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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF ORANGE**
341 City Drive South, Orange, California 92868

INTERIM REVIEW REPORT

<u>Hearing Date</u>	<u>Hearing Time</u>	<u>Dept./Room</u>	<u>Hearing Type/Subtype</u>
10/09/2020	08:30 a.m.	L32	Special/Interim

IN THE MATTER OF

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Court Number</u>
Athena Montrief	05/15/2009	11	F	19DP0637
Solana Montrief	06/01/2012	8	F	19DP0638
Lucia Montrief	05/27/2013	7	F	19DP0639
Dahlia Cora Montrief	05/27/2013	7	F	19DP0640

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

Existing Orders Remain in Effect.

CHILDREN'S WHEREABOUTS

The children are placed with their mother, Bliss Munoz Bailey, under Family Maintenance

PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIANS**Name/****Birthdate**

Bliss Munoz

04/06/1983

Address/**Phone**

Confidential

Relationship/**To Whom**

Mother/

Athena

Solana

Lucia

Dahlia C.

Michael Montrief

07/27/1979

PO Box 778

Capistrano Beach, CA 92624

(949) 629-8888

Father

(Presumed)/

Athena

Solana

Lucia

Dahlia C.

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT STATUS

On May 22, 2019, the Juvenile Court found that the Indian Child Welfare Act does not apply.

LEGAL HISTORY**300 WIC Subsection(s)**

(b) Failure to Protect; (c) emotional abuse; (j) sibling at risk

Initial RemovalAthena – Non Custody
Solana – Non Custody
Dahlia – Non Custody
Lucia – Non Custody**Initial Detention Order**Athena - 05/22/2019
Solana - 05/22/2019
Dahlia - 05/22/2019
Lucia - 05/22/2019**Initial Jurisdiction Finding**Athena - 07/30/2019
Solana - 07/30/2019
Dahlia - 07/30/2019
Lucia - 07/30/2019**Initial Disposition Order**Athena - 11/25/2019
Solana - 11/25/2019
Dahlia - 11/25/2019
Lucia - 11/25/2019**Initial 364 FM Review**Athena - 05/13/2020
Solana - 05/13/2020
Dahlia - 05/13/2020
Lucia - 05/13/2020**Second 364 FM Review**

Not Applicable

Initial 366.21(e) – 6 Month FR**Review**
Not Applicable**Initial 366.21(f) – 12 Month FR****Review**
Not Applicable**Initial 366.22 – 18 Month FR****Review**
Not Applicable**Initial 366.25 – 24 Month/PP Review**

Not Applicable

Initial 366.3 PP Review

Not Applicable

Initial NMD Review

Not Applicable

FR Services Terminated

Not Applicable

Non-Reunification Ordered

Not Applicable

Initial Permanent Plan: Type/ Date Ordered

Not Applicable

Current Permanent Plan: Type/ Date Ordered

Not Applicable

Additional Legal History

THE PETITION SUSTAINED ON BEHALF OF THE CHILDREN ALLEGED:

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THE MOTHER'S HOUSE AND ASKS AND ENCOURAGES THE CHILD TO LIE ABOUT THE MOTHER.

THE CHILD, ATHENA MONTRIEF HAS BEEN UNDER THE CARE OF A PSYCHIATRIST SINCE JANUARY 2018. THE CHILD HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVE DISORDER (ADHD), ANXIETY, AND DEPRESSION. THE CHILD HAS BEEN PRESCRIBED A STIMULANT FOR HER ADHD AND ZOLOFT, AN ANTIDEPRESSANT. THE CHILD'S PSYCHIATRIST OPINED THAT THERE WAS A REASON THAT THE FATHER DID NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE CHILD'S MEDICATION, AND THAT IT WAS A SAFETY CONCERN. THE CHILD MISSED HER PSYCHIATRIC APPOINTMENT IN APRIL 2019 DUE TO THE FATHER NOT RETURNING THE CHILD TO THE MOTHER'S CUSTODY. ACCORDING TO THE PSYCHIATRIST, THE FATHER IS BEING EXTREMELY ABUSIVE TO THE CHILD AND CAUSING HER TO LOSE HER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MOTHER. FURTHER, THE PSYCHIATRIST IS CONCERNED THAT THE CHILD'S BEHAVIORS WILL WORSEN, AS THE FATHER DOES NOT ENFORCE THE CHILD ATTENDING SCHOOL AND IS NOT FOLLOWING COURT ORDERS. THE CHILD'S SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST, MS. MOSSA OPINED THAT THE FATHER IS EMOTIONALLY ABUSING THE CHILD BY COACHING THE CHILD TO SAY THAT THE MOTHER IS ABUSING HER.

