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Parental Responsibilities & Decision Making Evaluations



Case Number 98DR0504

To The Honorable Steven T. Pelican,

March 14, 2005

The following is believed to be in James Griffin's best interests. It is recommended that:

1. Mr. Griffin not see the child until thirty days after the child has started his first day at Monroe Elementary School. It is further recommended that there be no contact between Mr. Griffin's extended family and James during the thirty day period.
2. Mr. Griffin must make an appointment with Dr. Athey, James' psychiatrist, at the end of the thirty day period to seek his advice and to check on the welfare of his son. Visitation is not to commence until Dr. Athey and this advocate are in agreement.
3. Visitation only resume if Mr. Griffin visits with Dr. Athey and strictly follows his advice.
4. Mr. Griffin must make weekly appointments with James' special education teacher at Monroe Elementary School, concerning his placement there in the program for Severely Emotionally Disturbed children.

For the following reasons:

1. James has become suicidal and homicidal within the last thirty days as documented by the school psychologist and is under the care of Dr. Athey. He is stabilized currently with medications and is doing better with the absence of visitation with Mr. Griffin.
2. Dr. Athey has stated as recently as March 11<sup>th</sup> that James was delusional in his office and hallucinated an image of his father in the form of a "bloody skeleton".
3. The child needs time to adjust to his new environment at Monroe Elementary School.
4. He has had his Special Education designation changed from learning disabled to severely emotionally disturbed.
5. That Mr. Griffin asked for a second psychiatric opinion but thus far has not gone and obtained the advice that he has requested.

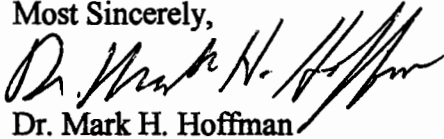
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6. That the incessant emotional, psychological and legal assault by Mr. Griffin on his child, indirectly through the child's mother, which has gone on since this child was born, has clearly and significantly contributed to the child's desire to kill himself and others. It is believed that based on fact and careful thought, that Mr. Griffin bears the greater responsibility for his son's condition. This abusive battle must end now, or Mr. Griffin may have to wait to parent James when he is 18 years old and no longer under the jurisdiction of this court.

Most Sincerely,



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Special Advocate for  
James Griffin

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