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10 October 2006

To whom it may concern:

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I am writing at the request of Ms. Cheryl Silvernail to articulate events as they occurred the week of 15, May 2006. Specifically Ms. Silvernail has asked that I detail "observations about the events and interactions you had with and about Tim Symington after the order from the court that gave him the ability to contact you..." The following is the full extent of my interaction with Mr. Tim Symington since I first started working with Connor Symington on 12, August 2005:

On 2, November 2005 I received a telephone call from Mr. Symington. I informed Mr. Symington that I was unwilling to disclose anything about the therapy that I had been providing for his son Connor. He asked only that I listen to his version of events. With this proviso agreed to, I listened while Mr. Symington shared his concerns. He spoke for twenty minutes. I ended the telephone call by indicating that given the current legal circumstances regarding my client, I would be unwilling to receive any further telephone calls and that this would remain in effect until the legal circumstances were conducive to additional contact with Mr. Symington. Mr. Symington acknowledged his understanding of my position. This is the only time since I initiated treatment with Connor Symington on 12, August 2005 that I have had contact of any kind with Mr. Symington.

The following is the specific date in question referenced by Ms. Silvernail in her request of this letter.

On 15, May 2006 I received a voice message from Mr. Symington asking that I telephone his attorney due to what he referred to as "Parent Alienation Syndrome." On 16, May 2006 I sought supervision to review the case and Mr. Symington's request. As nothing had changed in the legal circumstances of this case since the telephone contact of 2, November 2005 it was decided that I would not comply with Mr. Symington's request. I discussed this with Ms. Silvernail at Connor's next scheduled appointment with me on 19, May 2006 at 5PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Bradbury LICSW

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Honorable Judge Gail Perelman  
Hampshire County Probate and Family Court  
Northampton, MA 01060  
**RE:** Docket # 96D0228DV2  
Temporary Order dated September 23, 2005

Dear Judge Perelman,

I have been asked by the Plaintiff in this case, Cheryl Silvernail, to provide the court with an affidavit about interactions I have had with Timothy Symmington, since I began seeing Ms. Silvernail's and Mr. Symmington's daughter, Jade Symmington, for individual psychotherapy.

I began working with Jade Symmington on July 28, 2005. Mr. Symmington called and left me messages on October 17<sup>th</sup> and October 18<sup>th</sup>, asking that I contact him to discuss my work with Jade. I returned Mr. Symmington's call on or about October 19<sup>th</sup>. I explained to him that, since he did not have custody of or visitation with Jade, I did not believe speaking with him was clinically appropriate. I also explained that this decision would change if the custody or visitation schedule were altered, as it would be clinically important to work with him if he became one of his daughter's caretakers. During this conversation, Mr. Symmington offered to send me a copy of the Guardian Ad Litem's report, as he felt it would be important for me to review. I told him I would review any documents he sent to me; however, he did not follow up with this offer. Ms. Symmington also asked me if I would be willing to speak to his lawyer and I stated that I would be. On October 20<sup>th</sup>, I also received a phone call from Mr. Symmington's attorney, Ms. Parakilas, who left a message on my voicemail. I returned her call within the next week, and reiterated the statement I had given to Mr. Symmington. My supervisor, Mr. Chris Shanky, was informed of all my decisions regarding contact with Mr. Symmington and his attorney.

On or about May 17<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Symmington called me and left a message on my voicemail, asking that I contact him to discuss my work with Jade, and further stating he was had written Jade a letter. I returned Mr. Symmington's call, with the plan of reiterating the statement I made in October, reminding him that I would not talk with him unless the custody or visitation status had changed. I received a message from Mr. Symmington again, as well as Ms. Parakilas, on May 19. I spoke with my supervisor, Chris Shanky, on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. After speaking with my supervisor, I decided not to return the second call from Mr. Symmington, or Ms. Parakilas' call, since I had made my position clear during October's conversations. I did not hear back from either Mr. Symmington, or Ms. Parakilas.

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If you have any questions about this affidavit, please call me at 413-529-1764, extension 12

Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury this 26<sup>th</sup> day of  
September 2006



Jenny Miller Sechler, LICSW