

Superior Court of Washington  
County of Thurston

In re :

Jennifer Como

No. 19-2-30942-34

TRANSCRIPT OF DECEMBER 31,  
2019 HEARING

Petitioner,

and

James Fowler

Respondent.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF THURSTON  
FAMILY AND JUVENILE COURT

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JENNIFER LORRAINE COMO,	)	
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Petitioner,	)	
	)	No. 19-2-30942-34
and	)	
	)	
JAMES WARREN FOWLER, JR.,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

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TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDED PROCEEDINGS

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BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 31st day of December, 2019, the above-entitled and numbered cause came on for hearing before the Honorable Commissioner Rebekah Zinn, Thurston County Superior Court, Olympia, Washington.

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1 December 31, 2019

Olympia, Washington

2 MORNING SESSION

3 Commissioner Rebekah Zinn, Presiding

4 (Transcript of Recorded Proceedings:)

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6 THE COURT: Jennifer Como?

7 (No Audible Response.)

8 THE COURT: James Fowler?

9 MR. FOWLER: Yes, ma'am.

10 THE COURT: Are you agreeing or not agreeing  
11 with their being a protection order today?

12 MR. FOWLER: Disagreeing.

13 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. You can have a  
14 seat.

15 \* \* \*

16 THE COURT: All right. So for cases where one  
17 or both parties are not here right now, I'm going to  
18 give them about half an hour and call those cases  
19 again around 9:30, just in case they're running a  
20 little late.

21 \* \* \*

22 THE COURT: I'm sorry, what?

23 THE CLERK: (Indiscernible) just sent me an  
24 e-mail that Jennifer Como is running late.

25 THE COURT: Como? She wants to appear by

1 phone? Is that what you said?

2 THE CLERK: Yeah. I think that would work.

3 THE COURT: Yes, she can.

4 THE CLERK: Okay.

5 THE COURT: Is she ready for that soon?

6 THE CLERK: I don't know.

7 THE COURT: So Mr. Fowler?

8 MR. FOWLER: Yes, ma'am.

9 THE COURT: I -- I just got a notice that  
10 Ms. Como was not able to make it on time, that she's  
11 going to appear by phone; okay?

12 \* \* \*

13 THE COURT: All right. So I'm going to next  
14 hear the hearing in Como versus Fowler. Ms. Como  
15 will be on the phone. And then I'll hear the cross  
16 petitions involving Schaffer versus Pfenning.

17 \* \* \*

18 THE CLERK: Good morning. This is  
19 Thurston County Superior Court. I'm going to connect  
20 you to the courtroom.

21 THE COURT: Hello. Is this Jennifer Como?

22 MS. COMO: This is Jennifer.

23 THE COURT: Hi. I'm Rebekah Zinn. I'm the  
24 court commissioner who's going to be holding your  
25 hearing today.

1 MS. COMO: Thank you.

2 THE COURT: And Mr. Fowler's here, too, and  
3 we're here for your case, case number 19-2-30942-34.  
4 So what I'm first going to do is explain the  
5 standards that the Court is applying in domestic  
6 violence cases that are contested that are having  
7 full hearings. And then I'm going to put you both  
8 under oath and talk about your specific hearing and  
9 how it will go and answer any questions that you  
10 have; okay?

11 MS. COMO: Okay.

12 THE COURT: All right. So it's important,  
13 Ms. Como, that only one person is talking at a time.  
14 So generally I'll wait until I ask you to respond. I  
15 will ask you to respond in appropriate situations,  
16 but if there's ever a time that you can't hear us,  
17 that's a great time to interrupt; okay?

18 MS. COMO: Fine.

19 THE COURT: Okay. So the main thing that the  
20 Court is doing today is deciding whether a  
21 preponderance of evidence supports a finding of  
22 domestic violence. Preponderance of evidence means  
23 over 50 percent or more likely than not domestic  
24 violence occurred.

25 Domestic violence is defined in statute as

1 physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or the  
2 infliction of fear of imminent physical harm, bodily  
3 injury, or assault. Domestic violence also includes  
4 sexual assault and it includes stalking. And it has  
5 to be between people with an eligible relationship,  
6 and so that's intimate partners, family or household  
7 members.

