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**SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
FOR THE COUNTY OF KING**

Mathew W Ralidak 6/12/1986
Petitioner Date of Birth
Vs
Veronika E. Goodnight 2/15/1982
Respondent Date of Birth

No. 25-2-11308-6 SEA

DECLARATION OF MATHEW RALIDAK,
RESPONDENT

13 I am over 18 years of age and am the Respondent.

14 I declare:

- 15 1. I filed my petition for protection on April 11th and the court signed a temporary order on
16 the same day. Respondent was informed by the Sheriff on April 12th that there was a
17 protection order in place. She was personally served with a copy on April 17th. Our three
18 children are included in the protection order.
- 19 2. Since I filed my petition, I obtained reports from all three therapists that see the children,
20 each child has their own therapist, CPS reports, and police reports. These have been filed
21 under Seal for the court's review.
- 22 3. I am gravely concerned about the physical safety of my children and the emotional and
23 psychological harm that the actions of the Respondent are causing. Recent events and the
24 notes from two therapists document emotional manipulation, physical harm, threat of
25 harm, verbal abuse, and allowing unwanted physical touch by "grandpa" perpetuated by

1 the Respondent. *See therapist reports filed under Seal.* Veronika admitted she used
2 corporal punishment and told our daughter, "to get the f** out." *RGR report, p. 4.* The
3 therapist provided parental strategies to help RGR with her behavior challenges and sense
4 of emotional chaos, but Veronika disagreed with the assessment and was unwilling to
5 implement the interventions. *Id., p. 5* Both therapists reported the children were physically
6 and verbally abused by mom, feared her, that Veronika and Colin fight a lot and noted that
7 without improvements in stability and structure across both homes, RGR and AGR will
8 continue to escalate.

9 4. The children are living in fear of having to return to their mom's house and what
10 retaliation they will face. They have expressed on several occasions in the last few weeks
11 that they are afraid of what she [mom] will do and RGR fears she will get hit again. I fear
12 for the well-being of our children should they be required to return to visitation with their
13 mom without protection in place. The children do not feel safe there. RGR's therapist
14 reported that Veronika's fiancé's children threatened to throw RGR off their balcony. All
15 the children were present when this was said, and were frightened, especially when the
16 adults brushed the comment off with laughter. Our daughter would like Moncia to help
17 with school events but is afraid of repercussions from her mom.

18 5. CPS was called twice in the last few months by two different third-party mandatory
19 reporters. *See CPS reports filed under Seal.* A child's therapist called CPS after the child
20 disclosed their living situation (going to live in an RV without heat or water) and being
21 asked by her mom to kiss an older man, whom she had to call "grandpa" on the lips. Then
22 a teacher called CPS after our youngest daughter, RGR, disclosed that she was slapped,
23 pushed against the wall, and spanked by her mom the night before. *See CPS report page 2*
24 *filed under Seal.* Since the temporary order has been in place, events continue so that I am
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1 gravely concerned for the physical safety of my children and the emotional and
2 psychological harm that the actions of the Respondent are causing.

- 3 6. My initial reason for bringing this request for a protection order was for fear of my safety
4 after an incident with Veronika and her fiancée at the children's school. As stated in my
5 petition, while waiting for the children in the pick-up line at school, both Veronika and her
6 fiancé, Colin, approached my car. Veronika began yelling at me and making gestures
7 while Colin stood a few feet away. I was sandwiched between two other cars and had
8 nowhere to go. Veronika stood in my car window and continued to yell.
- 9 7. Per our current parenting plan, Veronika is only to communicate with me via Talking
10 Parents. She violated this provision.
- 11 8. During the exchange with her and Colin, he walked around the back of my car, stood in
12 front of my driver's side window and made a gun sign while staring directly at me. *See*
13 *photos from the video footage attached as Ex. A & CPS report p. 5*. Note that I am driving
14 the white SUV, Colin is wearing a brown sweatshirt, and Veronika is wearing white pants.
- 15 9. I know Colin has guns and I felt this gesture was intentionally done to provoke fear. The
16 children have all said that Colin is aggressive. He continued to stand outside of my car
17 even after Veronika went back into the school. There was no reason for him to be
18 anywhere near my vehicle after she left. I felt very intimidated and overwhelmed in the
19 moment. I felt threatened and nervous for my life. I do not know this man well enough to
20 trust his intentions and Veronika did nothing to try to deescalate the situation. She has
21 previously threatened me and I do not know if she would encourage her partner to harm
22 me. This person has been led to believe that I am an abuser, that I am a rapist, and that I
23 am a monster. I am none of those things, but the continued narrative after 7 years of
24 separation and over 5 years of living apart that I am, puts me in danger of retaliation. I
25 believe Ms. Goodnight is hoping for my demise.

1 10. The initial sheriff report, which I filed under Seal, stated, "it did not appear that [Colin]
2 Derieg or Goodnight make any threatening gestures" that was written before my follow up
3 call with the sheriff, and review and submission of the video footage from the school
4 documenting Colin giving me the gun sign.

