

Hearing Date: 6/16/21
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Superior Court of Washington, County of Thurston

In re:

Petitioner/s (person/s who started this case):

Kathryn and Hans Stoker

And Respondent/s (other party/parties):

Hazel Smith

No. 21-4-00443-34

Sealed Personal Health Care Records
(Cover Sheet)

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DECLARATION OF Alexander Stoker Containing:

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Superior Court of Washington, County of Thurston

In re: The Guardianship of

Hazel Belle Ursa Smith
(minor/child)

No. 21-4-00443-34

Declaration of
(name): Alex Stoker
(DCLR)

Declaration of (name): Alex Stoker

1. I am (age): over 18 years old and I am the (check one): Petitioner Respondent

Other (relationship to the people in this case): Brother of Selena Smith

2. I declare: please see attached.

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(Number any pages you attach to this Declaration. Page limits may apply.)

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the facts I have provided on this form (and any attachments) are true. I have attached (number): ___ pages.

Signed at (city and state): Yelm, WA Date: Jun 14, 2021

Alex Stoker
Alex Stoker (Jun 14, 2021 20:18 PDT)

Sign here

Alex Stoker

Print name

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Deposition – Alexander Stoker

My name is Alexander (Alex) Stoker, and I am the son of Hans Stoker and youngest half-brother of Selena Smith. I have my Master's degree in Counseling Psychology, and while I am not evaluating my sister's mental health, I do have above average understanding of mental health.

I remember my sister's first psychotic break when she was 21 or 22 years old, I was only 10 at the time. She had been admitted to St. Peter's Hospital, and when I spoke to her briefly on the phone, I found it remarkable how "normal" she sounded. I thought that she should sound "crazy" in my 10-year-old brain, but I have learned over the years and in my professional capacity that those with psychosis symptoms are often able to appear quite normal in short bursts. Selena has been very high-functioning and is an intelligent woman.

Unfortunately, this has not translated well into her parenting skills. With her eldest daughter, Maya, she on several separate occasions was unable to care for Maya for years at a time. In these instances, she left Maya's care to my parents: Hans and Kathryn Stoker. Maya would flourish under the care of my parents, and then inevitably she would return to Selena, where her education and care would suffer. Finally, when she turned 11 she moved in with my parents full-time. This was the result of Selena stabbing her ex-husband in the leg with a knife in front of Maya. Maya has previously referred to this incident as a "time when my mom was going crazy." When Maya was approximately 16, Selena lost custody of her younger daughter, Hazel, who was 1 or 2 at the time. This loss of custody was due to Selena self-presenting to a hospital and reportedly telling them "I can't handle it anymore I need somebody to take my kid." Maya moved in with me and lived with me for 6 months while my parents moved to Colorado to get Hazel out of foster care and try to help Selena reach some semblance of stability so she could care for Hazel.

Once Hazel's custody case was resolved, Selena moved back to Washington State and lived in the housing provided by my parents. With support from my parents, she had a period of relative stability of about 2 or 3 years. During this time, she was using substances minimally (only marijuana to my knowledge, but I am unsure) but was not taking her mental health medications at all. She still had arguments with my parents, and was verbally abusive towards them, but was largely able to care for her children or get assistance caring for them. However, as Selena's stresses mounted and increased her substance use, she was unable to keep up with her house (garbage all over the home), and her three youngest children Hazel, Onawa, and Raven began looking more disheveled and dirty when they came down to my parents house. She began to exhibit signs of odd thinking, agitation, and verbal aggression when she interacted with people. This culminated in a domestic violence incident with the father of her two youngest children, after which she left the state with her three youngest children. She would keep in contact with my mother by cellphone, frequently verbally abusing her over the phone and demanding money as it was "owed" to her. She has been dependent on the financial charity of my parents since she lost her last job as a gemologist, in which she cited difficulties getting along with her supervisor. Without the charity of others, Selena would not have been able to limp along as far as she has "caring" for her children.

This has been evident in the instances where she has moved away from the family: when she lived in Colorado, she was unable to care for Hazel and walked into a hospital and gave her up to child services. In New Jersey, which this case is a result of, she left her children alone in an unsafe situation. It was by

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pure luck that a police officer was able to record this incident and describe the horrendous conditions in which the children were living.