8 These are called expedited proceedings, and so  
9 they move through the court system faster than other  
10 types of cases. And that means that during the  
11 hearing, I'm balancing the need to resolve cases and  
12 expedite them with the need to hear fully from both  
13 parties. So there's an ability to have witnesses  
14 testify for you, and sometimes I'll call those  
15 witnesses, and sometimes I'll decide if that witness  
16 would be particularly helpful.

17 In all cases, I've already read everything that's  
18 in the court file. In hearings that are contested,  
19 you can also bring more evidence such as paperwork to  
20 court, and I'll decide whether I'm going to consider  
21 that that day. If you do, it's important -- if you  
22 do have other paperwork, it's important that the  
23 other party understand what I'm saying and  
24 considering; okay?

25 When I have a full hearing, I put people under

1 oath, and so it's very important for everyone to  
2 understand that you can testify, and you can also  
3 choose not to testify. Everything you say under oath  
4 can be used against you in a court of law. So you  
5 have a right to not testify.

6 The Petitioner has the burden to prove domestic  
7 violence. The Respondent doesn't have any burden to  
8 prove anything. But the full hearing is the time for  
9 them to really say their side of the story if they  
10 choose to testify.

11 Generally, what I'm deciding is whether there's  
12 domestic violence and whether to grant requests that  
13 were already requested in the petition. But there's  
14 one other thing that I always need to decide in these  
15 cases, which is whether to enter an order to  
16 surrender firearms. So that's something that I might  
17 be talking with some people about today.

18 Do you have any questions about those legal  
19 standards or anything?

20 MS. COMO: No, ma'am.

21 THE COURT: Okay. So Ms. Como, do you want to  
22 testify today?

23 MS. COMO: Yes.

24 THE COURT: All right. Do you have any  
25 witnesses? I know you're on the phone, but you never



1 know.

2 MS. COMO: No.

3 THE COURT: Okay. And Mr. Fowler, do you want  
4 to testify today?

5 MR. FOWLER: Yes, ma'am.

6 THE COURT: Okay. And do you have any  
7 witnesses?

8 MR. FOWLER: No, ma'am.

9 THE COURT: Okay. Do you have any paperwork  
10 that's not in the court file that you want me to  
11 consider?

12 MR. FOWLER: I don't believe -- I don't know  
13 if you got -- I did -- I did place it ahead of  
14 time --

15 THE COURT: A response --

16 MR. FOWLER: -- for my response to temporary  
17 order for protection and notice of hearing.

18 THE COURT: I have that. Do you have that,  
19 Ms. Como?

20 MS. COMO: Yes.

21 THE COURT: Okay. The declaration -- it's  
22 called a declaration of response to temporary order  
23 of protection. Do you have that?

24 MS. COMO: Yes, I do.

25 THE COURT: Okay. Great. I've fully read

1       that. And that has exhibits attached to it. Do you  
2       have that – it's a 32-page document – Ms. Como?

3               MS. COMO: Yes.

4               THE COURT: Okay. So now I'm going to place  
5       you both under oath. If you'll please both raise  
6       your right hands.

7               (Petitioner, Jennifer Lorraine Como, and  
8       Respondent, James Warren Fowler, Jr., were  
              placed under oath by the Court.)

9               THE COURT: Thank you. You're under oath.  
10      And what's going to happen is, first I'm going to  
11      take testimony from you, Ms. Como, and then  
12      Mr. Fowler can testify in response. And then,  
13      Ms. Como, you can testify a last time to respond to  
14      what Mr. Fowler said. So that second time that you  
15      testify is not to raise new issues --

16              MS. COMO: Okay.

17              THE COURT: -- it's to respond to what  
18      Mr. Como -- what Mr. Fowler said. And so generally  
19      I'm going to ask the questions, and I'm going to ask  
20      specific questions, and I'm also going to ask some  
21      open-ended questions, like "Tell me about that  
22      incident," and then you can respond with your  
23      explanation of the events; okay? And these hearings  
24      usually, depending on how things go, they can usually  
25      wrap up in about half an hour; okay?

1 MS. COMO: Okay.

2 THE COURT: Okay? Any other questions before  
3 we start?

4 MR. FOWLER: No, ma'am.

5 MS. COMO: No.

6 THE COURT: Okay. Let me just get my notes in  
7 front of me. And let me just ask. Is the -- I'm not  
8 taking testimony, but I just want to understand. Is  
9 there a criminal investigation or case going?