5 **Other Incidents**

6 11. Third-Party Contact. The temporary DVPO states there is to be no contact, specifically
7 with the children by Veronika or through third-parties. Since receiving the Order, third-
8 party friends of Veronika's have been attending the children's events, for the first time. On
9 April 17th, the couple who allegedly is giving Veronika a trailer for her and the children to
10 live in, the Solberg's, showed up at our daughter's, EGR, softball practice. They have
11 never come to any practice or game for any of the children in the past. Our daughter's
12 friend's dad, David, was also at her practice, which was highly unusual since his daughter
13 does not play softball. We found out afterwards that Veronika told him to be there.

14 12. After EGR's practice was done, I took her to our son's game. The older couple, the
15 Solberg's, were also there. I do not know how they knew the date, location, or time of our
16 children's events unless Veronika told them. The wife tried to engage in conversation
17 with our daughter during our son's game. Contact via a third-party is in violation of the
18 temporary order.

19 13. The Solberg's were at our daughter's softball game in North Bend again on Monday, April
20 21st and again at our son's baseball game in Carnation on Tuesday, April 22nd. Each time
21 they try and engage with the other children not participating in the sport. The children are
22 confused by their attendance and mention every time they see them.

23 14. Surveillance. I recently found out that while we were out of town, around the first week in
24 March, Veronika drove to our house with all of the children, parked just outside of the
25 camera range, and drilled the children with questions like, where do you enter the house?

1 She then told the children that my wife, Monica, "stole this house from me" and "Monica
2 stole this house, my money, my life" and she would do whatever she needed to do to get it
3 back. Monica and I bought the house together many years after my separation and
4 Veronika never lived there. All three children expressed concern that their mom would just
5 "show up" at the house on several occasions. RGR stated, "I do not want her to come
6 here." Now, every time a delivery person comes to the house, the children panic. They
7 have been taught by Veronika that they cannot share what mom does because they will get
8 mom in trouble, and in turn, they will be in trouble.

9 15. Our youngest daughter, RGR, had a therapy appointment on March 27th. The appointment
10 was during my residential time so Monica drove her to her appointment. When they
11 arrived, she noticed Veronika's van parked outside of the building in plain sight. She was
12 hoping RGR did not notice, but she did. She began to panic and said, she did not trust the
13 therapist anymore because she thought she told her mom about the appointment. It took a
14 little bit to get her calmed enough that she went into her session. There was no reason for
15 Veronika to be there but to intimidate our daughter. Mat had to call the therapist to make
16 sure Veronika was not in there. The therapist confirmed she was not in the building, and
17 told Monica to pull up in front of the building, and she would meet them outside. *See*
18 *therapist notes filed under Seal*. RGR asked Monica to stay with her during that session.

19 16. Both girls have made concerning statements about Veronika's fiancé. One said she is
20 afraid of him because he gets drunk and angry a lot while the other said he hit her.

21 17. Petitioner's Pattern of Behavior. The respondent will use her time to claim that she is in
22 fact the victim and will attempt to villainize me. This is a tactic that she has used
23 repeatedly to try and isolate me from the community, destroy my employment
24 opportunities, and maintain control over my life. Her narrative that she had to flee my
25 home in fear was found to be without basis during our CIR trial, as is every claim she has

1 made against me. She will use character witnesses to collaborate her narrative of my
2 alleged abuse towards her, all of which is hearsay and based on Veronika's unfounded
3 allegations and continued slander. Our interactions show that the harassment is initiated by
4 her. I am continually on the receiving end of rageful, hostile messages and accusations all
5 the while she is dragging my name through the mud and lying about me on social media
6 and to people in the community. The gravity of the obsession to do me harm is detrimental
7 to my mental health and the mental health of my children and wife. Veronika has shown
8 up at my church under the guise of watching our children rehearse a play but used her time
9 to try and slander me to members of my community. She has messaged members of my
10 church friends, including the pastor, telling them not to trust myself or my wife. She has
11 reached out to parents whose children have had play dates and birthday parties at my home
12 to tell them I am a monster. She created a false narrative that I cheated on my wife to
13 destroy my relationship with her. She alleged that I cheated during my relationship with
14 her to paint me as a serial cheater. I am not. She has reached out to my brother-in-law and
15 father-in-law to slander me. She has attempted to isolate me and influence the community
16 against me. This has been going on since 2020 when Veronika moved out of my home and
17 increased in escalation once she was aware of my new relationship. There is no such
18 abusive pattern that can be found from me towards her.

19 18. She attempted to file a protection order against me in 2020 but was denied as there was no
20 supporting evidence.

21 19. The witness statements should not be considered as they come from curated moments and
22 many of these people have spent little to no time with the children.

23 20. She is always the aggressor.
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1 21. Pattern of psychological abuse. The kids are used as pawns in her abuse against me and
2 there is no care to how it affects their mental health. They are all showing severe mental
3 health trauma.
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6 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the facts I have provided
on this form (and any attachments) are true. [X] I have attached (*number*): 10 pages.

7 Signed at (*city and state*): Duvall, WA Date: 4/24/25

8 /s/ Mathew Ralidak Mathew Ralidak
9 *Sign here* *Print name*

10 **Warning!** Documents filed with the court are available for anyone to see unless they are sealed. Financial, medical, and
11 confidential reports, as described in General Rule 22, **must** be sealed so they can only be seen by the court, the other party, and
the lawyers in your case. Seal those documents by filing them separately, using a *Sealed* cover sheet (form FL All Family 011,
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