

Docket No. DBD-FA-235020180-S

JASON R. SORIN

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JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
DANBURY  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

May 3, 2024

### MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Before the Court is the visitation application filed by the plaintiff, Jason R. Sorin, on November 13, 2023. The defendant, Taylor L. Knox, was served with the application on November 28, 2023. The court heard evidence on January 30, 2024.

The plaintiff was represented by counsel. The defendant was self-represented. Each party provided testimony. The State of Connecticut filed an appearance in this case. Connecticut is the home state of the child at the time of the filing of this action and the child resided in Connecticut for the past six months. This court has jurisdiction.

Upon careful consideration of the evidence presented and the pertinent statutory law, in particular General Statutes § 46b-61 and the relevant case law, and having observed the demeanor and assessed the credibility of the witnesses at trial, the court finds and orders as follows. All court findings are made by the preponderance of the evidence standard unless specifically stated otherwise.

The main source of evidence at trial was the testimony of the parties, making their credibility especially critical. "The fact-finding function is vested in the trial court with its unique opportunity to view the evidence presented in a totality of circumstances, i.e., including its observations of the demeanor and conduct of the witnesses and parties, which is not fully reflected in the cold, printed record which is available to [the appellate courts]." *Lupien v. Lupien*, 192 Conn. 443, 445, 472 A.2d 18 (1984).

Custody proceedings are initiated via an order to show cause when parents are not married or are married but living separately. See *Moll v. Gianetti*, 8 Conn. App. 50 (1986).

The court may then make any order as to the custody, care, education, visitation and support of any minor child of the parties, subject to the provisions of General Statutes §§ 46b-54, 46b-56, 46b-57 and 46b-66.

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The applicant must file "accompanying documents" that establish an existing legal relationship between the parents and the child no later than the first date the matter appears on the docket. Paternity had been established in the Family Support Magistrate Court (DBD-FA23-6047371-S). Child support has also been addressed by the Family Support Magistrate (DBD-FA23-6047371-S).

The underlying visitation application seeks visitation with the minor child, Cade Sorin (DOB 11/6/19). The Court heard testimony that the parties previously resided together with the minor child from the child's date of birth until approximately August 2022. From January 2023 until early November 2023 the plaintiff testified to seeing his son every weekend from Friday at 7 p.m. through Sunday at 7 p.m. As of the date of the hearing, the plaintiff had not seen his son since November 6, 2023. There was testimony that the minor child returned home from visitation with the plaintiff with a scratch in his forehead area at this time. There was no medical attention necessary as a result of this scratch or investigation of any sort. Further, there was no testimony or credible evidence presented that the plaintiff requires counseling or supervision.

Orders

1. The plaintiff is permitted visitation every other weekend with his minor child from Friday at 7:00 p.m. until Sunday at 7:00 p.m. beginning Friday, May 10, 2024.
2. The plaintiff is responsible for transportation of the minor child for the pick-ups and drop-offs at the home of the defendant unless another location is agreed upon by the parties.

BY THE COURT



Fox, J.

*Decision entered in accordance with the foregoing on May 3, 2024. Parties, attorney of record and reporter of judicial decisions notified on May 3, 2024*

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