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Superior Court of Washington, County of Kitsap

In re the parenting & support of:
Adeline Marylynn Feulner, (child)

Petitioner/s (*person/s who started this case*):
Heather Lynn Wood (mother)

And Respondent/s (*other party/parties*):
Lenard Ray Feulner (father)

No. 07-3-01713-1

Declaration of Liana White

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DECLARATION

I, Liana White, am a US citizen over the age of 18, and a resident of the State of Washington; the facts that I have provided on this form are true.

My Name is Liana White and I am writing this as a witness to the parent technique and love of Heather Woods for her daughter Adeline.

I have been a parent for over 40 years. We have 7 children of our own, Three who are biological, and four who we have adopted. My husband and I did foster care through Community Youth Services specializing in behavioral rehabilitative services of kiddos from foster care. We adopted three kids from care. We've had over 72 children come through our home. I am also a school bus driver in the Rochester school district for First Student as well as a trainer specialized in student management training for our drivers.



I met Heather as a trainee back in February and through our conversations I found that she had moved down to the Thurston County area because her daughter Adeline very much wanted to attend the program in Tumwater called Newmarket. Being unemployed Heather and Adeline both realized that they would be living in their van until they were able to procure a place to live. Heather began looking for work and heard about bus driving and applied for the Tenino yard.

During the training and through our conversations I had asked what the most difficult part was living in van and one of the things that Heather had shared was that the moving around having to find some place to stay every night and being disturbed sometimes because you didn't pick the right area and in the middle of the night you had to move. So I spoke with my husband and we have 3 ½ acres in Rochester so we offered to let them come stay at our place on our property so they wouldn't have to move their vehicle all the time.

During our time of training Heather shared a lot of experiences that she had had and the adventures she had shared with her daughter including doing amazing composting work throughout Olympia, where they'd actually use a bicycle to take compost around collecting it. She did a lot of volunteer work with Adeline at the Olympia Food Coop. She also shared the beekeeping experiences and various things and how she homeschooled Adeline and provided music lessons and art lessons and so many different wonderful experiences.

After Heather and Adeline moved to the property I was able to actually see how they interacted and Adeline was sharing all of the same experiences with me telling me the various stories Heather had shared. Heather is studying to be an herbalist and herbal medicines and things like that and Adeline was learning all of these things as well it was obvious that Heathers home schooling was very successful because Adeline is an extremely smart young lady. I believe she should, number wise be a sophomore in high school but I believe she would easily pass all entry level college testing. She is extremely smart and that is all attributed to the experiences and home schooling that Heather provided for her.

I was impressed with every conversation that we would have with Heather and Adeline. Adeline would share her excitement about the experiences that she had about the beekeeping, and the composting, and the art shows, and all the different things that they had done together. She seemed very pleased and happy with these things. It was quite enjoyable to see how an alternative nontraditional lifestyle could create such a smart, well-rounded kiddo.

Then at the beginning of July, Heather needed to take a 5-day trip to transport an old friend who was disabled to Utah to see some family and Adeline at that time had gotten a job at Great Wolf Lodge, where our daughter also works. Adeline was unable to go on the trip, so Heather asked if it would be okay for Adeline to stay and we could keep an eye on her and there was a group of us moms and relatives on a group text that was there for Adeline while Heather was gone, to make sure Adeline had all her needs met and

transportation was available and various things like that. Heather paid one of Adeline's co-workers to drive her to and from work.

It was during this time that I saw some behaviors that weren't in tune with what I had seen and experienced before Heather left. Some of these things were a lot of triangulation and lying and being sneaky. Things that were pretty obvious to me but when I brought these up to Heather, who again was on a trip, was surprised, and honestly, not wanting to believe that these things were true. Some of her statements were: "my daughter would never do that," and "no, I think you're just misunderstanding," but what I was finding is when I would call Adeline out on these behaviors by letting her know it all had to be cleared through her mom, she was very sneaky about getting around that. She was supposed to have rides set up with another girl to and from work - their schedule was supposed to be the same, as Heather had paid the girl to drive her - that girl only drove her one time. Then, she was expecting us to drive her which really wasn't a horrible thing but it was just kind of confusing because Heather had set everything up, and had it in place for her. She was supposed to check in with us if she wanted to leave, she needed to ask permission, and I would verify it with her mom. There was a time when she wanted to go to the lake with some friends and she already had it all planned, and was getting ready to leave before it was checked in on. She was wearing a swimsuit that was very questionable, and I didn't see it until she had come back. I asked Heather about it and she said "Adeline is not supposed to be wearing that anywhere." It was the smallest little swimsuit bikini bottom, and I get that some girls wear those and that's fine,

but her mother had specifically said that was not something that she was allowed to wear, and I knew this in conversations with Heather about dressing in general and that she leans pretty conservative.

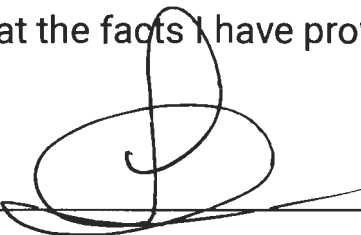
There was another occasion where she wanted to go hang out with a couple boys, and I said: "as soon as I get ahold of your mom and I clear it through your mom you can go." She then responded that the boy was already on his way, so I restated that she couldn't go until I heard from her mom. She then repeated that he's already on and my mom already said I could go with my friends, I said: "you could go with your friends, but I'm pretty sure your mom didn't mean you can go out with boys your age when we're not familiar with them." Adeline was not happy with that, and again she did a lot of triangulation between Heather and I to get around it. Heather then messaged me to say she had talked to Adeline and it was okay for her to go with the 2 boys as they were going to go look at a car and she would be back in about 45 min to an hour. This would have her back home about 945pm but she did not return till after 11:00 PM.

And it got to the point where I didn't really want having her in the house anymore while Heather was gone she was supposed to be staying in their home on the property but she spent every night in my daughter's room my daughter Addison had asked me to give her the 'mom-out' because on a couple of occasions Adeline was real pushy with Addison to try to get her to do things that she wasn't comfortable with, so I would have to step in, at Addison's request, to get Adeline to back down. When she would be in the house she would create a lot of conflict between my three children at the

house and mind you all three of my children come from foster care and have lots of trauma and Addison in particular suffers from FAS and ADHD and some severe anxiety and depression, so it doesn't take a lot to get her off track. When Heather came home, we had conversations through text prior to her getting back about things that have been going on. Heather was extremely defensive and literally would not hear what I had to say because she would not believe that Adeline was capable of these types of behaviors. Adeline had made me out to seem like I was some sort of horrible, horrible person, and how strict I was and mean, and I was the absolute villain while Heather was gone.

Then Heather started to read some of Adeline's phone messages and Instagram and was finding things out that weren't OK.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the facts I have provided are true.

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Signed at (city and state): Rochester, WA

Date: 8-27-23

Person making this motion signs here _____ Print name here:

Liana White