10 MS. COMO: Yes.

11 MR. FOWLER: Um, I have called regularly to  
12 the Sheriff's Office, and this is something that is  
13 an allegation that was made but that they -- it  
14 hasn't even been -- it's been over two weeks, and it  
15 hasn't even been given to a detective.

16 THE COURT: All right. So -- so as far as you  
17 know, there is a complaint to law enforcement, but  
18 you don't have a police report number or a --

19 MR. FOWLER: I do have a police report number  
20 that's --

21 THE COURT: Have you been contacted by law  
22 enforcement?

23 MR. FOWLER: Um, no. No. I've contacted them  
24 several times --

25 THE COURT: Okay --

1 MR. FOWLER: -- and they've said --

2 THE COURT: -- so there --

3 MR. FOWLER: -- there's no -- there's  
4 nothing -- that there is no detective that's been  
5 assigned.

6 THE COURT: All right.

7 MR. FOWLER: The supervising officer -- the  
8 way that it works is, the supervising officer would  
9 assign it if they seen that there was any reason  
10 for --

11 THE COURT: So I'll get --

12 MR. FOWLER: -- them to investigate.

13 THE COURT: -- into more detail. That's  
14 plenty in terms of what I want to know. It relates  
15 to my advisement --

16 MR. FOWLER: Yes, ma'am.

17 THE COURT: -- though that it's your choice  
18 whether to testify or not. You are ready to move  
19 forward with the hearing today, Mr. Fowler; is that  
20 right?

21 MR. FOWLER: Yes, ma'am.

22 THE COURT: Okay. So Ms. Como, let's start  
23 your testimony.

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1                                    Jennifer Lorraine Como,

2                    Petitioner herein, having been previously  
3                    sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

4                                    DIRECT TESTIMONY

5                    THE WITNESS:    Okay.

6                    Q.    (By The Court) What is or what was your relationship  
7                    with Mr. Fowler?

8                    A.    Um, we'd dated on and off for about a year-and-a-half  
9                    (indiscernible) and we have a daughter together.

10                  Q.    And is that Jordan?

11                  A.    Yes.

12                  Q.    And how old is Jordan?

13                  A.    Seven.

14                  Q.    And you have a parenting plan; is that right?

15                  A.    Yes.

16                  Q.    Are there any motions that are not decided yet in the  
17                  parenting plan case?

18                  A.    No.

19                  Q.    And do you have shared custody of Jordan in the  
20                  latest parenting plan order?

21                  A.    Custodial parent is myself, and -- yeah.    I guess  
22                  you'd say yes.

23                  Q.    Okay.

24                  A.    That we (indiscernible), give me time in the month  
25                  for (indiscernible).

1 Q. And you wrote in your petition that on December 8th,  
2 Jordan --

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. -- disclosed to you sexual abuse?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Can you tell me what she said and what that  
7 conversation was like?

8 A. We were -- it was December 8th, p.m. We were winding  
9 down for night-nighttime. And we were just talking.  
10 I couldn't tell you about what, but it had nothing to  
11 do with this. And Jordan said, "Daddy touched me  
12 down here," and she had her hand over her vagina.

13 Q. Did you ask her any questions about that?

14 A. I -- I was a little shocked. I know that our -- I  
15 don't want to sway my daughter as to which way. And  
16 I said, um, "Touched you to clean you? Were you  
17 taking a bath?"

18 "No, no. We were sleeping."

19 "Did you say anything?"

20 "I didn't want him to be mad."

21 Q. Did the conversation go on beyond that?

22 A. No. I -- the only thing I asked her after that, I --  
23 I just reiterated her voice, if she felt  
24 uncomfortable, she could talk -- she could use her  
25 voice and that there's appropriate and inappropriate,

1 and I love her. And I had to just stop. I didn't  
2 want to sway her either which way.

3 Q. And did you follow up in any way on what Jordan told  
4 you?

5 A. Oh, the -- I mean, outside of Jordan, yes.

6 Q. What was your follow-up with others?

7 A. I started contacting -- she's been seeing a school  
8 therapist for several years, and so I kind of said  
9 what do I do; what can I do; what should I do. And  
10 she's the one that referred me to Monarch. I  
11 contacted Monarch several times, but they wouldn't  
12 see me without any -- a police report and -- or a  
13 CPS. And I was like, uh, I just want someone to talk  
14 to my daughter.

15 So, um, I -- I talked to her pediatrician about  
16 it. CPS called me after that. CPS contacted the  
17 Sheriff's Office.

