

DOCKET NO.: NNH FA21-5050712 S : SUPERIOR COURT  
LEON STEPHENS : JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
OF NEW HAVEN

V. : AT NEW HAVEN  
TABITHA KING : JUNE 14, 2024

Judicial District of New Haven  
SUPERIOR COURT  
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MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

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Following a contested hearing that started on January 24, 2023 and continued on multiple days through April 24, 2024, the court has carefully considered the testimony of the parties and the Guardian ad Litem (GAL), the exhibits entered into evidence, the Financial Affidavits of the parties, the Child Support Guidelines Worksheets prepared by Family Relations, and Connecticut Judicial Service Center, the Proposed Orders submitted by the parties and the GAL, the court file and all relevant cases and statutes in connection with all pending motions at the close of this hearing on April 24, 2024, specifically father's Custody Application filed 5/24/2021 (pleading #100.30), mother's Motion #150 for Contempt filed 6/17/2022 regarding noncompliance with child support and visitation orders, mother's Motion #159 for Modification of Custody and Child Support filed 9/20/2022, mother's Motion #160 for Contempt regarding noncompliance with child support and visitation orders filed 9/20/2022, mother's Motion #197/198 for Modification of Custody and Visitation filed 1/9/2024 and mother's Motion #199 for Contempt regarding noncompliance with child support and visitation orders filed 1/9/2024 and now makes the following findings before entering its orders:

By Way of Findings

1. Although the parties were never married to each other, they have the following child together: Marzanna Stephens who was born 12/3/2019 and is now four years old. She lives with her mother in West Haven, Connecticut and goes to Benjamin Jepson Magnet School in New Haven where she is in a Pre-K program. The mother is seeking sole legal and physical custody. The father is seeking sole legal custody

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with a shared, fifty-fifty, parenting schedule.

2. The parties resided together at the mother's home in West Haven from August 2018 until April 2021. The minor child was born while they were living together. Since their separation in April of 2021, they have not attempted to resume living together.
3. The father was born 3/23/1974 and is now 50 years old. He has an Associate Degree from Cerritos College which he received in 1997 or 1998. He also may have certificates from the U.S. Army. He testified that he served overseas in Iraq as an E4 with the U.S. Army. He claims he is 70% disabled and receives disability benefits from the Veterans Administration (VA) in the amount of \$500.00 per week as shown on his current Financial Affidavit. He also testified that he received a stipend of \$300.00 per month which the court believes was an allowance for the support of his daughter Marzanna. It does not appear on his Financial Affidavit and never was provided to the mother for the support of their daughter. Although there is a support order issued by this court on 2/24/2022 in the amount of \$87.00 per week, he has never paid it. See Order #140 and Child Support Guidelines Worksheet #137 in the court file, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof. The court finds that he is in wilful contempt of a clear and unambiguous order of this court to pay child support to the mother.
4. The father testified that he suffers from degenerative bone disease, PTSD, migraines and several other problems. He offered into evidence a letter dated 10/26/2021 from the Department of Children and Families which was marked as a full exhibit. It addressed concerns stemming from a diagnosis of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Major Depressive Disorder and Bipolar Mood Disorder and any prescribed medications. See Exhibit 1, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. The father did submit to a full psychiatric evaluation at the VA after that letter, which resulted in a report from the VA dated 12/20/2021 indicating no acute psychiatric symptoms, no medications for psychiatric symptoms currently and is engaged in ongoing counseling at the Vet Center. See Exhibit 3, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Given his testimony and conduct throughout

these proceedings, this court questions his willingness to comply with any orders of the court.

5. The mother was born 9/30/1983 and is now 40 years old. She is in good health. She received her BA degree in social work from Southern Connecticut State University in 2014 and works for Continuum Care as a supervisor at a residential facility for patients with PTSD. She works full time Tuesday to Saturday, 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Her niece stays with the children on those nights. The niece lives next door with her mother. The mother's home is comprised of her daughter, Marzanna, and two of her other children who are now 11 and 18.
6. Throughout these proceedings the father has failed to comply with the court orders regarding child support and parenting time. He consistently fails to bring the minor child back to the mother on time and at times has withheld her wrongfully for several days. Most recently, in December of 2023, he refused to return the child to the mother for several days and was arrested for custodial interference on 12/26/2023. That case is still pending. His visitation was then suspended pending further order of the court which was then partially reinstated by the court on 1/29/2024. See Order #213.
7. The father also has continued to file complaints with DCF that the minor child is being sexually abused by the mother's oldest son who resides with them and that the minor child is not being properly cared for by her. He has filed photos of the minor child to make his point. All of these claims have been unsubstantiated by DCF and most recently, based on another claim of sexual abuse by the father, issued a Notification of Investigative Results which unsubstantiated the allegation of sexual abuse and made a finding that the mother did "not pose a risk to the health, safety or well-being of children." See Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.
8. The father also has taken the minor child to the hospital to be checked out for sexual abuse which has never been found to be the case. He is obsessed with his belief that the child is being abused by the older boy in the mother's house. These trips to the hospital and complaints to DCF are not in the minor child's best interest.

