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Superior Court of Washington, County of PIERCE

In re the parenting and support of:

Minor Children:

MAKAIL AGOSTO

MICHAEL BRAYLOCK-AGOSTO

MI-EIRIE AGOSTO

No. 24-3-02379-7

Declaration of:

(name): MAUREEN

PARKER

(DCLR)

Petitioner:

AURAJHIA BAILEY

And Respondent:

MICHAEL JAVON AGOSTO

1. I am (age): 68 years old and I am Aurajhia's maternal grandmother.

2. I declare:

I allowed Michael and Aurajhia to live with me for years at a time because they needed somewhere to live.

Michael has a serious anger management problem. Numerous times, he got in my face calling me all sorts of names. He threw things in my direction and in my granddaughter's direction and broke dishes. When the police were called because Michael had strangled Aurajhia on one occasion, he hit himself on the head with a frying pan albeit with insufficient force to cause visible injury. Michael grabbed Aurajhia by her hair when "she did not listen" and then pushed her into

1 walls and furniture by her throat. Numerous times, I saw red marks on her throat despite
2 Aurajhia's efforts to cover for him. There were arguments in the room the two shared that were so
3 noisy (evidencing violence), I demanded that they both exit the room so that I could verify that
4 Aurajhia was okay. When in one of his moods, Michael is absolutely out of control.

5 Although I try to not call the police and keep our internal business inside the home, the
6 police were called on at least 2 occasions. On one occasion, he was on a rampage and punched
7 the door with sufficient force to crack it. On another occasion, Michael came up behind me and
8 called me a bitch and inquired if I thought him a nigger and menaced me.

9 Control over Aurajhia was important to him. He sought to separate her from her family to
10 isolate her. I was necessary because I provided free housing. For me, I understood that denying
11 them a home would mean that my grandchildren and granddaughter would be homeless with a
12 violent, irresponsible, and reckless man.

13 In addition to the violence, Michael did drugs. I found wrappers with white stuff inside. His
14 drugs of choice were marijuana and cocaine.

15 Michael never maintained any sustained employment with any one employer; he quit or was
16 fired a lot. When fired at Safeway and he demanded that he receive his check right away and
17 would coming to get it. In response, the Safeway manager told him that his check was not there at
18 the store at which point Michael threatened to come to the store that day to confront them. The
19 manager then stated that he would be arrested for trespass if he attempted to come to the store.
20 Angry, Michael upon getting off the phone, hit my refrigerator with sufficient force to cause himself
21 significant harm; we feared that his hand was broken as the bruises became apparent quickly
22 thereafter. This happened in front of the children.

23 Although physical abuse never fell upon the children, he was psychologically abusive. He
24 ignored them a lot. My home is an older home so there are insufficient vents to keep the entire

1 home heated in the winter without keeping doors open to allow hot air circulate. As such, we
2 sought keep the boy's bedroom door open to allow them access to heat from the nearby vent.
3 Despite this, Michael insisted that the boys' room remain closed at night (above my many
4 objections) which meant that the boys went to sleep in a very cold room; he then closed the door
5 tight so the boys could not exit room to get heat or to cry out for their parents. When Aurajhia and
6 Michael moved into an apartment of their own but without air conditioning, Michael refused to
7 allow the windows in the boys' rooms to be open which meant that they had to endure severe heat
8 throughout the day and throughout the night. Even as the boys were sweating profusely and
9 crying therefrom, Michael did not relent in his decision that the windows and doors needed to be
10 locked. At one point, he did not allow Aurajhia to leave the apartment (with windows and doors
11 closed), making her endure the heat and because he ordered her to remain in the home. It was
12 the level of cruelty and absolute lack of empathy that surprised me.

13 Aurajhia was the only available and healthy parent. She is a good mom. She puts her
14 children first and provides for their daily needs; she struggles financially but puts the children's
15 needs above her own. Aurajhia's interactions with her children are loving, kind, and appropriate.
16 She has worked to given them access to their father but he is not ready to put the children before
17 himself. The children come to Aurajhia with their heartfelt concerns, needs, and questions
18 because she is emotionally available to them. During the times that two lived with me, Aurajhia
19 was carrying the lion's share of child rearing duties. Even when Aurajhia worked and the children
20 were at home with Michael, I was often caring for them, tending to their meals and interacting with
21 them. Sometimes, in fact, he loaded the children in the car to go stalk Aurajhia (sitting and
22 glaring/staring at Aurajhia from a distance away based upon illogical fears that she may be having
23 an affair) while she worked which led to her being let go from at least one job.

24 I am glad that Aurajhia has taken this step to separate herself from Michael.

1 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the facts I have
2 provided on this form (and any attachments) are true.

3 Signed at (city and state): TACOMA, WA Date: 10/15/24

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5 Sign here

6 Maureen Parker
7 Print name