

Anne's Statements July 10th 2018

Anne being examined by Kim Meaders (her attorney)

- 16 Q. Do you force James to dress as a girl?
17 A. No.
18 Q. Do you force her to call herself Luna?
19 A. No.
20 Q. Do you force her to use female pronouns?
21 A. No.
22 Q. Are you trying to force her to be transgender?
23 A. No.
24 Q. What is social transition?
25 A. Social transition is when a child is allowed to
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- 1 present in whatever way they wish. So, normally, if
2 you're a transgender female, which is what my child
3 would be considered, they – they'll choose dresses and
4 use female pronouns and grow their hair long and want to
5 do girl things, and you let them.
6 Q. So what has – what did Children's recommend to
7 you? Did they recommend to allow social transition now
8 or wait?
9 A. They recommended to do it now.
10 Q. How did you decide to go to Rebekka Ouer, the
11 counselor? Ouer.
12 A. Ouer. She's – she was recommended by GENECIS
13 when I contacted them. Their requirements are that you
14 go to a psychologist who evaluates whether or not there
15 is any gender identity issues.
16 Q. For counselling with Luna, what did Rebekka
17 Ouer recommend to you?
18 A. That -- that I affirm her choices, Luna's
19 choices, and -- and let her present whatever way she
20 chooses.

1 relief in the front of your book. What are you asking
2 the Court with regards to Family Court Services?

3 A. I would like the Court to have Family Court
4 Services interview for the children.

5 Q. What are you asking the Court regarding CPS
6 recordings?

7 A. I'm asking that if the Judge feels it's
8 appropriate that he listen to the recordings in camera
9 because I think that will help him understand that these
10 are Luna's choices.

11 Q. And we talked about an amicus attorney. What
12 are you asking for an amicus attorney?

13 A. I'm asking for an amicus attorney because I
14 think that that's the best way to figure out what is the
15 best way to protect the child's interest.

16 Q. What are you asking about the hair?

17 A. I would like her to be -- I'd like Jeff to be
18 enjoined from cutting her hair or either of the kids'
19 hair, but particularly Luna's hair.

20 Q. And for school nights where Jeff has
21 possession, what are you asking?

22 A. I'm asking that -- that he forfeits his
23 possession or that he can pick them up after the --
24 anything that happens at school. He can come and join
25 school as long as he is not using male pronouns and

1 James's male name, instead of Luna, and I'm asking --
2 and then if, you know -- I don't remember.

3 Q. And with regards to possession and
4 psychological treatment of Luna, is that set forth in
5 Number 5 of your requested relief?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And in the interest of time, I'm not going to
8 have you go through that.

9 With regards to phone calls, in the
10 previous order you were given FaceTime ordered in the
11 order, correct?

12 A. Right.

13 Q. What does Jeff do if Jude accidentally calls
14 Luna, Luna?

15 A. It's -- I think it's been only when I call her
16 Luna, but he hangs up if I call her Luna.

17 Q. What are you asking regarding electronic
18 communication?

19 A. That anybody who knows her as Luna should be
20 allowed to call her Luna since it's her chosen name.

21 MS. MEADERS: May I approach, Your Honor?

22 THE COURT: Yes.

23 MS. MEADERS: I'd like to offer Exhibit

24 15 -- 14. Sorry.

25 (Petitioner's Exhibit 14 offered.)

Anne being cross-examined by Logan Odeneal (Jeff's Attorney)

18 EXAMINATION

19 BY MR. ODENEAL:

20 Q. Isn't it true that you filed your action to
21 modify the prior order about a year and a half after the
22 prior order?

23 A. That's about right. Wait. Yeah.

24 Q. And just to be straight, the goal is to limit
25 the father's time with the boys; is that correct?

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1 A. No. My goal is to have my child treated the
2 way my child should be treated.

3 Q. But in your paperwork and your pleadings on
4 file with the court, you're asking for his visitation to
5 be severely curtailed; isn't that true?

6 A. Only if he's not affirming, which is
7 detrimental to the child.

8 Q. Only if he does not agree with your
9 perspective; is that right?

10 A. It's not just my perspective.

11 Q. But if he does not agree with your perspective,
12 then you want his visitation severely curtailed; is that
13 right?

14 A. I wouldn't state it that way, no.

15 Q. Now, the birth certificates show that you have
16 twin boys, James and Jude, right?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And all of their medical records show they are
19 biological boys, males; is that correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And all the legal paperwork shows that they're
22 boys, right? Gives their birth dates and everything as
23 boys, males, correct?

24 A. Yes.

22 Q. Now, when we talk about a second opinion, isn't
23 it true that you have refused his request to see other
24 counselors?

25 A. No. He didn't give me a specific counselor as

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1 I -- I could be wrong because I haven't reviewed that
2 e-mail, but I don't think he gave me a specific
3 counselor.

4 He said he wanted to take him to a
5 counselor, and I said -- or he was going to take him. I
6 don't remember exactly how it went, and I said, Well,
7 what counselor and blah, blah, blah, and then the letter
8 was done. I don't really remember the details. I guess
9 I should have reviewed that specifically, but I didn't.

10 Q. But you basically reminded him you have the
11 exclusive right under the prior order to make those
12 decisions period, right?