9. The GAL reported that the father has failed to schedule an appointment with her to complete a home visit at his home. This order for a home visit goes back to 3/7/2023 and although numerous attempts have been made by the GAL, he has failed to comply. The GAL did report at one point that DCF visited the father's apartment in the past and did not find any problems. However, this does not excuse his failure to cooperate with the GAL to perform a home visit at a time when he was living with and caring for his elderly father.
10. In summary, the father has been difficult throughout these proceedings by refusing to pay child support, by refusing to comply with the parenting schedule and by refusing to schedule a home visit with the GAL. He may believe he is acting in the best interest of the child, but the constant complaints of sexual abuse to DCF and the trip to the hospital to have the child evaluated for abuse cannot be in her best interest. As previously noted, the father is and has been in wilful contempt of clear and unambiguous court orders by not paying child support since initially ordered on 2/24/2022 (pleading #140) and by not following the parenting plan as most recently demonstrated in December of 2023 when he was arrested for custodial interference. See pleading #195, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

The following orders may enter which the court finds to be in the minor child's best interest:

### Orders

1. The mother shall have sole legal and physical custody of the minor child, Marzanna Stephens born 12/3/2019. The child shall reside with her mother and have parenting time with her father as hereinafter stated.
2. The parties shall discuss all major decisions regarding the minor child's education, health, medical treatment, therapy and activities at least three times within 72 hours via AppClose prior to making a final decision unless there is an emergency, at which point the party dealing with the emergency needs to notify the other parent

immediately. If there is no agreement after three discussions within 72 hours, the mother has final authority to make that decision. The father shall not take the minor child to the doctor or the hospital without the mother's written agreement via AppClose unless it's an emergency. In the event of an emergency he must notify the mother immediately of the emergency.

3. **Parenting Schedule:**

The father will have parenting time with the minor child as follows:

- a. Every other weekend from pick up at school dismissal time on Friday and return to mother's residence on Sunday at 6:00 p.m. In the event there is no school on Friday of his weekend, the father will pick up at the mother's residence at 1:15 p.m.
- b. Every Wednesday from pick up at school at dismissal time or mother's residence at 1:15 p.m., if no school that day and return to mother's residence at 6:00 p.m. that day.
- c. **Spring School Vacation Week:** If father's alternating weekend is at the beginning of the vacation week, he will pick up the minor child on Friday at school dismissal time and return the child to the mother's residence on Wednesday of that week at 6:00 p.m. If father's weekend is at the end of that vacation week, the father will pick up the child from the mother's residence on Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. and return the child to the mother's residence on Sunday of that week at 6:00 p.m.
- d. **Summer Vacation:** The parties will follow the regular alternating weekend schedule with pick up at mother's residence on Friday at 3:00 p.m. and return to mother's residence on Sunday at 6:00 p.m. and the every Wednesday schedule from pick up at mother's residence at 3:00 p.m. and return to mother's residence that day at 7:00 p.m.
- e. **Thanksgiving Day:** With the mother in odd years and the father in even years. This day will be defined as from Wednesday preceding Thanksgiving at dismissal time until Friday after Thanksgiving at 12:00 p.m. noon. Father

- will pick up at school and drop off at mother's residence.
- f. **Christmas Eve/Day:** With the mother in even years and the father in odd years. This day will be defined as December 24 at 12:00 p.m. noon until December 25 at 6:00 p.m. The other party will have the minor child from 6:00 p.m. December 25 until December 26 at 6:00 p.m. During father's parenting time he will pick up and drop off at mother's residence.
  - g. **Minor Child's Birthday:** The parties may celebrate the minor child's birthday during his or her regular parenting time. Each party will be allowed a brief telephone call with the minor child on her birthday.
  - h. **Mother's Day/Father's Day:** That day will be with the respective parent. If Mother's Day falls on father's weekend, the minor child will be returned to the mother's residence at 10:00 a.m. If Father's Day falls on mother's weekend, the minor child shall be picked up by the father at mother's residence at 9:00 a.m. and returned to mother's residence at 6:00 p.m.
  - I. In the event of any closures due to weather, pick up for father's parenting time will be at mother's residence at 3:00 p.m.
  - j. The holiday schedule set forth above will supercede the alternating weekend and Wednesday parenting time set forth in paragraphs 3a and 3b above.
  - k. Holidays not listed above will follow the regular parenting schedule in paragraph 3a and 3b above.
4. Both parties shall update the other party with changes in addresses and phone contact information immediately upon any change in address and/or phone number.
  5. The parties may adjust the foregoing orders by agreement in writing via AppClose.
  6. The parties will communicate with each other exclusively through AppClose except in an emergency when they may attempt to reach the other by phone or text.
  7. If either party has knowledge of any illness, accident or other circumstances seriously affecting the health or welfare of the minor child, he or she shall promptly notify the other party.

