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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF SUFFOLK TRIAL TERM PART 35 2 The People of the State of New York EX. 3 Rel. Gary Jacobs acting on behalf of RYAN And Carlie Jacobs, infants, 4 GARY JACOBS, 5 Petitioner, INDEX NO. 158789-2012 6 -against-7 TERRYN JACOBS, 8 Respondent. 9 Central Islip, New York May 24, 2012 10 11 BEFORE: 12 HON. MARION T. MCNULTY SUPREME COURT JUSTICE 13 14 MINUTES OF CONFERENCE 15 APPEARANCES: 16 GARY JACOBS 17 Petitioner -- PRO SE 14 Ray Lane 18 Smithtown, New York 11787 19 20 TERRYN LEAHY (JACOBS) Respondent -- PRO SE 21 14 Saturn Court Syosset, New York 11791 22 23 REPORTED BY: 25 JEANMARIE TROJAN

Senior Court Reporter

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THE COURT CLERK: Supreme Court State of New York, County of Suffolk, Trial Term 35 now in session the Honorable Marion McNulty presiding.

THE COURT: Good morning. The case is called Gary Jacobs versus Terryn Jacobs. This is index number -- we have a new index number 2012-15789. Ms. Jacobs is now known as Terryn Leahy. If the subject infant children of this proceeding are in the courtroom, they are to step outside.

(Whereupon, the children exited the courtroom.)

THE COURT: All right. Would you please rise and raise your right hands and face the Clerk?

THE COURT CLERK: Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

MR. JACOBS: I do.

MS. LEAHY: I do.

THE COURT CLERK: Mr. Jacobs, state your name and address.

MR. JACOBS: Gary Jacobs. 14 Ray Lane, Smithtown, New York, 11787.

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THE COURT CLERK: And Ms. Leahy, would you please state your name and address for the record?

MS. LEAHY: Terryn Leahy. 21 Saturn Court, Syosset, New York, 11791.

THE COURT: Both of you have a seat, please.

This is a writ that is before this

Court. It is a petition of Habeas Corpus

under the index number that was just noted

on the Record. You're both absolutely

entitled to be represented by an attorney

at all stages of any proceedings that go on

in this Court. If either or both of you

want an adjournment of this matter for

purposes of getting an attorney to

represent you, the Court will grant the

adjournment.

Mr. Jacobs, do you want an adjournment for purposes of getting a lawyer to represent you?

MR. JACOBS: No, thank you.

THE COURT: Ms. Leahy, do you want an adjournment for the purpose to get an attorney to --

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MS. LEAHY: No, thank you. 1 THE COURT: -- for purposes of 2 getting an attorney to represent you? 3 MS. LEAHY: No, thank you. 4 THE COURT: First of all, with 5 regard to this application, the Court 6 dismisses any and all applications having 7 to do with the child, Ryan Jacobs, who has 8 reached the age of 18. He's no longer 9 subject to the jurisdiction of this Court. 10 He was 18 on March 9, 2012. Is that 11 understood, Mr. Jacobs? 12 MR. JACOBS: Yes, your Honor. 13 THE COURT: Is that understood, Ms. 14 Leahy? 15 MS. LEAHY: Yes. 16 THE COURT: With regard to the 17 child, Carlie, she's what? 16 and a half? 18 MS. LEAHY: 16 and a half, yes. 19 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Jacobs, when 20 was the last time you saw the children, 21 when you saw Carlie? 22 MR. JACOBS: It was around 23

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April 3rd. They stopped coming on

April 6th was the last scheduled time when

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they said they are not coming anymore.

THE COURT: This is what we're going to do. Carlie is entitled to be represented by a law guardian, an attorney and I'm going to reappoint the former attorney. Who did we say it was? Kathy Small. Thank you.

There's also a motion pending before me that's returnable on June 4th in which Ms. Leahy, you are represented by Mr. Simonetti; is that correct?

MS. LEAHY: Yes, it is.

THE COURT: By the way, Mr. Jacobs, with regard to that motion, something was sent to the Court dated May 2, 2012. I haven't looked at it. I have no intention of looking at it. It's off the Record. I don't know whether or not it was served on the other side. Don't send me anything that isn't in the form of an affidavit with notice to the other side. Is that understood?

MR. JACOBS: Yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: Same thing goes for you, Ms. Leahy.

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At the present time, are there any matters pending in Nassau County, Ms. Leahy?

MS. LEAHY: Not in Nassau, no.

THE COURT: Are there any cases pending in Suffolk County?

MS. LEAHY: This other one, 108.15, he also brought which is the same exact topic.

THE COURT: 108.15 is here in the Supreme Court. I'm talking about Suffolk County Family Court.

MS. LEAHY: Oh, no, no, no. Everything is right here.

THE COURT: Anything else pending anywhere else, Mr. Jacobs?

MR. JACOBS: No.

THE COURT: Okay. Well, this has been going on forever.

Ms. Leahy, the last time we were all here, you were told what had you to do with regard to the children and their visitation, parenting time with their father.

On the other hand, Mr. Jacobs, I'm

fairly certain, because I probably would have said it to you, maybe I didn't, but if I didn't, I'm saying it now. Your son is now 18. He's over the age at which I can order him to have parenting time with you.