Selena is a remarkable woman, but she is not a fit mother, and has demonstrated across the life span of all four of her children's numerous situations in which their lives were endangered due to her negligence or active abuse. I am seriously concerned about my observations of the children involved in this case (which are listed below and dated). Whatever we are seeing is only the tip of the negligence iceberg, and I humbly request it of the court to take the children's needs before the parent's wants. With proper care and love, these three children will flourish and break the cycle of abuse and neglect that Selena has started.

May 31st 2021 Documentation of Notes:

I assisted my parents on 5/31/2021 by watching the two younger children (Raven, 1, and Onawa, 3) as well as their older sister Hazel (8). My parents had picked up the children early that morning (~3am PST on 5/31/2021) and they were taken directly from Selena's last residence. The children were notably dirty: grime and dirt under fingernails/toenails, on face, arms, legs and chest.

I helped by giving the two younger children a bath and looking for any signs of abuse. Onawa (3) had no notable signs of abuse on her body; she had some scratching on her arms and legs that was consistent with being a toddler and having fell or scraped herself. She was very dirty, and the water turned a light brown as soon as I put her in the tub. I took this as an indication that she had not been washed in some time. This did not appear to be a lack of access to soap, etc. as the dirt came off quite easily.

Raven (1) was in similar condition to her sister Onawa (3), as far as how dirty she was, with one notable mark on her inner left thigh that was a dark, black/blue bruise. It looked like she had been pinched hard by an adult there. Due to the location of the bruise, it seemed unlikely that it happened naturally through play or accident. Please note she has a birthmark on her right inner knee; this was not the injury noted.

Upon inspection of Onawa's (3) scalp, she had spots of eczema that were untreated (angry red color). Her hair appeared to be similarly unwashed. There were no noted parasites or lice.

Upon inspection of Raven's (1) scalp, there was no noted concerns aside from the hair being unwashed.

Both children appeared to be appropriate weight and height for their age. Onawa appeared to have delayed speech skills (lots of slurring, unclear words) but she appeared to know what different things were when prompted. Raven had no notable deficits in her development. Mood for both children appeared to be appropriate for age and setting.

Onawa (3) did not appear to have had any potty-training, as she did not prompt me or indicate to me that she needed to use the restroom throughout the visit.

Hazel (8) was appropriate during my entire 3-hour visit, and able to take care of her basic needs like using the restroom and getting herself snacks (she made herself chocolate milk during my visit). Her speech skills appeared to be largely intact from when I had last interacted with her about a year prior.

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June 1st 2021 Documentation of Notes:

My wife and I assisted my parents with watching the two younger children, Onawa (3) and Raven (1), on June 1st from the hours of 3pm to approximately 6:30pm. On arriving, Raven (1) was napping in her crib. Onawa (3) was playing with my mom. She appeared to have appropriate shyness when being reintroduced to my wife, Melissa. My mom reported that she had been unable to get a good wash through Onawa's hair due to discomfort from her eczema (or other skin rash on scalp). However, Onawa's hair appeared to be clean and was in a pony tail. Onawa continued to demonstrate good working knowledge of the world around her, with some communication difficulties. Her speech continued to be slurred and unclear at times. With prompting, she was often able to enunciate more clearly and repeat words back to us. During the visit, she was observed counting to 10 when mimicking her aunt.

When Raven (1) awoke from her nap at approximately 4:30pm, she soothed easily after initially crying to get the attention of somebody to get her out of the crib. She too demonstrated appropriate shyness when being introduced to my wife. Her diaper rash was noted to be improved today following repeated application of zinc oxide by my parents. During the visit, I noted that she had a bloody discharge from her left ear. It did not appear to be bothering her, but I brought it to the attention of my parents so they could follow up with a primary care as it could be an ear infection.

Just before we left, I assisted in changing Onawa's diaper as it was wet. She was terribly upset, indicating that she did not want to change her diaper and crying very loudly. When I changed her, she was still exhibiting bright redness around her genitals. I cleaned the area gently, removing zinc oxide debris, and informed my mom, who said she would re-apply at the next diaper change. After the diaper change, she was able to soothe appropriately.

Name: Alexander (Alex) Stoker

Signature: _____

Alex Stoker 6/13/21

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