8. **Child Support:**

- a. The father is in willful contempt of the court order to pay child support pursuant to this court's order of 2/24/2022 (pleading #140). No payments have been made as of the close of this hearing on April 24, 2024. The court finds an arrearage of \$9,831.00 (113 weeks x \$87.00 per week).
- b. The current child support order pursuant to this hearing shall remain as ordered on 2/24/2022. The current Financial Affidavits (pleadings #210 and #211) and the Child Support Guidelines Worksheet (pleading #212) prepared by Family Relations do not warrant a change as the difference is less than 15%. Therefore, going forward from the close of this hearing on 4/24/2024 the child support order shall remain as previously ordered on 2/24/2022 (pleading #140):
  - 1) \$87.00 per week payable by the father to the mother by way of an Immediate Wage Withholding Order (IWWO). Until the IWWO goes into effect he shall pay the child support directly to the mother.
  - 2) The parties will continue to share the childcare pursuant to the guidelines at 80% by the mother and 20% by the father.
  - 3) The parties shall share all unreimbursed medical, dental and orthodontic expenses at 65% by the mother and 35% by the father.
- c. Payment toward the arrearage shall be paid at the rate of \$17.00 per week making the total weekly payment for the child support and arrearage \$104.00 (\$87.00 + \$17.00). It is the court's understanding, pursuant to the plaintiff's testimony, that he received \$300.00 per month as an allowance for the minor child which he has not turned over to the mother during these proceedings. Payment of the child support, the arrearage and his willful contempt can be addressed at the hearing scheduled for June 20, 2024 on Motion #217 for Contempt filed by the mother on 4/24/2024.

9. **Health Insurance:** The mother will continue to provide Husky Health Insurance for the minor child unless health insurance becomes available to either party at a

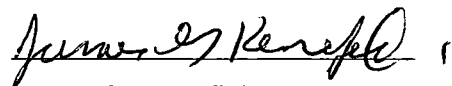
reasonable cost.

10. **Extracurricular Activities:** The parties shall equally share the cost of the minor child's agreed upon, in writing via AppClose, extracurricular activities. Such agreement not to be unreasonably withheld.
11. **Dependency Exemption:** The mother shall be entitled to take the dependency exemption for the minor child for all federal, state and local tax purposes. The father shall not be entitled to take that exemption. This provision regarding the dependency exemption is in the nature of support and is subject to modification upon a substantial change in circumstances since the date of this order.
12. **Post-Secondary Education:** The court having found that it is more likely than not that these parties would have provided post-secondary education support for their child if they had remained an intact family, retains jurisdiction to enter educational support orders as to their child pursuant to § 46b-56c of the Connecticut General Statutes on motion or petition of either party in the event they are unable to agree on the allocation of those costs. A copy of the current statute is attached hereto and made a part hereof.
13. **Parenting Education Program:** The mother shall complete the Parenting Education Program and file the Certificate and Results Form with the court within 90 days of this order. The cost of the program is waived for the mother.
14. **Financial Affidavits:** All Financial Affidavits are unsealed.
15. **Pending Motions:** All pending motions including father's Application for Custody are resolved by these orders. The court also has found the father in willful contempt of clear and unambiguous court orders regarding father's parenting time and obligations to pay child support. See Motions #150, #160 and #199. Sanctions can be addressed at the hearing on 6/20/2024.
16. **Attachments:** The following documents are attached hereto and made a part hereof: Child Support Guidelines Worksheet prepared by Family Relations on 1/29/2024 (pleading #212), Child Support Guidelines Worksheet prepared by Connecticut Judicial Service Center on 2/24/2022 (pleading #137), Court Order dated 2/24/2022



(pleading #140), Pleading #195 filed 1/9/2024, Exhibits 1, 3 and A, Advisement of Rights Re: Income Withholding and § 46b-56c of the Connecticut General Statutes regarding Educational Support Orders.

By the Court,



James G. Kenefick, Jr.  
Judge Trial Referee

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TABITHA Tabitha King	LERON Leron Stephens	CUSTODIAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TABITHA <input type="checkbox"/> LERON <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:	
COURT New Haven		D.N./CASE NO. NNHFA215050712S	NUMBER OF CHILDREN 1
CHILD'S NAME Marzanna	DATE OF BIRTH 12/03/2019	CHILD'S NAME	DATE OF BIRTH

