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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MASON

Scott Paul Turchin, DOB: 10/9/1965,

Petitioner,
vs.

Shawnie Ann Vedder, DOB: 5/31/1967,

Respondent

No. **13 2 00281 1**

DECLARATION OF
SCOTT PAUL TURCHIN

My name is Scott Turchin. I am the Petitioner in this matter and submit this statement based upon personal knowledge.

The Respondent, Shawnie Vedder, and I are the parents of 16-year-old Mildred (Millie) Vedder. In 2001, an Agreed Final Parenting Plan was entered in Kitsap County Superior Court designating Shawnie as Millie's primary residential parent and granting me residential time with Millie.

Prior to the entry of our Final Parenting Plan, I had concerns regarding Shawnie's mental health issues, particularly regarding the below described incidents which occurred in 2000:

6/29/2000 – I received a JPEG photograph of what appears to be Shawnie's arm over a sink dripping blood from approximately twenty (20) slices in her arm. The photo is named "forbipolarsupport.jpg". A copy of the photograph is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. Shawnie's arm had (and may still have) scars from this incident.

11/5/2000 – I was gone during this day but came home in the evening and found an email from 8:25 a.m. from Shawnie stating that she was going to kill my daughter Millie and

1 her mother Verna. I immediately called Shawnie and when she failed to answer the
2 phone, I called 911 and asked for a welfare check. The Kitsap County Sheriff's Office
3 contacted CPS and someone from both the Sheriff's Office and CPS went to Shawnie's
4 home, which was in Port Orchard at the time. There was a report filed under KCSO
Case #00-19451. The email of the responding officer is ebockeli@co.kitsap.wa.us.

5 By the time the Final Parenting Plan was entered in 2001, it appeared that Shawnie's
6 mental health issues were under control and, based on my belief that Shawnie's issues were
7 resolved, I agreed to the entry of the Parenting Plan.

8 In 2008, a modified Final Parenting Plan was entered in Kitsap County Superior Court,
9 which increased my School Break and Summer Schedule residential time with Millie. Again, I
10 was still under the impression that Shawnie's mental health issues remained under control when
11 the order was entered. While the Final Parenting Plan grants me residential time for half of the
12 summer, Millie resided with me for most of last summer, by agreement with Shawnie.

13 Things went well until approximately 1-1/2 years ago, at which time Shawnie began
14 demonstrating serious mental health issues once again. Below is a list of incidents that have
15 occurred since December 2011:
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17 12/18/2011 - At approximately 3:30 a.m. on 12/18/11, I received a call from Millie on her
18 I-pod that Shawnie had thrown her out of the house after a verbal dispute. The I-pod
19 required wi-fi connectivity to make a phone call from. Millie told me that her mom
20 ripped the phones out of the house and disconnected internet connectivity during the
21 dispute. She asked if I would come get her because she feared going home and that her
22 mom would not let her take a coat, current temperature in Shelton that morning was 31
23 degrees F. She stated that her mom "dared" her to leave but then forced her out of the
house. I called Shelton Police via 911 and asked for a Welfare check and asked if it was
legal to pick up my daughter or if it would be considered Custodial Interference. The
police officer said it was okay for me to pick Millie up so I proceeded to Shelton. I took
my daughter back to Shawnie's home the following day so that she could return to
school.

24 During Spring Break, 2012, out of anger, Shawnie picked up a bottle of water and threw
25 it at Millie, striking her in the face. The bottle was frozen and it left a mark on her.

1 Things seemed to settle down and Shawnie and I were able to agree on my extended
2 visitation over the summer. I had hoped that the extended period of time would assist in
3 settling things down between Shawnie and Mildred. However, the problems have
4 quickly escalated in the past few months as set forth below:

5 2/19/2013 – I received a call from Shelton Police Department (PD) about a verbal and
6 physical altercation that had occurred at my daughter's residence. My recollection about
7 this incident is vague.

8 4/11/2013 – I received phone calls from both Millie and Shawnie about the incident that
9 occurred. Shawnie stated that Millie had spent too long in the shower and that she
10 attempted to shorten the shower after telling Millie to get out of the shower. When Millie
11 did not get out of the shower, Shawnie pulled the shower curtain from the shower
12 rod/stall. The bathroom door was then kicked by Millie after a verbal dispute, according
13 to both Shawnie and Millie. Millie told me that her mother grabbed her arm with both of
14 her hands and threw her into a wall. At that point, when Shawnie did not let go, Millie
15 struck her mother to force her to release her.

16 4/15/2013 – Millie texted me that her mom was yelling and screaming at her. She was
17 concerned that her mom was going to hurt her, so left the house as it was still daylight.
18 Millie walked to the park with her boyfriend to get away from the situation. I didn't know
19 that Millie had left the house and called Shelton PD to check on things. Shelton PD
20 reported that Shawnie told them that the younger child stepped on something painful and
21 screamed. Millie confirmed that both the violent argument and the incident of the
22 younger child (Millie's younger sister from a different relationship) did occur and were
23 not related.