18 Q. Do you remember when you contacted Jordan's school  
19 therapist?

20 A. Uh, yes. Uh, Tuesday -- Tuesday, the 10th. So  
21 Sunday was December the 8th; Monday was school and  
22 dad was there, so I talked -- I reached out on  
23 Tuesday. I also reached out to Catholic charities.  
24 I've done work with them in the past.

25 Q. I'm sorry. I couldn't hear that.

1 A. I also reached out to contacts that I've had with  
2 Catholic charities -- Catholic community charities to  
3 ask them what I should do, as well, who could help --  
4 who could talk to my daughter, how can I help her  
5 process this.

6 Q. And when did you contact Jordan's physician?

7 A. Hold on. The school district, Monarch -- um, Friday,  
8 the 13th.

9 Q. And then the physician referred to CPS; was that  
10 right?

11 A. That's correct.

12 Q. Did you talk to any CPS caseworker?

13 A. Yes. They came out to my house on Saturday, the  
14 14th.

15 Q. And is there an open investigation with CPS?

16 A. The only -- I would say yes, because they referred it  
17 to the Sheriff's Office, and that's where that case  
18 is worked. I don't have anything from CPS.

19 Q. And have you had any contact from the Sheriff's  
20 Office?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. What sort of contact?

23 A. So I received a call from Deputy Jacobsen, and he  
24 provided the case number for, um, let's see. See a  
25 caseworker -- um, on Monday, the 16th. And he -- at



1           that time he said that it would be turned over to a  
2           detective and a detective would make -- have to make  
3           the referral to Monarch.

4       Q.   Have you heard back from Monarch?

5       A.   Yes.   I heard back from Monarch and the detective.  
6           I -- because of the holidays, I did call in nonstop.  
7           The forensic interviewer was in till Thursday, this  
8           past Thursday.   It looked like I could have gotten  
9           her in, but she didn't -- was not coming into the  
10          office Friday.   I was promised a call yesterday.   So  
11          I'm assuming that -- I'm assuming she may not have  
12          been in the office yesterday.

13                So any day.   Because I know I -- I talked to the  
14          detective, and he did refer it there.   So there's,  
15          um, that.

16       Q.   Okay.   And have you noticed any changes in behavior  
17          in your daughter?

18       A.   She -- she's -- it's been the holidays, so it's been  
19          a little heart wrenching, because she -- family.   Um,  
20          she's just kind of -- she's still Jordan.   She's  
21          just -- she's had a lot going on at school, and  
22          she -- actually, she's got a new teacher, so that's a  
23          blessing.

24                       THE COURT:   So Ms. Como, I'm going to pause  
25          here, because from everything that I've heard,

1 everything is very early in terms of investigation.  
2 There hasn't been a report from Monarch yet. There  
3 hasn't been any police reports that I've seen. I  
4 don't think they're available in terms of  
5 investigation. And I just want to see whether it is  
6 best to make a ruling for the long-term today or  
7 whether it makes more sense to continue this hearing  
8 for about three months is what we would typically do  
9 when there's a criminal case.

10 And I'm going to hear from both of you on in this.  
11 But usually that's what respondents ask for is to  
12 have more time --

13 MS. COMO: Okay.

14 THE COURT: -- and so I -- I wish I could say  
15 I hardly ever see these cases, but that's not true.  
16 This isn't a -- this is something that happens from  
17 time to time where it takes a few months to get more  
18 fact finding. So I want to hear from both of you on  
19 what you want to do, given what I'm saying.

20 So, Ms. Como, do you want me to make a decision  
21 today --

22 MS. COMO: No.

23 THE COURT: -- about whether there should be a  
24 protection order for the long-term?

25 MS. COMO: Um, no, I don't. I -- I want there

1 to be an extension of the no contact order. But my  
2 intention and goal is to try to expedite whatever I  
3 can to guide my daughter through what she needs. And  
4 so then if it happens before this three-month period,  
5 what can I do to bring it back to you before three  
6 months?