All money amounts in this worksheet may be rounded to the nearest dollar

NET INCOME (Weekly amounts)		TABITHA	LERON
1.	Gross income (attach verification)	\$ 893	\$ 500
1a.	Number of hours used in calculation	TABITHA	LERON
2.	Federal income tax (excluding Self Employment Tax and Earned Income Credit)	\$ (30)	\$ 23
3.	Social Security tax or mandatory retirement	\$ 55	\$ 31
4.	Medicare tax	\$ 13	\$ 7
5.	State and local income tax (based on all allowable exemptions, deductions and credits)	\$ 29	\$ 10
6.	Medical/hospital/dental insurance premiums (including Husky) for parent and all legal dependents	\$ 42	\$ 0
7.	Court-ordered life insurance for benefit of child	\$ 0	\$ 0
8.	Court-ordered disability insurance	\$	\$
9.	Mandatory union dues or fees (only if deducted by employer)	\$	\$
10.	Mandatory uniforms and tools (only if deducted by employer)	\$	\$
11.	Non-arrearage payments on court ordered alimony and child support awards (for other than parent/child(ren) of this order)	\$ 0	\$ 0
12.	Amount reserved to support qualified child(ren) (line 12f times line 12a)	\$ 130	\$ 0
Qualified Child Deduction Section:		TABITHA	LERON
12a.	Number of qualified children	\$ 1	\$ 0
12b.	Total # children for qualified child calculation Number of children on this order + line 12a =	\$ 2	\$
12c.	Sum of lines 2-11	\$ 109	\$
12d.	Line 1 - line 12c =	\$ 784	\$
12e.	Amount from schedule based on the parent's line 12d income and total # of children (line 12b)	\$ 260	\$
12f.	Line 12e / line 12b =	\$ 130	\$
13.	Add lines 2 through 12 and enter amount here	\$ 239	\$ 71
14.	Net weekly income (line 1 - line 13 =)	\$ 654	\$ 429
<b>CURRENT SUPPORT</b>			
15.	Combined net weekly income (Add both parents' line 14 income. Round to the nearest \$10)	\$ 1,080	
16.	Basic child support obligation (from Schedule of Basic Child Support Obligations)	\$ 239	
17.	Each parent's percentage share of line 15 (line 14 for each parent / line 15)	60.56 %	39.44 %
<i>(If noncustodial parent is a low-income obligor, skip this line and enter line 16 amount in noncustodial parent's column on ln 18.)</i>			
18.	Each parent's share of the basic child support obligation (line 17 x line 16 for each parent)	\$ 145	\$ 94
19.	Social Security dependency benefits adjustment	\$	\$ 0
20.	Presumptive current support amount (line 18 - line 19 =) (Rounded to the nearest dollar) (Enter noncustodial parent's amount on line 30.)	\$ 145	\$ 94

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III. NET DISPOSABLE INCOME		TABITHA	LERON
21. Line 14 + line 30 (for custodial parent); line 14 - line 30 (for noncustodial parent)	\$	748	\$ 335
22. Noncustodial parent's line 19 amount (Social Security dependency benefits for child)	\$	0	
23. Line 21 + line 22 (for custodial parent); line 21 - line 22 (for noncustodial parent)	\$	748	\$ 335

IV. UNREIMBURSED MEDICAL EXPENSE			
24. Add both parents' line 23 amounts and enter it here: (combined net disposable income)	\$	1,083	
25. Each parent's percentage share of combined net disposable income (Line 23 for each parent / line 24; then x 100 and round to the nearest whole %) If the noncustodial parent is a low-income obligor (based on line 14 Net Weekly Income), go to line 26. If the noncustodial parent is not a low-income obligor (based on line 14 Net Weekly Income), enter these percentages on line 33b.		69 %	31 %
26. Compare the noncustodial parent's line 25 amount to 50%. Enter the lower percentage on line 33b for the noncustodial parent. Then take 100 - line 33b for the noncustodial parent and enter the amount on line 33b for the custodial parent.			

V. CHILD CARE CONTRIBUTION	
27. Does the noncustodial parent's line 23 amount fall within the shaded area of the schedule? If yes, go to line 28. If no, skip line 28 and enter the noncustodial parent's line 25 percentage on line 34b.	
28. Does the custodial parent's line 23 amount fall within the shaded area of the schedule? If no, enter 20% on line 34b as the noncustodial parent's child care contribution. If yes, compare the line 25 amount for the noncustodial parent to 50% and enter the lower amount on line 34b.	

VI. ARREARAGE PAYMENT	
29. Line 30 * .20 = \$	OR amount determined in A, B, C or D, below (check box that applies): \$
<input type="checkbox"/> A. If noncustodial parent is a low-income obligor, enter the greater of 10% of line 30 or \$1 per week, unless paragraph B below applies.	
<input type="checkbox"/> B. If the child is living with the obligor, enter: (1) \$1 per week if the obligor's gross income is less than or equal to 250% of poverty level, OR (2) 20% of an imputed support obligation for the child if the obligor's gross income is greater than 250% of poverty level.	
<input type="checkbox"/> C. If there is no current support order and paragraph B above does not apply, enter: (1) 20% of an imputed support obligation if the parents have a present duty to provide support for the child, OR (2) 100% of an imputed support obligation if the parents have no present duty to provide support for the individual.	
<input type="checkbox"/> D. If paragraphs A, B and C above, do not apply and the sum of the current support and arrearage payments would exceed 55% of the noncustodial parent's line 14 amount, enter 55% of the noncustodial parent's line 14 amount - line 30 amount.	

