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Superior Court of Washington
County of Kitsap

In re:

Petitioner
Lenard Feulner

Respondent
Heather Wood

No. 07-3-01713-1

Declaration of Lenard Feulner

(Optional Use)
(DCLR)

I helped Adeline to file a Petition for Emancipation, the hearing on that is scheduled for September 19, 2023. A restraining order will not be necessary if the court grants the emancipation. I suggest that his hearing be continued until after the 19th and that if the court grants the emancipation that the hearing be stricken. The reason I asked the court for an order was because I received a call from Adeline on the evening of July 20, 2023. She told me that her mom had tricked her into going to the hospital and having her drug tested. Adeline lost any trust she had in her mom and refused to leave with her. She asked me to come and pick her up. Adeline read me the messages her mother sent to her. I figured that her mother either couldn't or didn't want to deal with Adeline any longer. The next day I took Adeline to get her belongings from her mother. When we arrived all the vehicles were removed and the only thing there was a tote with Adeline's clothing in it.

I talked to the clerk at the courthouse regarding what action I should take if

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Adeline's mother didn't want to care for her any longer. We explained that Adeline's mother had left and we didn't know where to find her. The clerk suggested that we file a restraining order, so that is what we did. I took the order to the Thurston County Sheriff's Office, and they served the order. Adeline and I showed up at the hearing, I wasn't even sure if Heather would be there after the messages she had sent to Adeline. Heather was overly dramatic after the court made a ruling. I was told by the security people (I am unsure if they were sheriffs) to wait where I was. So, while Heather was acting ridiculous, and Adeline was crying I was stuck just standing where I had been told to stand.

I was told that we would be going back into the courthouse. At the second hearing the judge ordered that Adeline remain in my care and that we would have a further hearing on September 1, 2023. I was relieved that I would not have to send Adeline with her mother, especially given her behavior in the courthouse.

In 2008 I tried to get a parenting plan that granted me regular visitation. Heather made a lot of allegations including trying to say that I molested our daughter. The allegations, including the molestation allegation were unfounded. Heather repeats lies to herself enough times that it eventually becomes her truth. She repeats the lies to anyone that will listen. It comes down to Heather's need to control things, control of the narrative, control of people. Ultimately, I stopped pursuing the parenting plan and agreed to any visitation that Heather would allow. I have maintained regular contact which increased as Adeline got older.

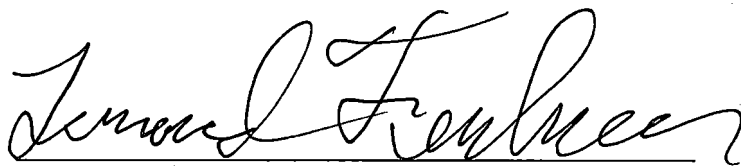
I was staying in an RV on my mother's property. I have moved into a tent on my mother's property to allow Adeline the opportunity to live in the RV. The RV has power and water hook up (though she tends to go to her grandmother's house to use the

facilities). She has air conditioning and heat for the winter. Adeline can stay at her grandmother's house and or the RV for as long as she wants. Adeline is more than capable of taking care of herself and being in charge of the direction her life is taking. Adeline plans to go back to the New Market School to complete her high school diploma and I am encouraging her to do that.

I do not know who Jim Wilson is, I do not recall working with him at St. Vincent DePaul. I have never chopped off my thumb, and I don't know where that story came from.

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

Signed at Bremerton, WA on August 28, 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lenard Feulner", written over a horizontal line.

Lenard Feulner

Signature of Declarant