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To All Who Are Concerned
With The Best Interests Of
James Griffin,

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Within the last few weeks or more James Griffin has had explosive and violent behavior both at home and at school. He has been violent towards his step-father by hitting him in the face at least two times. He has thrown various articles at school at the Principal and others. He has become out of control both at home and at school. The school personnel at Carver Elementary will most probably be moving him to a school that is more restrictive than his present placement because of his behaviors. They are barely able to restrain him when he becomes aggressive.

James is in special education and is classified as having severe emotional disabilities. His current and recent behaviors are listed by the School Psychologist on an adjoining second page to this letter. Currently, this advocate and Dr. Athey see James as a very real threat to himself and others. The threat is not considered imminent though at this time. If James is to any get further out of control, he may have to be hospitalized for the protection of himself and others. Everything must be done that can be done to avoid this set back.

Mr. Griffin requested a second psychiatric opinion through his attorney. This has been accomplished. James's previous psychiatrist Dr. Wescott recommended Dr. Athey a child psychiatrist. Mr. Griffin was encouraged by this advocate to meet with Dr. Athey so that as James's father he could help Dr. Athey provide better treatment for James and also so that Mr. Griffin could ask any questions that he had of Dr. Athey. To date this has not been done by Mr. Griffin. Also, to date Mr. Griffin continues to state that he will not give James any type of medication. Dr. Athey has referred to this statement as possible medical neglect.

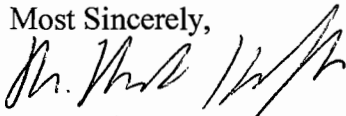
At the most recent mediation Mr. Griffin was asked by this advocate to contact Dr. Athey and to make an appointment with Mr. Ken Sanders at the Center On Fathering to learn about parent alienation. To this date this has not been accomplished. When asked to do so Mr. Griffin hung up the telephone.

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This advocate has had two lengthy consultations with Dr. Athey, James's attending physician. Dr. Athey has continued with the previous diagnoses and has added Psychotic Features as part of James's current diagnosis. Dr. Athey has prescribed an anti-psychotic medication for this problem. This is based on James's irrational behavior and non-reality based thinking. Dr. Athey has recommended that all visitation by Mr. Griffin by curtailed for an indeterminate amount of time. This is to continue until James attains safe mental and emotional stability as determined by Dr. Athey.

At this point all visitation and contact between Mr. Griffin and James is to be stopped for a minimum of one month. This includes telephone, internet and mail contact. If James shows increased and constant stability at the end of one month or more, and with the approval of Dr. Athey, it is recommended that all concerned parties meet with Dr. Athey to determine what type of treatment plan is in order. This advocate is very amenable to meet with any person who is in question of this letter, including Mr. Griffin.

Most Sincerely,



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Child Advocate For James Griffin

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