VII. SUMMARY OF WORKSHEET		Total Child Support Award Calculation	
30. Presumptive current support (from line 20): \$	94	Line 30 Amount:	\$ 94
31. Arrearage payment (from line 29): \$		Line 31 Amount:	\$
32. Total arrearage: \$ (broken down as noted below)		Line 33a Amount:	\$ 0
State arrearage: \$	Family arrearage: \$	Line 34 Amounts:	
33 a. Cash medical: \$ 0		a Cash Child Care Amt:	\$
b. Unreimbursed medical expenses: TABITHA 69 % / LERON 31 %		b Equivalent of percent:	\$
34 a. Child Care Contribution: \$		Total Child Support Award	\$ 94
b. Child Care Contribution: LERON 31 %		(enter this amount on line 35a.)	
35 a. Total child support award (excluding % amounts for unknown costs): \$	94		
b. Total child support award as a % of the obligor's net income: \$	21.91 % (line 35a / line 14 of the obligor; then x 100)		

VIII. DEVIATION CRITERIA (Attach additional sheet if necessary.)

36. Reason(s) for deviation from presumptive support amounts: (Check all boxes that apply.)		<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if deviating by agreement.
<b>Parent's other financial resources:</b>	<b>Extraordinary parental expenses:</b>	<b>Coordination of total family support:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> substantial assets	<input type="checkbox"/> significant visitation expenses	<input type="checkbox"/> division of assets and liabilities
<input type="checkbox"/> parent's earning capacity	<input type="checkbox"/> unreimbursed employment expenses	<input type="checkbox"/> provision of alimony
<input type="checkbox"/> parental support provided to a minor obligor	<input type="checkbox"/> unreimbursed medical/disability expenses	<input type="checkbox"/> tax planning considerations
<input type="checkbox"/> recurring gifts of spouse or domestic partner	<b>Needs of parent's other dependents:</b>	<b>Special circumstances:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> employment over 45 hours per week	<input type="checkbox"/> resources available to qualified child	<input type="checkbox"/> shared physical custody
<b>Extraordinary expenses for child:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> child care expenses for qualified child	<input type="checkbox"/> extraordinary disparity in parental income
<input type="checkbox"/> education expenses	<input type="checkbox"/> verified support for non-resident child	<input type="checkbox"/> best interests of the child
<input type="checkbox"/> unreimbursable medical expenses	<input type="checkbox"/> significant and essential needs of a spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> total award exceeds 55% of obligor's net
<input type="checkbox"/> special needs		<input type="checkbox"/> other equitable factors (explain)

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COURT			D.N./CASE NO.		NUMBER OF CHILDREN <b>1</b>
CHILD'S NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	CHILD'S NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	CHILD'S NAME	DATE OF BIRTH
<b>Marzanna</b>	<b>12/03/2019</b>				

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NET INCOME (Weekly amounts)			TABITHA	LERON
1.	Gross income (attach verification)		\$ 603	\$ 412
1a.	Number of hours used in calculation	TABITHA LERON		
2.	Federal income tax (excluding Self Employment Tax and Earned Income Credit)		\$ (84)	\$ 17
3.	Social security tax or mandatory retirement		\$ 37	\$ 26
4.	Medicare tax		\$ 9	\$ 6
5.	State and local income tax (based on all allowable exemptions, deductions and credits)		\$ 7	\$ 4
6.	Medical/hospital/dental insurance premiums (including Husky) for parent and all legal dependents		\$ 0	\$ 0
7.	Court-ordered life insurance for benefit of child		\$ 0	\$ 0
8.	Court-ordered disability insurance		\$	\$
9.	Mandatory union dues or fees (only if deducted by employer)		\$	\$
10.	Mandatory uniforms and tools (only if deducted by employer)		\$	\$
11.	Non-arrearage payments on court ordered alimony and child support awards (for other than parent/child(ren) of this order)		\$ 0	\$ 0
12.	Amount reserved to support qualified child(ren) (line 12f times line 12a)		\$ 166	\$ 0
	<b>Qualified Child Deduction Section:</b>			
12a.	Number of qualified children	TABITHA LERON	\$ 2	\$ 0
12b.	Total # children for qualified child calculation Number of children on this order + line 12a =		\$ 3	\$
12c.	Sum of lines 2-11		\$ (31)	\$
12d.	Line 1 - line 12c =		\$ 634	\$
12e.	Amount from schedule based on the parent's line 12d income and total # of children (line 12b)		\$ 249	\$
12f.	Line 12e / line 12b =		\$ 83	\$
13.	Add lines 2 through 12 and enter amount here		\$ 135	\$ 53
14.	Net weekly income (line 1 - line 13 =)		\$ 468	\$ 359
RECURRENT SUPPORT				
15.	Combined net weekly income (Add both parents' line 14 income. Round to the nearest \$10)		\$ 830	
16.	Basic child support obligation (from Schedule of Basic Child Support Obligations)		\$ 199	
17.	Each parent's percentage share of line 15 (line 14 for each parent / line 15) (If noncustodial parent is a low-income obligor, skip this line and enter line 16 amount in noncustodial parent's column on ln 18.)		56.39 %	43.61 %
18.	Each parent's share of the basic child support obligation (line 17 x line 16 for each parent)		\$ 112	\$ 87
19.	Social security dependency benefits adjustment		\$	\$ 0
20.	Presumptive current support amount (line 18 - line 19 =) (Rounded to the nearest dollar) (Enter noncustodial parent's amount on line 30.)		\$ 112	\$ 87

III. NET DISPOSABLE INCOME		TABITHA	LERON
21. Line 14 + line 30 (for custodial parent); line 14 - line 30 (for noncustodial parent)	\$	555	\$ 272
22. Noncustodial parent's line 19 amount (social security dependency benefits for child)	\$		0
23. Line 21 + line 22 (for custodial parent); line 21 - line 22 (for noncustodial parent)	\$	555	\$ 272