7 THE COURT: Well, that would be pretty easy.  
8 You'd just ask. You'd talk to the Clerk's Office and  
9 say, actually, I think we're ready for a hearing now;  
10 there's more information; or there's more information  
11 and I don't want to move forward. Those are --

12 MS. COMO: Okay.

13 THE COURT: -- those are both options that  
14 people have.

15 MS. COMO: Okay.

16 THE COURT: Mr. Fowler, let me hear from you  
17 on this issue. And I -- I just want to say, when  
18 things are in the -- when they're not settled in  
19 court, it's always stressful for people. People want  
20 to know what's going to happen. So I don't take  
21 lightly continuances, but I've just heard testimony  
22 for about ten minutes from Ms. Como, and there's not  
23 a lot of information regarding follow-up from this  
24 allegation.

25 So Mr. Fowler, what do you want me to do today?

1           MR. FOWLER: Okay. I -- I want the protection  
2 order to be dropped. I -- it -- she says she  
3 contacted the people the 13th. First of all, if I  
4 was -- if my daughter -- if this was going on and the  
5 shoe was on the other foot, I would be here, no ifs,  
6 ands or buts, rain or shine, tornado action, I would  
7 be here, Your Honor. This is serious.

8           THE COURT: So actually, petitioner --  
9 petitioners have a legal right to appear by phone.

10          MR. FOWLER: Okay. And -- and that's fine.  
11 But also, that -- okay. If my daughter was to have  
12 told her the 8th, okay, and it -- and it took all of  
13 this time to get to it, the -- now, the day before  
14 that, I had filed with Dispute Resolution Center,  
15 Exhibit 1, the 12th. And she -- she said she didn't  
16 want to try and coparent. And this was only the  
17 discussion about, you know, the living arrangements  
18 and just trying to find some balance for my baby;  
19 okay?

20          THE COURT: So I -- I have read your  
21 paperwork. And I understand that you're disputing  
22 the allegations, and you're alleging that this  
23 protection order was brought in order, essentially,  
24 to game the system in terms of who has custody over  
25 Jordan. Is that a fair summary of what you're

1           arguing?

2                   MR. FOWLER: Yes, ma'am, and some of that was  
3           kind of like, it was just me showing that, hey, you  
4           know, it -- because this is like, it was a hit in the  
5           stomach to me. And -- because I'm a good dad. I  
6           don't hide nothing on Facebook or nothing. I'm a  
7           good daddy. I'm not just a father. I've been there  
8           for my baby. I've never missed nothing for my  
9           youngin. I take her as much as I can get her. And  
10          this is -- it's a constant struggle. And then when I  
11          try and make a -- because I knew something like this  
12          would happen if I made -- if I made the step forward.  
13          And then when I did make the step forward, here it  
14          is.

15                 And now this all goes on, and my daughter is hurt  
16           the worst out of this. My baby is hurting. She  
17           hasn't seen me for Christmas. Her -- my -- my mother  
18           lives in Florida. This is where I come from,  
19           Florida. And I moved here to be a daddy. And she --  
20           she, uh, she come here -- or she -- my mother come  
21           here for the holidays to spend Christmas break with  
22           my daughter and I for the holidays and planned it all  
23           out, and then this comes up.

24                 I know we have no control over things, but when  
25           the -- I -- the seriousness of the act -- the

1       allegations that's been made here are just starting  
2       to really be realized by the petitioner, I believe.  
3       Because these are serious. These are --

4               THE COURT: All right.

5               MR. FOWLER: -- criminal charges.

6               THE COURT: All right. So I'm going to hear  
7       again from Ms. Como on the issue of continuance.

8       Ms. Como, you've heard from Mr. Fowler, and he's  
9       provided you documents. And what -- what do you want  
10      the Court to do? Do you want me to make a decision  
11      today or delay until there's more investigation?

12              MS. COMO: I would like it to be delayed until  
13      there's more investigation.

14              THE COURT: Okay. And I'm not saying one way  
15      or another whether Mr. Fowler is correct, but  
16      sometimes people --

17              MS. COMO: Right.

18              THE COURT: -- do use the system to gain  
19      custody over children. And sometimes people do make  
20      false allegations. I am not saying --

21              MS. COMO: I know that.

22              THE COURT: -- one way or another, but that is  
23      something that is very concerning to me. I am going  
24      to make a continuance of this order for three months,  
25      and that's going to allow a full investigation. And

1 we'll see at that time what law enforcement decides  
2 what to do. We'll see -- we'll be able to see a  
3 report from Monarch. I expect to see that.

4 I'm not in charge of what evidence you provide,  
5 Ms. Como, but those reports from Monarch and reports  
6 from law enforcement and CPS are very helpful to this  
7 court. They don't always decide what I'm going to  
8 do, but they are helpful, so I highly encourage you  
9 to file things as they come in so we can have a  
10 better decision about -- about what the evidence  
11 supports. Because right now I just -- I don't have  
12 enough.