24 4/18/2013 – I received a text message from Millie and in the conversation she stated that
25 her mom had slapped her at 4:00 a.m. while she was sleeping, and was attempting to get
her iphone from away her. It is my understanding that the Iphone contained photos of
bruises that Millie received from a previous incident, but Shawnie claimed she was
attempting to take it as a means of punishment for Millie, but I don't know what for. I
again called Shelton PD to report the incident after the fact. I don't think that Shelton PD
responded.

4/26/2013 -- I picked Millie up for a scheduled visitation. She appeared very depressed,
very unlike her. I asked what was wrong and she asked me to just get her away from her
mother as her mother had been calling her names all day.

5/3/2013 – At approximately 7:00 a.m., I received a text from my daughter that her
mother had thrown her shoes out in the yard and she missed her school bus. During this
argument, Millie stated that her mom grabbed her arm with both hands and threw her.
Millie got her shoes on and left the house and called me. I advised her to go to school and
talk to her counselor but she was too upset and that her arm hurt really badly. I advised
her to talk to CPS at this point in time. Millie asked me to stay on the phone while she
walked approximately 1 mile to the DSHS office as she did not feel safe. Once there, she

1 said she felt safe and texted me after the meeting to inform me she was going to go to
2 school. CPS/DSHS advised her to speak to her school counselor. Later that evening, I
3 received a text from my daughter asking if she could come over. Due to the late hour, I
4 asked her to ask her mother and I would pick her up in the morning if her mother agreed.
Shawnie agreed.

5 5/3/13 - I received a text from my daughter that she and her mom and were arguing and
6 her mother grabbed her arm and threw her. She also stated they were out of toilet paper
7 and this may have started the argument. My daughter asked if she could come over for
the weekend. I asked her to clear it with her mother as I had a visitation the weekend
prior. Shawnie agreed and I picked Millie up Saturday morning.

8 5/5/2013 – Upon returning my daughter to her residence, Shawnie and I spoke and
9 worked out an agreement as to Millie moving in with me. Everything appeared peaceful
10 so I returned to my house. At approximately 8:00 p.m., Millie texted me stating that
11 there was no toilet paper in the house, and had not been since Wednesday or Thursday of
the previous week. She claimed that Shawnie told her to use newspaper instead. I called
12 Millie and overheard Shawnie state something similar to “Newspaper is acceptable”.
13 Millie’s younger sister had borrowed a roll of toilet paper for Millie from a neighbor
when the verbal dispute began. Since Millie was encountering her monthly cycle, she
14 took the toilet paper in her room. Another argument ensued and I overheard much of it
on the phone. I tried calling Shawnie on her home phone number but she simply stated
15 “F*** you” and hung up the phone on me. During this dispute, Millie was in her
bedroom and up in her bed (a bunk bed). Shawnie grabbed a full-length mirror and
16 walked back and forth along the edge of the bed apparently to prevent Millie from
filming her with Millie’s Iphone camera. Shawnie then stuffed the mirror into the bed,
breaking the mirror and shattering glass on the floor. I have reviewed the video.

17 Shawnie threatened Millie during an argument which occurred in this time frame that she
18 was going to make a belt out of her pet Bearded Dragon Lizard. Millie was in fear of this
occurring and asked me if I would take her pets.

19 5/7/2013 – I received a text message that Millie was awoken by her mother screaming
20 obscenities about me loud enough so that Millie would overhear. I advised Millie to go
back to sleep and ignore this.

21 Attached to this declaration and incorporated herein by this reference are copies of the
22 most recent text messages that I have received from Millie regarding the problems that she is
23 having with her mother. As relayed in these text messages from Millie, she is being both
24 physically and mentally abused by her mother and she does not feel safe at her mother’s home.
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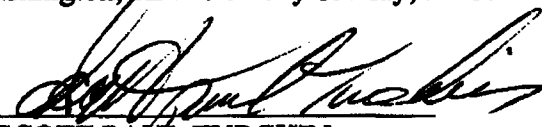
1 Millie has also confided in me that her mother sometimes will come into her room every
2 hour during the night and wake her up for no reason, making it difficult to sleep, not only
3 because she gets woke up all the time, but she lies in fear of falling to sleep, not knowing what
4 her mom will be doing next.
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6 As stated above, CPS is now involved in the matter. I am filing under seal a letter that I
7 received from Shelton DCFS dated May 6, 2013, regarding the current CPS investigation
8 regarding Millie.