IV. UNREIMBURSED MEDICAL EXPENSE	
24. Add both parents' line 23 amounts and enter it here: (combined net disposable income)	\$ 827
25. Each parent's percentage share of combined net disposable income (Line 23 for each parent / line 24; then x 100 and round to the nearest whole %) <i>If the noncustodial parent is a low-income obligor (based on line 14 Net Weekly Income), go to line 26.</i> <i>If the noncustodial parent is not a low-income obligor (based on line 14 Net Weekly Income), enter these percentages on line 33b.</i>	67 % 33 %
26. Compare the noncustodial parent's line 25 amount to 50%. Enter the lower percentage on line 33b for the noncustodial parent. Then take 100 - line 33b for the noncustodial parent and enter the amount on line 33b for the custodial parent.	

V. CHILD CARE CONTRIBUTION	
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VI. ARREARAGE PAYMENT	
29. Line 30 * .20 = \$	OR amount determined in A, B, C or D, below (check box that applies): \$
<input type="checkbox"/> A. If noncustodial parent is a low-income obligor, enter the greater of 10% of line 30 or \$1 per week, unless paragraph B below applies.	
<input type="checkbox"/> B. If the child is living with the obligor, enter: (1) \$1 per week if the obligor's gross income is less than or equal to 250% of poverty level, OR (2) 20% of an imputed support obligation for the child if the obligor's gross income is greater than 250% of poverty level.	
<input type="checkbox"/> C. If there is no current support order and paragraph B above does not apply, enter: (1) 20% of an imputed support obligation if the parents have a present duty to provide support for the child, OR (2) 100% of an imputed support obligation if the parents have no present duty to provide support for the individual.	
<input type="checkbox"/> D. If paragraphs A, B and C above, do not apply and the sum of the current support and arrearage payments would exceed 55% of the noncustodial parent's line 14 amount, enter 55% of the noncustodial parent's line 14 amount - line 30 amount.	

VII. SUMMARY OF WORKSHEET		
30. Presumptive current support (from line 20): \$	87	Total Child Support Award Calculation
31. Arrearage payment (from line 29): \$		
32. Total arrearage: \$ (broken down as noted below)		Line 30 Amount: \$ 87
State arrearage: \$	Family arrearage: \$	Line 31 Amount: \$
33 a. Cash medical: \$ 0		Line 33a Amount: \$ 0
b. Unreimbursed medical expenses: TABITHA 67 % / LERON 33 %		Line 34 Amounts:
34 a. Child Care Contribution: \$		a Cash Child Care Amt: \$
b. Child Care Contribution: LERON 20 %		b Equivalent of percent: \$
		<b>Total Child Support Award \$ 87</b> (enter this amount on line 35a.)
35 a. Total child support award (excluding % amounts for unknown costs): \$	87	
b. Total child support award as a % of the obligor's net income: \$	24.23 % (line 35a / line 14 of the obligor; then x 100)	

VIII. DEVIATION CRITERIA (Attach additional sheet if necessary)		
36. Reason(s) for deviation from presumptive support amounts: (Check all boxes that apply.) <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if deviating by agreement.		
<b>Parent's other financial resources</b>	<b>Extraordinary parental expenses</b>	<b>Coordination of total family support</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> substantial assets	<input type="checkbox"/> significant visitation expenses	<input type="checkbox"/> division of assets and liabilities
<input type="checkbox"/> parent's earning capacity	<input type="checkbox"/> unreimbursed employment expenses	<input type="checkbox"/> provision of alimony
<input type="checkbox"/> parental support provided to a minor obligor	<input type="checkbox"/> unreimbursed medical/disability expenses	<input type="checkbox"/> tax planning considerations
<input type="checkbox"/> recurring gifts of spouse or domestic partner		
<input type="checkbox"/> employment over 45 hours per week	<b>Needs of parent's other dependents</b>	<b>Special circumstances</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> resources available to qualified child	<input type="checkbox"/> shared physical custody
<b>Extraordinary expenses for child</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> child care expenses for qualified child	<input type="checkbox"/> extraordinary disparity in parental income
<input type="checkbox"/> education expenses	<input type="checkbox"/> verified support for non-resident child	<input type="checkbox"/> best interests of the child
<input type="checkbox"/> unreimbursable medical expenses	<input type="checkbox"/> significant and essential needs of a spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> total award exceeds 55% of obligor's net
<input type="checkbox"/> special needs		<input type="checkbox"/> other equitable factors (explain)
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SUPERIOR COURT

ORDER 435701

STEPHENS, LERON  
V.  
KING, TABITHA

JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF NEW HAVEN  
AT NEW HAVEN

2/24/2022

ORDER

The following order is entered in the above matter:

ORDER:

All parties appeared before the court this date. The court approves child support in accordance with the Guidelines Worksheet prepared this date by Family Relations of \$87 per week, Effective today, payable by immediate wage withholding. The plaintiff may make the payment due this week with the payment due next week. The plaintiff will pay child support directly to the defendant until a wage withholding takes effect.