Your daughter is 16 and a half going on 17. And the question I ask you is:
Where do you let an 800-pound gorilla sit?
No one is going to force her into a car and force her to go for parenting time with you. Should she? At that age, they don't want to. None of them do. Even the kids who want to visit their parents, they don't want to be on a schedule every other weekend, Wednesday night, Tuesday mornings. They don't want to do it.

But there is no way that anyone can force her to get into a car, yours or her mother's, to come and visit you. Is it right? No. Is it wrong? Yes. Is it appropriate? No. And Ms. Leahy, you have done everything in your power for years, years to thwart visitation. You've done it. And the last time we were here, there was a whole series of things. That's why I

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asked about Nassau and Suffolk. You were here, you were in Nassau, there were family offenses, there was this, there was that, people were going to jail, people were having hearings, everything was getting dismissed, everything was getting whatever.

You can settle this today or not.

If you don't settle it today, I'm simply having it ride with the other motion.

She's 16 and a half. I'm not going to compel her. There is no way for me to compel her to have visitation with you, Mr. Jacobs. What do you want me to do?

MR. JACOBS: If I could be heard first of all --

THE COURT: Don't say to me if I can be heard. I said to you what do you want me to do?

MR. JACOBS: First of all, this is the same argument that you and Ms. Leahy made the last time when Ryan was 16 and a half and I didn't see the kids for over a year and for over a year, you said you can't force them to go, you can't force them to go. Your Honor, in chambers, you

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fined her \$3,000 --

THE COURT: I didn't take you in my chambers.

MR. JACOBS: This is what I was told by the attorney. On the Record, you said she would be not happy if she came before you again. From that day, literally, for 13 months, I've seen my kids every single time up until the sixth. So, obviously, she does have --

THE COURT: What happened on the sixth?

MR. JACOBS: They just -- it was the same thing that happened two years previously.

THE COURT: Your son doesn't have to visit with you.

MR. JACOBS: I'm talking about for my daughter. For the Passover, they know I'm having people over for the seder and as they get ready to go, they say the kids are no longer coming anymore. While I'm here today --

THE COURT: Stop. Why didn't they
go, Ms. Leahy, knowing it was probably his

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time?

MS. LEAHY: Because March 28th, Gary sent them texts that they're fucked up.

That he's not proud of them. He goes on and he berates --

THE COURT: Hold on. Did you send a text like that to one of your kids?

 $$\operatorname{MR}$.$  JACOBS: I absolutely did and I stand behind the reason.

THE COURT: Stop it. Stop it. You sent one of your children or both of them --

MR. JACOBS: Both of them.

THE COURT: Don't cut me off when I speak. If you speak again, because you do this all the time. You've always done it. Don't speak when I speak. The next time you do it, it's going to cost you \$500. Do you understand that?

MR. JACOBS: Yes.

THE COURT: You sent one or both of your children a text, one of whom is 18; the other of whom is 16 and a half, a girl, the other one being a boy, a text that said one or both of you are "fucked up" and you

are not proud of them?

MR. JACOBS: Absolutely. If I could

say the context that it was said in.

THE COURT: It doesn't matter.

MR. JACOBS: I believe it does.

THE COURT: There is no context in

this Court in which a parent says to a 16 and a half year old child, "You are fucked up." No context whatsoever.

You could say this is messed up, this is screwed up, this isn't appropriate

this is screwed up, this isn't appropriate, whatever you want to say. You do not send -- there is no excuse. Do parents do it all the time? Yes, they do. But guess what? You've been in litigation for the last ten years of your life. There is no context in which it's acceptable. Is it done in sure, it's done. But there is no context in which it's acceptable. It's bad enough to say it, but it's worse to put it in a text or an E-mail or a Facebook or wherever the heck everybody is doing it.

You want to tell me what it was about? You can tell me what it was about, but there is no context in which that's

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acceptable.

MR. JACOBS: I would like to tell you what it was about then.

THE COURT: Go ahead tell me what it's about. Sink lower.

MR. JACOBS: I will tell you what it's about. Their grandmother was dying and I sent a text to them that the grandmother's wish was to hear them one more time before she died. She was on hospice.

They refused to call and refused to answer and my daughter sent text messages about saying, "Did that woman in Florida die yet?" And that's disgusting that happened and I didn't say the context you're fucked up. I said, "You've been so fucked up that you think this is right and I'm not proud of you."

I don't remember the whole context, but the context was that their dying grandmother --

THE COURT: She has a copy of the text.

MR. JACOBS: I would like her to

read the whole text message.

MS. LEAHY: "It is very, very sad how fucked up you both have become to not even text or call. It's bad enough, but to not even answer my texts is even worse.

You know -- I know when you read my text to mom, she will laugh and be proud of you" --

THE COURT: Ms. Leahy, you know what? Knowing that their grandmother was dying, what did you do?

MS. LEAHY: I asked them to call their grandmother. It was the right thing to do. They told me she's on a feeding tube and she can't speak.

THE COURT: That doesn't mean she couldn't have heard them.