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THE CHILD, ATHENA MONTRIEF, REPORTED THAT THE MOTHER, BLISS MUNOZ, AND OTHER PEOPLE IN THE MOTHER'S HOME ARE MEAN TO HER. THE CHILD HAS NOT PROVIDED ANY SPECIFIC DETAILS OF ABUSE. THE FATHER SELF-REPORTED WHILE AT THE HOSPITAL, THE CHILD, ATHENA, BEGAN DISCLOSING INFORMATION TO HIM, BUT STOPPED, SO HE TOLD HER "IF YOU DON'T TELL ME I'M NOT TAKING YOU TO UNIVERSAL STUDIOS FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY," AFTER WHICH THE CHILD TOLD HIM THAT SHE HAD BEEN HALLUCINATING AND SEEING SPIKERS AND VAMPIRES AT THE MOTHER'S HOME. THE FATHER EXPRESSED THAT THE CHILD WAS GOING TO DO

ANOTHER "SHOW" ON FRIDAY MORNING WHEN HE WAS TO DROP HER OFF AT SCHOOL.

THE CHILDREN, SOLANA, DAHLIA, AND LUCIA MONTRIEF, HAVE SUFFERED SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DAMAGE AND/OR ARE AT RISK OF SUFFERING SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DAMAGE. DURING THE OCTOBER 2018 CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATION, THE CHILDREN, SOLANA, DAHLIA, AND LUCIA, EXPRESSED NO CONCERNS REGARDING ANY ABUSE IN THE MOTHER'S HOME OR BY MATERNAL RELATIVES. IN FEBRUARY 2019, THE CHILD FATHER REPORTED TOOK THE CHILD, DAHLIA, TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM. LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONDED AND THE CHILD, DAHLIA, DENIED ANY SEXUAL ABUSE. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE CHILD, DAHLIA'S BEHAVIOR, HER EYES DARTING BACK AND FORTH AND SHAKING, OCCURRED PRIOR TO THE CUSTODY EXCHANGE AND THE CHILD WAS HAVING A STRESS REACTION TO THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE PARENTS. SINCE THEN, DAHLIA AND LUCIA, HAVE MADE SOME NON-SPECIFIC COMMENTS ABOUT THE MOTHER AND PEOPLE IN THE MOTHER'S HOME BEING MEAN. THE CHILDREN, DAHLIA AND LUCIA, HAVE REPORTED THAT THE MOTHER, BLISS MUNOZ, IS MEAN, BUT COULD NOT PROVIDE ANY DETAILS OF HOW THE MOTHER IS MEAN OR ABUSES THEM. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FATHER EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE ALLEGED ABUSES HE BELIEVES ARE OCCURRING AT THE MOTHER'S HOME, THE FATHER CONTINUES TO RETURN THE CHILDREN, SOLANA, DAHLIA, AND LUCIA, TO THE MOTHER'S CARE, AND ONLY WITHHOLDS THE CHILD, ATHENA.

