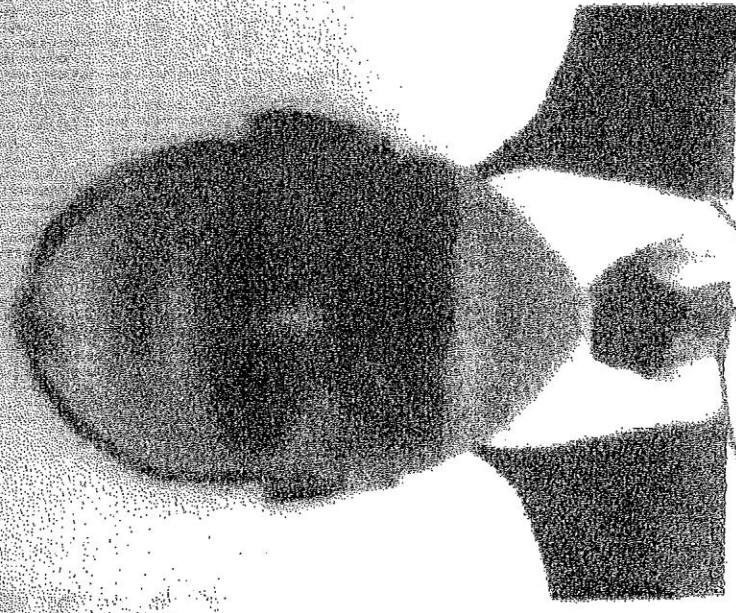
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UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
(RETIRED OR SEPARATED)

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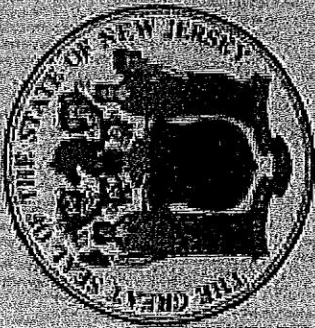
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