MS. LEAHY: And they went to Florida and they called her prior and they were uncomfortable even though I asked them to please call grandma. I always liked her. But they did not.

But there is no reason -- then he went on to tell Carlie in texts that she's not a decent member of society. She needs to learn morality. He's verbally abusive,

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goes on and on and on and so April 6th came and Ryan decided he's done. He's not going anymore. Carlie can't take the verbal assaults herself. She can't do it. She's cutting. She's picking at herself. She's failing in school. The counselor's involved. The social worker's involved with her.

THE COURT: Have you filed a petition?

MS. LEAHY: No. He did this other court case. I figured we're going to bring this all out. I have no more money to do this. He has been taking me through the court system since 2005.

THE COURT: Stop. Stop. I don't care about Ms. Leahy, but I do care about your kids. Your kid, your child now. I care about both of them, but this kind of thing is absolutely unacceptable.

At this point in time, the writ is satisfied. The children are here. I am not going to order any more visitation at this point in time. The order is in full force and effect. You can come back every

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day if you want with another Order to Show Cause, but you can clog up the system until the cows come home, Mr. Jacobs. This is done.

I have always had empathy for your situation, but once I hear something like that and you know what? It's very sad that your children didn't call your mother when she was dying. Sad, inappropriate, disgusting, all those things, but the language and your adult reaction to what they did is absolutely unacceptable.

MR. JACOBS: If I could ask one more thing. I would like to ask the Court under DRL Section 70 that I would like to request the Court give me immediate custody of Carlie.

THE COURT: Denied. It's not in Carlie's best interest that she be placed in your custody.

MR. JACOBS: Young versus Young it says that when the parent is withholding from the non-custodial parent --

THE COURT: That's not what Young versus Young says. Young versus Young, as

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all cases involving custody of children, says all these things are to be considered and the fact that a parent interferes with visitation, while unacceptable, is not a determinative factor in a Court decision involving custody and/or visitation.

So, the bottom line is this, Mr. Jacobs, I'm going to consider this writ satisfied. If you want to proceed with the writ under Section 72 or whatever it is as an application for custody of Carlie, you may do so. But the writ is satisfied. children were brought to Court.

You admitted what you said in a text to your children and I'm going to tell you something right now, I find it as a matter of law that that's not in the children's -that's not in your daughter's best interest.

MR. JACOBS: You can believe that's not a reason to see my kids. But her withholding my kids is in her best interest? She proved over a year with me not seeing the kids. It was a year in 2010 and we're starting the same thing again.

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THE COURT: Mr. Jacobs, you just said you saw them until April or April 3rd.

MR. JACOBS: From the date you said

I saw them. I did not see them in 2010. I

don't want to let another year go by.

THE COURT: Mr. Jacobs, if you didn't come to Court to enforce your rights between 2009 and 2010, that's not something that I can address at this point in time unless you've brought it in the other case as part of your -- if you brought a contempt proceeding.

MR. JACOBS: I was in front of you.

It took a year to get a court date for you
to say the kids should be forced to go and
they did.

THE COURT: It didn't take a year.

MR. JACOBS: It took a year to get in front of you from the date I filed my first motion --

THE COURT: Mr. Jacobs, we're not talking about your first motion. We're talking about this motion.

MR. JACOBS: I don't want to go another year without seeing my kids. I

interest.

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don't believe that's in their best

THE COURT: Your kid. Your son is out of my jurisdiction.

MR. JACOBS: And since they haven't been coming, my daughter is doing drugs in school. The school says she's disrespectful and her answer is let the school discipline her. I can't control her.

THE COURT: Mr. Jacobs, part of -you know what? This is due to both of your behaviors. It's due to both of your behaviors.

Ms. Leahy, don't think I don't remember you've done everything in your power over the years to thwart your relationship with the children, but we always -- you also always come back to this. You want it your way or the highway.

MR. JACOBS: That's ridiculous, your Honor. I want to see my kids.

THE COURT: If you wanted to see your children, you wouldn't send them messages like you're fucked up.

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MR. JACOBS: I was upset that they didn't see their dying grandmother. So, that's the reason I don't get to see my kids?

THE COURT: That's not the reason you don't get to see your kids.

MR. JACOBS: You're using that as a reason.

THE COURT: You asked me for custody. I said "denied."

MR. JACOBS: You said it's in their best interest.

THE COURT: You're talking when I'm talking. You're trying to talk over me.

It will never work.

I'm not saying you can't see your children. I'm saying this is going to be carried along with the other motion.

MR. JACOBS: You're not enforcing my court order that you said on the record you would enforce it the last time.

THE COURT: Tell your daughter to see her father.

MR. JACOBS: You said there will be consequences.

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THE COURT: There will be consequences. They are not going to happen today. She's entitled to answer the writ. She's entitled to answer your papers.

MR. JACOBS: I request a short return date so I can see my kids.

THE COURT: June 4th.

MR. JACOBS: Is that an appearance date?

THE COURT: It's not an appearance date. It's a submission date on the motion. That's it.

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I, Jeanmarie Trojan, a Senior Court Reporter for the Supreme Court of the State of New York do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and accurate transcription of my stenographic notes.

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