THE MOTHER, BLISS MUNOZ, AND THE FATHER, MICHAEL R. MONTRIEF, JR., HAVE A HISTORY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. THE MOTHER REPORTED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WITH THE FATHER IN 2014, WHICH OCCURRED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE CHILDREN. AT THAT TIME, THE CHILD, ATHENA, REPORTED OBSERVING THE PARENTS YELL AT EACH OTHER AND THE FATHER THROWING AND KICKING ITEMS IN THE HOME. THE FATHER DENIED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND REPORTED THAT THE MOTHER WAS COACHING THE CHILD. THE FAMILY LAW COURT ISSUED A RESTRAINING ORDER PROTECTING THE MOTHER FROM THE FATHER. THE MOST RECENT ORDER, ISSUED ON DECEMBER 15, 2017 UNTIL DECEMBER 15, 2020, PROHIBITS ANY CONTACT AND REQUIRES THAT THE FATHER STAY 100 YARDS AWAY FROM THE MOTHER AND THE MOTHER'S HOME, WITH AN EXCEPTION FOR BRIEF AND PEACEFUL CONTACT AS REQUIRED FOR COURT-ORDERED VISITATION OF THE CHILDREN. THE ORDER FURTHER REQUIRES THE FATHER TO ENROLL IN AND COMPLETE A 52-WEEK BATTERER'S TREATMENT PROGRAM AND PROHIBITS THE FATHER FROM PUBLISHING ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE MOTHER OR HER FAMILY MEMBERS ON A WEBSITE OR ON THE INTERNET.

THE FATHER, MICHAEL R. MONTRIEF, JR., MAY HAVE AN UNRESOLVED MENTAL HEALTH AND/OR ANGER MANAGEMENT. THE FATHER HAS BEEN OBSERVED TO BE VERBALLY AGGRESSIVE WITH MULTIPLE SOCIAL WORKERS.

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CURRENT SITUATION

The following information is to provide an update on the children's enrollment in therapy services.

On September 25, 2020, the undersigned spoke with the mother and the children. The mother reported that the children's therapy provider did not keep the scheduled appointment on September 23, 2020. The mother reported that she reached out to another therapy provider and was waiting on a call back. The undersigned observed the children to be doing well. The children reported that they were doing well.

On September 29, 2020, the undersigned was informed by the mother that the therapist did not work out; therefore, the mother went through her insurance provider. The mother reported that Athena will begin therapy on October 20, 2020 and Dahlia will begin October 28, 2020. The mother stated that this was the earliest available appointments. The mother stated that Athena will attend on Tuesdays at 5:30p.m. and Dahlia will attend on Wednesdays at 6:30p.m. The mother reported this was the best times, as the mother did not want the children missing school. The mother reported that Athena and Dahlia were doing well at school and based on their level systems they have the potential to transfer back to their home campuses with their sisters. The mother stated that she is in the process of setting up family therapy for Solana and Lucia through the same provider and will notify the undersigned once secured.

On October 6, 2020, the undersigned received an e-mail from the mother stating the children's father was posting information about Athena. The mother sent the undersigned the post as well as text correspondence that transpired between the children's father and Orange County Sheriff Department, who were trying to serve the father, to reissue the mother's restraining order. The text included the father refusing to open the door for the Sheriff Department, making inappropriate comments about Judge James Waltz, making allegations about Athena being sexually abused and the judge not doing anything about it. The undersigned informed the mother to forward this information to her attorney.

ASSESSMENT/EVALUATION

The Court has for its consideration the safety and welfare of the children, Athena Montrief (10), Solana Montrief (7), Dahlia Montrief (6) and Lucia Montrief (6) due to substantiated allegations of emotional abuse, general neglect, sibling at risk, and as stated in the petition by the father, Michael Montrief. On May 18, 2019, a protective custody warrant was approved by the Honorable Judge Gassia Apkarian, which resulted in the removal of the children's custody from the father. The children remained in the mother, Bliss Munoz's, care.

As of this writing, the children have not started therapy due to mother reporting the therapy provider did not work out. The mother has located a different therapy provider and Athena and Dahlia will start on October 20 and October 28, 2020. The mother is still in process of securing therapy for Solana and Lucia.

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ASK WHY

At this time, the father is not adhering to the Court order of refraining from posting on social media regarding the children.

RECOMMENDATION

Existing Orders Remain in Effect.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Yvonne Apodaca, Senior Social Worker, DAEE, (714) 309-5602

10/08/2020

Date



Stacey M Metcalf, Senior Social Services Supervisor, (714) 371-7279

10/8/2020

Date

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