The parties will share work related child care per the Guidelines at 80% the defendant and 20% the plaintiff.

The parties will share unreimbursed medical expenses per the Guidelines at 65% the defendant and 35% the plaintiff.

These orders are temporary. All issues, including final child support and child support arrears will be assigned for trial.

Judicial Notice (JDNO) was sent regarding this order.

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Judge: JANE KUPSON GROSSMAN

This document may be signed or verified electronically and has the same validity and status as a document with a physical (pen-to-paper) signature. For more information, see Section I.E. of the *State of Connecticut Superior Court E-Services Procedures and Technical Standards* (<https://jud.ct.gov/external/super/E-Services/e-standards.pdf>), section 51-193c of the Connecticut General Statutes and Connecticut Practice Book Section 4-4.

**APPLICATION FOR EMERGENCY EX PARTE ORDER OF CUSTODY**

JD-FM-222 Rev. 12-21  
C.G.S. § 46b-56f; P.A. 21-15


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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
**SUPERIOR COURT**  
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**Instructions**

1. Complete this form, including the affidavit on page 2.
2. Attach an Affidavit Concerning Children, form JD-FM-164.
3. If there is not yet a court case, or post-judgment motion to modify custody, you must file it with this application (e.g., the divorce, legal separation, annulment, custody action, or post-judgment motion to modify custody must be filed with this application).
4. Bring the original and a copy of this form to the court clerk's office.
5. After your application is processed, the clerk will give you the proper papers to have served on the respondent.
6. Make sure the originals are returned to court after service.

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Judicial District of <b>NEW HAVEN</b>	At (Town) <b>NEW HAVEN</b>	Return date (if applicable)	Docket number <b>NNHFA215050712S</b>
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Name of case (Plaintiff v. Defendant)  
**STEPHENS, LERON vs. KING, TABITHA**

1. I, (Name and address) **KING, TABITHA 204 SPRING STREET WEST HAVEN, CT 06516**

am the Applicant for this emergency ex parte order of custody, and I am the  Parent  Legal Guardian of the following child or children for whom I am seeking this order (attach additional sheets if necessary):

Child's Name (First, Middle Initial, Last)	Date of birth (Month, day, year)
<b>Marzanna Stephens</b>	<b>12/03/2019</b>

2. The Respondent (Name and address) **STEPHENS, LERON 44 ORANGE STREET APT 408 NEW HAVEN, CT 06510** is the  Parent  Legal Guardian of the child or children named above.

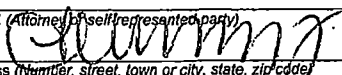
3. I am filing or there is already a pending matter in which I am a party for:
- divorce (dissolution of marriage).
  - annulment.
  - post-judgment modification of custody.
  - legal separation.
  - custody of the child or children named above.

4. I believe there is an immediate and present risk of physical danger or psychological harm to the child or children listed above as further explained in the attached affidavit.

**I ask the Court to enter the following ex parte orders:**

- Temporary legal and physical custody to Mother
- Visitation as follows: revoled from father
- No visitation.
- Respondent may not remove the child or children from the State of Connecticut.
- Respondent may not interfere with Applicant's custody of the child or children.
- Respondent may not interfere with the educational program of the child or children.
- Other (specify):

Judicial District of New Haven  
**SUPERIOR COURT**  
**FILED**  
**JAN 09 2024**  
**CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE**

Signed (Attorney or self-represented party) 	Printed name of person signing <b>KING, TABITHA</b>	Date signed <b>01/09/2024</b>
Address (Number, street, town or city, state, zip code) <b>204 SPRING STREET WEST HAVEN, CT 06516</b>		Telephone number <b>(203)710-6335</b>

Name of case (Plaintiff v. Defendant)

STEPHENS, LERON

vs. KING, TABITHA

Docket number

NNHFA215050712S

**Affidavit**

I, (Name) KING, TABITHA, am the Applicant in this matter and swear to the following

(explain the events that have occurred, when they occurred, and why you believe that there is an immediate and present risk of physical danger or psychological harm to the child or children):

1. An emergency ex parte order is required because (attach additional sheets if necessary):

From Dec. 18 - Dec. 22 Mr. Stephens refused to return the minor child. This resulted in his arrest on Dec 26 for Custodial Interference in New Haven and arrested again in West Haven on an active warrant for Custodial Interference. (Milford court)

Yesterday Jan 8th Mr. Stephens again violated the court order and failed to return the minor child at the ordered time & location resulting in police interaction but did not result in an arrest.

My concern is that Mr. Stephens will continue to violate the judges orders and fail to return her as described in the order.

He returned her later to my home

2. An emergency ex parte order is in the best interests of the child or children because there is an immediate and present risk of physical danger or psychological harm to the child or children named in this application.

3. (Select one) I  have  have not been a party or a witness or participated in any other capacity in cases in Connecticut or in any other state concerning custody or any child listed in this application. If you have, identify the name of any court(s), the court case number(s) and the date(s) of any order(s):

4. (Select one)

I have or another person has taken the following actions to inform the respondent of this application (if it was another person, state who it is):

No actions have been taken to inform the respondent of this application, but the court should consider this application on an ex parte basis for the following reasons:

2 pending Custodial Interference arrests  
Contempt & failure to comply with existing orders.