13 So I understand, whatever the situation is, it's  
14 very difficult to have these things pending, but this  
15 is a very serious allegation. And so I want to  
16 make a --

17 MS. COMO: Yeah.

18 THE COURT: -- fully informed decision.

19 I'm going to enter an order that continues this.  
20 Mr. Fowler?

21 MR. FOWLER: Yes, ma'am. And I want to know,  
22 is there a -- if these allegations -- if these  
23 allegations are proven to be false, are there  
24 consequences behind false allegations?

25 THE COURT: So you can ask the Court for

1       whatever you want to ask the Court for, and then I'll  
2       make a decision. But I can't give you advice about  
3       what your options are. You can certainly reach out  
4       to an attorney. I encourage you to do that in this  
5       situation. And you can get referrals to attorneys  
6       who practice family law, criminal law, things like  
7       that downstairs at the Clerk's Office.

8               MR. FOWLER: Okay. Yeah. I -- Your Honor, I  
9       cannot afford an attorney. I'm out on L & I with --  
10      with --

11             THE COURT: You might qualify for legal aid.  
12      And there's also what's called Moderate Means  
13      Program, which is a sliding-fee scale for attorneys.  
14      And all of those referrals can happen downstairs;  
15      okay?

16             So let me just find a good date. I want this to  
17      be on a day that I can hear it, since I've already  
18      started testimony.

19             MR. FOWLER: Okay.

20             THE COURT: And this isn't the only testimony.  
21      You'll have a chance to testify again, Ms. Como.

22             MS. COMO: Okay.

23             THE COURT: I'm just making notes for myself  
24      so I can see them the next time we come around.

25             So just a second. How about March 26th? That's a



1 Thursday. I could also -- you know what? It might  
2 be better to put this on a Friday afternoon. Those  
3 are -- those are times that are reserved for cases  
4 involving allegations of sexual assault. And then  
5 there's just less people here. These are sensitive  
6 matters.

7 How about the 27th of March? Does that work for  
8 you?

9 MS. COMO: Okay.

10 MR. FOWLER: So I won't be able to see my  
11 child in --

12 THE COURT: So if you want visitation or  
13 anything different than what the court order already  
14 sets, you can ask for it. You ask by filing a motion  
15 to modify and notifying Ms. Como about that. And the  
16 Clerk's Office can help you with that paperwork  
17 downstairs.

18 MR. FOWLER: Okay.

19 THE COURT: Okay? But right now the order  
20 does not provide for visitation.

21 MS. COMO: Your Honor?

22 THE COURT: Yes.

23 MS. COMO: I've reached out to my daughter's  
24 grandma, and I've offered for them to spend time.  
25 I'm not 100 percent opposed. At least let me get my

1 daughter to Monarch for her to see her dad, as long  
2 as I'm there. So I just -- it's a very un -- it's  
3 very uncomfortable for me, too. And I just want  
4 what's best for her. So, yes, I -- you know, I  
5 reached out to your mom. And I'm sorry it can't be  
6 under different circumstances. But it's a -- it's  
7 (indiscernible).

8 THE COURT: All right. So let's -- let's give  
9 this some time. If either of you want Mr. Fowler to  
10 have visitation, file a motion, notify the other  
11 party, and we can discuss that in more length on  
12 another day.

13 MR. FOWLER: Yes, ma'am.

14 MS. COMO: Okay.

15 THE COURT: Okay? So Ms. Como, you're not  
16 here, but I'm signing an order that just extends the  
17 temporary order of protection until March 27th at  
18 11:00 a.m. Call the Clerk's Office. Come by, get a  
19 copy of your order; okay? Because it's not going to  
20 be mailed to you or anything unless you ask.

21 MS. COMO: Okay.

22 MR. FOWLER: Can I get one, Your Honor?

23 THE COURT: Okay. So what you're going to do  
24 is sign the order up here and then go downstairs to  
25 get a copy of it. I think we make it on

1 (indiscernible) over here next to these.

2 THE CLERK: Thanks.

3 THE COURT: Okay. And then the next -- where  
4 are we? Okay. December 31st. All right. And so we  
5 can move to the next matter, then, Schaffer versus  
6 Pfenning.

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