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ALAN CARLSON, Clerk of the Court

BY: *JL*
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RE: Montrief/Munoz

Case No.: 14P001222

Dear Ms. Brace and Mr. Hunter:

As counsel are aware I issued a report in this matter dated May 29, 2015 that contained recommendations for a phase-like plan for increasing visitation between the minor children and father, Michael Montrief. In addition, a recommendation for continued co-parent counseling as well as follow-up with the pediatrician and individual counseling for father with Dr. Novick continue in support of the overall plan. Lastly, a review was recommended prior to each phase relative to the rate and pace of progression and establishment of the specific nature and format of each stage based upon current data.

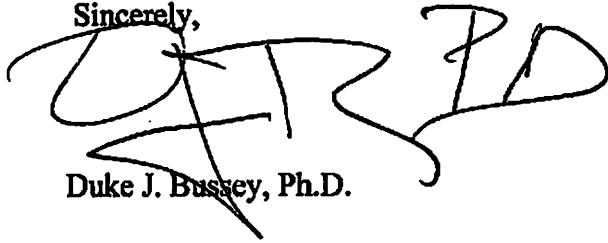
I subsequently received an order of September 25, 2015, in which I was directed to review the records of Dr. Alexis Meshi, a psychiatrist that had seen Michael Montrief previously. After review of such records I was directed to update my report if necessary and to inform the court and counsel whether or not my May 2015 report would be updated prior to the December 14 and 16 hearing dates.

I received Dr. Meshi's records on October 5, 2015 directly from Dr. Meshi's office. I have reviewed them and have determined that there is no additional definitive data contained in those records that would alter my recommendations as contained in the May 29, 2015 report. Further, I was made aware by father in July, via email, that he has engaged the services of Dr. Ellis Schweid, a psychiatrist. I was contacted by Dr. Schweid, initially on July 23, 2015. I followed up with Dr. Schweid again on November 11, 2015. Dr. Schweid indicates that since my conversation with him in July he has seen Michael Montrief on two occasions, on August 17th and again on September 30th. Dr. Schweid describes Mr. Montrief's diagnosis as an Adjustment Disorder with Mixed Features. He has continued him on Ativan. He also sees him as stable emotionally and able to parent the children well from a psychiatric standpoint and does not see him as a risk to the children psychiatrically. The information obtained from Dr. Schweid does not contraindicate the implementation of the plan as contained in my May 29, 2015 report. It is however my recommendation that Mr. Montrief continue to see Dr. Schweid as needed, approximately every 2 months according to Dr. Schweid. I am also aware that Mr. Montrief continues to see Dr. Novick as he had before. As I mentioned in my report previously, I suggested that Mr. Montrief continue in his own individual counseling with Dr. Novick, his treating psychologist.

Based upon this information, I will not be issuing an updated report. I do make myself available for the recommended reviews of the phases as they become implemented. I have not had contact with either party since issuance of my report and I am unaware of the status of the case in that regard.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to assist this family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Bussey, Ph.D.", written in a cursive style.

Duke J. Bussey, Ph.D.

Licensed Psychologist

Cc: The Honorable Erick Larsh
Orange County Superior Court, Dept L52
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