

Superior _____ Court of Washington, County of King _____

Mathew W. Ralidak _____ 06/12/1986_____
Petitioner DOB

v.

Colin Derieg _____ 01/27/1971_____
Respondent DOB

No.25-2-11317-5 SEA

Declaration of
Colin M. Derieg _____ (Name)
(DCLR)

This declaration is made by:

Name: Colin Derieg _____

Age: 54 _____

Relationship to the parties in this action: Fiancé to Veronika Goodnight _____

I declare,

I am the fiancé of Veronika Goodnight and the stepfather to her three children. I am also a licensed chiropractic physician in the state of Washington. I was Mathew Ralidak's chiropractor for approximately three years when he and Veronika Goodnight were together. I provided care to him without incident and never had any interpersonal issues or confrontations with him. I am shocked by his accusations, as they are entirely false and deeply damaging.

On April 4th, 2025, I accompanied Veronika to the elementary school to support her son Aidan in assembly recognition. Mathew was not present to see Aidan get his reward, nor see his daughter, Elora, sing in choir. Veronika had to leave abruptly as she received a call from the CPS worker, Gracie that has been in communication with her. I watched Veronika calmly walk up to Mathew's car in the pickup line and knock on the window, as he rolled up the back window she asked, "What's wrong with your front window?" He proceeded to ignore the question. Veronika asked calmly if Mathew had any concerns with Veronika and their children moving to a new RV on a farm near the children's school. He deflected the question and she responded, "If you have any concerns, please just message me on talkingparents." Mathew then started to

spout off unnecessary information to which Veronika calmly asked Mathew "did you call CPS on me?" Mathew again deflected the question and so Veronika just walked away so she could go hug Aidan. At no time did I speak to Mathew, make any threats, or engage in any aggressive behavior. I was walking to my truck when I noticed Mathew filming me. I did not approach his vehicle, and I absolutely did not reach for, or give any appearance of reaching for, a weapon. I do own firearms and I have surrendered them. I am a hunter and certified in gun safety. I have never discussed hunting with Mat's brother in law as I have never met him or know who he is. The claim that I made any threatening statements about weapons is a complete fabrication. The schools security footage was reviewed by administrators and confirms that there was no threatening or inappropriate behavior from me or Veronika during the incident in question. I am deeply concerned that Mathew making these statements in an attempt to alienate Veronika from her children and to exclude me from their lives, despite my positive, safe, and caring role in their upbringing. I have always conducted myself with integrity and professionalism, both in my medical practice and in my family life. I have also served as a consistent healthcare provider for Veronika's children. As their stepfather and licensed chiropractic physician, I have supported their physical and emotional well-being with regular chiropractic care, especially during periods of stress, anxiety, and physical discomfort. My involvement has provided stability and continuity of care in their lives. The children know me as both a trusted parent figure and a healthcare provider for the last 8 years and my presence has always been nurturing, safe, and positively integrated into their daily routines.

I also want to note that over the past three years of our relationship, I have witnessed Veronika courageously endure and respond to ongoing legal harassment and emotional abuse from Mathew despite her many efforts of peace. It has been relentless. This pattern of false accusations, manipulation of systems and interference in the children's stability is deeply damaging. It is not a sustainable or healthy way for anyone--- especially young children --- to live. I am speaking up now because I have seen firsthand the toll this has taken on Veronika and the kids, and I believe it must stop.

(Attach additional single-sided pages if necessary and number them. Use form PO 010, Statement.)

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct. [] I have attached (number of pages) 3 pages.

Signed at (City) Bellevue (State) WA on (Date) 4/17/25
[Signature] COLIN DERISE
Signature of Declarant Print or Type Name