13 A. Absolutely.

14 Q. Okay. Now, in a medical context, do you feel
15 it's prudent to get a second opinion sometimes?

16 A. Yes, sometimes.

17 Q. So in a psychological or a psychiatric context,
18 wouldn't it also be prudent sometimes to get a second
19 opinion?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Now, James's legal name is James Damon Younger;
22 is that true?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. But, in effect, you have in the past year just
25 changed his name; isn't that right?

1 A. Not legally.

2 Q. Not legally, but for all other purposes --

3 A. That's what --

4 Q. -- you've changed his name?

5 A. That's what a social transition is about.

6 Q. Well -- and you're asking the Court to order
7 his father to call him by this name that's not his legal
8 name, aren't you?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And you believe the Court can do that?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Now, you say in your motion, your petition to
13 modify the prior order, that James is only known now as
14 a girl; is that right?

15 A. At school.

16 Q. Just at school?

17 A. Well, and other social situations too.

18 Q. Now, you're asking the Court to forbid his
19 father from taking him anywhere in any social situation
20 where he is referred to as James, right?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Are you aware of any other court orders with
23 anyone you know that have a set-up like that?

24 A. No, not really.

25 Q. Now, you've taken James, your son, to the

12 Q. Now, you take James to see a counselor; is that
13 correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And that's Rebekka Ouer?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Did you see in those records that you submitted
18 from Children's Medical Center that she wrote a letter
19 of recommendation for you?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And in her letter, she says she is writing it
22 so James can become a GENECIS patient and potentially,
23 and this is a quote, "take steps down the road to begin
24 the medical side of transition." What does that mean?

25 A. That means that when transgender children get

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1 older, normally somewhere for assigned at birth males,
2 that's normally somewhere in the range of 9 to 11, they
3 suppress -- that then -- that's when they start talking
4 about doing the GNRH analogue which suppresses puberty.
5 And so that's the medical issues. None of that has been
6 discussed with my child at this point.

7 Q. Because he's only six years old, right?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. Could that also lead to a surgical alteration?

10 A. Well, I believe in the state of Texas you're
11 not allowed to do any sort of surgeries on transgender
12 people or at least nothing -- they might be able to do
13 top surgery, which would be for the female to male,
14 but -- until they're 18. It's not a decision I'll have
15 to make.

1 James will be evaluated at GENECIS when closer to eight
2 to nine years old to consider hormone suppression; is
3 that correct?

4 A. I believe if you're reading it from the chart,
5 that's correct. That's about right. What page?

6 Q. It's Page 3 of the PDF. It may be different on
7 the paper, but...

8 A. Yes. There it is.

9 Q. So that you would have him evaluated at eight
10 or nine years of age for hormone suppression?

11 A. Well, so if you go through puberty, on average,
12 somewhere between nine and eleven, they normally start
13 doing blood tests prior to that to try to see if they
14 see the peak, the hormone levels increasing. That's the
15 normal protocol.

16 So, yes, eight would probably be the
17 normal, but that assumes that there is no change in the
18 status.

19 Q. And on Page 11 in her notes, Dr. Pape says that
20 you're allowing James to dictate clothing, name choice,
21 et cetera. Is that true?

22 A. Dictate is -- I'm allowing -- I'm allowing her
23 to choose, yes.

24 Q. So does he get to choose whether or not he
25 takes a bath tonight?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Does he get to choose whether or not he brushes
3 his teeth tonight?

4 A. No.

5 Q. What he is going to eat for dinner?

6 A. Some days.

7 Q: Does he get to choose to play in the street in
8 the traffic?

9 A. No.

10 Q. So, I mean, a six-year-old -- are you allowing
11 a six-year-old to make these decisions to the exclusion
12 of his father?

13 A. I'm allowing a six-year-old to make choices
14 about his or her gender identity, hers being her
15 preference, because it is the correct thing to do.

16 We all know our gender when we're very
17 young and -- and just because it doesn't match with some
18 people's view of what is supposed to happen in society
19 doesn't mean that she doesn't know.

20 And we -- I know, personally, from the
21 stuff that I have read, about the damage that can happen
22 if we don't affirm her choices.

23 Q. So you've said in your paperwork filed with the
24 court that you believe that the father, Jeff, is
25 emotionally abusing James. Is that true?

1 A. Well, he's not affirming and he is -- I believe
2 that his actions are already starting to cause distress.

3 Q. Do you believe that Jeff loves the twins?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. That he loves them unconditionally?

6 A. No.

18 Q. And your paperwork says that you asked the
19 Court to forbid Jeff from ever calling his son James,
20 his legal name?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. You also asked the Court to forbid Jeff from
23 ever having James around anyone who does not call him
24 James -- or who calls him James -- I'm sorry -- or does
25 not use female pronouns?

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. Does that not sound at all unusual to you?

3 A. Yes. As a person who didn't really understand
4 transgender people from a year -- well, over a year -- a
5 year and a half ago, I would say that does sound
6 unusual, yes; but having done my own research, the
7 medical research, the psychological research, having
8 talked to the professionals, I -- I know that their --
9 the more the child is supported, the better off they do
10 and --

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2 COUNTY OF DALLAS)

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4 THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT I, MELANIE SEIFERT, a
5 Certified Shorthand Reporter in and for the State of
6 Texas, reported in shorthand the testimony given at the
7 time and place set forth in the caption thereof, and
8 that the above foregoing pages contains a true and
9 correct transcript of said testimony.

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12 the 10th day of July, 2018

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