

The Continuing Saga to Free Jasmijn - 5/5/2017

Jasmijn's father passes away from brain cancer: Jasmijn's estranged uncle Chris gets full custody of Jasmijn from Judge Simmons in Marin County Probate Court!

The rollercoaster ride through the HELL of Marin County Superior Court continues:

Many developments have taken place since November 2016, which I did not share publicly, in order to protect Jasmijn and her paternal family during the very difficult time that was unfolding. However, since Dave H's friends have already spread the news of Dave H's death all over the internet, I find it only fair to share this news with you, the reader, as well, and describe the events that have unfolded since November 2016.

Once I found out that Dave H was seriously ill in November, I subpoenaed his medical records and filed a Motion for Modification of Custody. During the following months, despite extreme resistance of Dave's attorneys Kelly Reiter and Steve Duditch, I finally got Judge Adams to do an "in-camera" review of Dave H's medical records. During the April 4, 2017, hearing, she shared his terminal diagnosis with me and then placed a gag order on me. She did not put any orders in place to insure that Jasmine's interests were protected, might Dave H unexpectedly pass, despite my frequent requests to do so.

I made two formal proposals to Dave H and attorney Reiter to try and resolve the matter out of court, to relieve stress for everyone involved. Both were rejected.

So the hearing regarding my Motion for Modification of Custody was set for May 3, 2017. However, on April 30, 2017, Dave H passed away. I immediately filed an ex-parte Motion for Modification of Custody to be heard on May 2nd. However, Judge Adams had to abate (abandon) the case due to Dave's passing. And again, she left Jasmine hanging. This time without anyone having any custody of her in the United States.

As it turns out, in October 2016, Dave H signed off guardianship of Jasmine to his brother Chris H, from Hastings on Hudson in New York. They all finagled this without an order from the Court and of course without telling me. They even went as far as to appoint an attorney to 13-year old Jasmijn: Ms. Gretchen Rubel.

On May 1, 2017, Ms. Rubel then filed her own ex-parte motion to be heard on May 4th, supposedly on behalf of Jasmijn, petitioning Judge Simmons in Marin County Probate Court for Jasmijn to be placed in full custody of Chris and to terminate my parental rights.

I would like the reader to realize, that I still have Sole Legal and Physical custody of Jasmijn in The Netherlands. Also, Jasmijn has no relationship with her uncle Chris. The entire 10 years that I raised her, he never called, visited, sent a letter, a birthday gift or Christmas gift: nothing. He was entirely absent from her life. He only came around when Dave H became terminally ill. Jasmijn meanwhile, shared on Skype with me, that she doesn't really know her uncle, that he irritates her, and that she doesn't like the way he parents his daughter.

Here is what should have happened May 4th, during the Probate hearing: since I still have Sole Legal and Physical Custody of Jasmijn in The Netherlands and since she is Dutch, Judge Simmons should have contacted The Hague Court to transfer jurisdiction of Jasmijn to The Netherlands. According to American and Dutch Law, the surviving parent is automatically granted full custody when the other parent dies.

But we all know that Marin County Superior Court is a child trafficking hub. So you can already guess what happened on May 4th: Judge Simmons granted full Temporary Custody of Jasmijn to her estranged uncle Chris H, and she granted me one last Skype session. After that: no more contact. On June 19 there is another hearing, because Chris wants permanent custody.

Jasmijn meanwhile, thinks she is going to stay in Marin County, because she wants to stay close to her friends, which is understandable for any 13-year old who cannot oversee the consequences of her situation. What she doesn't realize, however, is that uncle Chris is most probably only going to pretend to move to Marin County until he gets custody on June 19, 2017 (lease or buy a temporary place). After all, he and his wife Jody both have full-time jobs in New York, they have lived there forever, their 10-year old daughter is rooted there, plus they own a house there. It's highly unlikely they are all going to completely overhaul their entire lives, just so Jasmijn can be close to her friends in Marin.

Either way, child trafficking runs in the family.

Jasmijn, remember, you have a say in this matter now. You need to really think about what is happening and think for yourself. If this is really what you want, I will respect your choice. If this is not what you want, you better let your voice be heard, before it is too late. I understand that you are grieving the loss of your father and that this is a VERY difficult time for you, but you really need to think this through with a clear head. Also, you need to realize that your attorney Ms. Rubel is submitting declarations to Judge Simmons that are supposedly written by you, that are full of AWFUL lies. So, the only thing you can do now, is to make sure you are actually physically present in the court room again on June 19th, and then clearly say what you want... And, if this is what you really want, I hope you will be happy, because that is all I care about. I LOVE YOU! <3

Meanwhile, Team Free Jasmijn now includes The United Nations and of course we're moving full steam ahead! Stay tuned...

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