I certify that the statements above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief

Signed (Affiant)

*[Handwritten signature]*

Print name of person signing

KING, TABITHA

Subscribed and sworn to before me (Assistant Clerk, Commissioner of Superior Court, Notary Public)

*[Handwritten signature]*

Date signed

01/09/2024



Name of case (Plaintiff v. Defendant) STEPHENS, LERON	VS. KING, TABITHA	Docket number NNHFA215050712S
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**Order** (To be completed by the court)

The Court has reviewed this application and finds that an immediate and present risk of physical danger or psychological harm to the child or children exists, and in the best interests of the child or children the Court enters the below ex parte order and orders that a hearing be held no later than 14 days from the date of this order.

- Temporary legal and physical custody to Mother Tabitha King
- Visitation as follows: \_\_\_\_\_
- No visitation.
- Respondent may not remove the child or children named in the application from the State of Connecticut.
- Respondent may not interfere with Applicant's custody of the child or children named in the application.
- Respondent may not interfere with the educational program of the child or children named in the application.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

This application for ex parte orders is denied. A hearing shall be ordered on the application, pursuant to General Statutes § 46b-56f (c).

By the Court/Judge <u>Kenebeck J. Kenefick</u>	Date ordered <u>11/9/2024</u>
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**Order for Notice and Summons** (To be completed by clerk)

The court orders that a hearing on this Application be held on (date) 1/22/24 at (time) 9:30 AM

This hearing will be held

in person at:

Superior Court, Judicial District of: <u>New Haven</u>	Room number (if known) <u>625</u>	Phone number (Area code first) <u>203-543-6800</u>
Court location (Number, street and town) <u>235 CHURCH ST, NEW HAVEN CT 06510</u>		

remotely (online by video). You are ordered to:

- File an Appearance form with a current, valid e-mail address at least 5 days before this hearing, unless you have already done so;
- Attend this hearing by following the instructions that are sent to your e-mail address by the court; and
- Contact the court clerk's office before the scheduled time of this hearing if you are unable to follow the instructions.

You must contact the court clerk's office at least 5 days before this hearing if you do not have or cannot get an e-mail address, or if you do not have access to an electronic device that you can use to participate in this remote hearing.

The court further orders the Applicant to give the Respondent notice of this Application, the Affidavit, any ex parte order, and this order, by having a true and attested copy served on the Respondent by any proper officer at least 5 days before the date of the hearing. Proof of service must be made to this Court.

To any proper officer: By the Authority of the State of Connecticut, you must serve a true and attested copy of the Application, Affidavit, Ex Parte Order (if any), and this order on the person named below in one of the ways required by law at least 5 days before the date of the hearing, and file proof of service with this Court.

Person to be served <u>Leron Stephens</u>	Address
By the Court <u>J. Kenefick</u>	Assistant Clerk <u>[Signature]</u>
	Date signed <u>1/9/24</u>



Vannessa L. Dorantes  
Commissioner

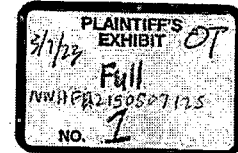
**DEPARTMENT of CHILDREN and FAMILIES**  
*Making a Difference for Children, Families and Communities*



Ned Lamont  
Governor

October 26, 2021

Mr. Leron Stephens  
44 Orange Street Apt. 408  
New Haven, CT 06519



**Re: Marzanna Stephens (D.O.B: 12/03/2019)**

Dear Mr. Leron Stephens,

On 09/15/2021, the Department of Children and Families became involved with your daughter, Marazanna Stephens, to investigate allegations of sexual abuse that you had reported to the Yale Children's Hospital Emergency Room. As mandated reporters, hospital staff notified the Department of the allegations which triggered the current open investigation with your family. Since case commencement, which occurred on 09/16/2021, the Department has been conducting an ongoing assessment of the sexual abuse allegations in addition to assessing for any other strengths and/or needs any family member may have. This assessment was done so by interviewing each family member individually, home visits and collaboration with the providers involved with the family. As a result of the ongoing assessment, the following recommendations listed below are being made by the Department as it pertains to you. These recommendations were made in collaboration with and supported by the Yale Child Abuse Clinic, Kate Murray, the Guardian at Litem assigned to Marzanna through Family Court and the Department of Children and Families Mental Health Consultant.

The recommendations are as follows:

**Submit to a psychiatric/mental health evaluation. This can be done through the West Haven Veteran Hospital as this was the same provider that you had previously been engaged in with for mental health/medication management services.**

**Engage in the parenting program through Parenting Supportive Services.**

At this time the Department is recommending that you undergo a psychiatric/mental health evaluation to further assesses the need for any ongoing mental health or medication management services. Concerns were expressed to the Department regarding unaddressed mental health needs for you stemming from your diagnoses of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Major Depressive Disorder and Bipolar Mood Disorder. During the initial phone conversation that occurred between you and the Department that