9 Shawnie has been diagnosed with some sort of mental disorder and is currently receiving
10 Social Security disability for it. I am very concerned that without court intervention, Shawnie is
11 going to seriously harm our daughter.
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13 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the
14 foregoing is true and correct.

15 Signed at Belfair, Washington, on this 8th day of May, 2013.

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DECLARATION REGARDING
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12 Respondent
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14 I, Daniel L. Goodell, of Houle & Goodell Attorneys PLLC, do hereby state and declare
15 as follows:

16 1.) I am the attorney for the Petitioner, Scott Paul Turchin.

17 2.) I have examined the Declaration of Scott Paul Turchin to which this page is attached,
18 and it consists of 6 pages, including the signature page and this page, and excluding the
19 declaration pages.

20 2.) The foregoing document is complete and legible.

21 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the
22 foregoing is true and correct.

23 SIGNED this 8 day of May, 2013, at Shelton, Washington.

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25 Daniel L. Goodell, WSBA No. 14790
Attorney for Petitioner

Messages (1)

Millie Vedder

Edit

Ok I will

May 3, 2013 10:06 PM

I'll try. She just randomly
switched on my door as
I was on the light and
walked out.



iMessage

Messages (1)

Millie Vedder

Edit

Where is that button

No this one



My mom said " tell the
(insert lots of rude words
about you) to give me the
f[REDACTED] paperwork so I
can f[REDACTED] sign it right
now"



iMessage

Messages (1)

Millie Vedder

Edit

iMessage

May 3, 2013, 7:37 PM

There's no toilet paper
here :/

It won't be too late I can
leave tomorrow morning

May 3, 2013, 8:39 PM

I guess..

I don't feel safe sleeping
here.. I just don't want to
spend the night

May 3, 2013, 9:27 PM

Will she let you come over
tomorrow?



iMessage

Messages (1)

Millie Vedder

Edit

I saw my first snake this year!

Yay that's cool!

May 3, 2013, 11:18 AM

You should ask if I can come over this weekend, I don't want to be home, plus it's an early release

May 3, 2013, 12:00 PM

She didn't answer the phone

May 3, 2013, 12:50 PM

Oh

May 3, 2013, 1:40 PM

Ask her and let me know



iMessage

Messages

Millie Vedder

Edit

You could always dial
your number
I'll be
here

I did and she said to use
newspaper

I would suggest you go to
the
bathroom
and
use
the
bathroom with you

Well that's great and all
but I can't get up until I get
TP



iMessage

Messages

Millie Vedder

Edit

Ok

I can't talk still

Hello?

Dad?

May 3, 2013, 8:15 AM

Dad?

Dad???

May 3, 2013, 8:47 AM

I talked to the receptionist
and Laura will be out
soon..

May 3, 2013, 9:17 AM



iMessage

Messages

Millie Vedder

Edit

Ok.. I don't know what do
do, I can't stop crying

I would suggest getting
some help from a professional
whether it be a therapist or
a doctor. I have been in
houses

I screamed let me go
when she grabbed me and
it was like what you're
supposed to do when
someone grabs you
because they know it
attracts attention they
don't want, and she let go
but my arm hurts



iMessage

Messages (1)

Millie Vedder

Edit

I've wanted to kill myself for years now, I hate living here, she gave me my shoes back and darted screaming so I threw something of hers and she grabbed me and wouldn't let me go, I just barely dragged her out the door and screamed "let go of me" VERY loudly and she let go.. Please come get me, I can't even stop crying long enough to do anything, please



iMessage

Messages

Millie Vedder

Edit

Ok sweet dreams

Sweet dreams, love you!

Love you too

May 5, 2013, 11:47 PM

She just opened mydoor

What is she doing?



I don't know. I think she's waiting until I'm asleep so she can steal my phone



iMessage

Messages

Millie Vedder

Edit

Can you please call her?

I did call and left her a

voice mail 8 AM

Ok

I can't talk still

Hello?

Dad?

May 3, 2013, 8:15 AM

Dad?

Dad???

May 3, 2013, 8:47 AM



iMessage

Messages

Millie Vedder

Edit

Call

FaceTime

Contact >

Load Earlier Messages

iMessage

May 3, 2013, 7:55 AM

I can't talk, crying too hard

I can't talk because I'm
sobbing

I can't even get a word out

Then walk up there and go
to the office

I don't know where it is

Behind McDonald's



iMessage

Messages

Millie Vedder

Edit



I don't have shoes to get
then with??

You can't walk outside
without shoes!

I guess but she's being
horrible I just don't even
want to try. I just want to
kill myself

I asked annice to get them
for me



iMessage

Messages

Millie Vedder

Edit

I don't have them, I sent them to you though

I hope

May 3, 2013, 7:15 AM

She hid ally shoes so I can't go to school

*all my

I just missed the bus

Hello???

HELLO????!?!?



iMessage