

VIRGINIA:
IN THE JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT
FOR SHENANDOAH COUNTY

BRENDA A. CHAPMAN

v.

Case No: J009426

BRIAN R. CHAPMAN

IN RE: BRIANA R. CHAPMAN

BILL IN REVIEW

Comes now, Brian R. Chapman, here in after "Father", to present his bill in review of the events of the past months since our last appearances in this court on August 4th 2004 and March 2, 2005.

1) This court issued an order on August 4th 2004 which **reduced** total visitation time from **10** hours to **8** hours per week. With visitation to occur on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and alternating weekend days (*completely unsupervised*) and Friday evening phone contact.

2) Mother, Brenda Chapman, has been less than cooperative with Father regarding offering any extensions of visitation time or adjusting the schedule to allow for more time on a given day (*mother would not allow an extension of time so that Briana, the Child, would be able to have Thanksgiving dinner with Father and his family in Leesburg*)-- Father had actually proposed giving up a regular time slot in so that the time could have been used for the special day.

3) Mother also seems to have a time management problem (*Father realizes this is nit-picking*), when Mother is to bring the Child to Father for visitation, she quite frequently

runs a few minutes behind, however, when it is time to pick up the Child, Mother is right on time (?)

4)The Child seems to genuinely enjoy the time she spends with her Father, much of the visitation time during the week is spent at Father's apartment, we sometimes have dinner at one of the local restaurants.

5) Weekend visitation starts and ends at my apartment: we generally go to the Mall or Wal-Mart or visit the Child's grandparents in Stephens City, we also go to the park weather permitting (*I bought the Child a bicycle for Christmas that she rides at the park*)

6) Friday evening phone calls have been accomplished without any problems, and generally if there are changes to the plan for the weekend, I call Mother and inform her that a change has or is occurring and let her know where Briana and I have decided to go--this seems to work quite well, I follow the same procedure during the week.

7) Picking up the Child from preschool by Father, has been accomplished without much ado, there was one incident when Father felt the adverse weather warranted going against the court order and did pick up the Child in his vehicle as opposed to walking her.--Since that one incident, the Child's mother has made a point to pick up the child and deliver her to Father's apartment when the weather has been really bad.

8) Child riding in approved carseat in the back seat of Fathers vehicles has been accomplished with only two incidences that required the Child to ride up front (*Both times, my personal vehicles were broke down and the vehicles I had borrowed did not have backseats or provisions for same*)

MOTION TO AMEND

Father comes now and respectfully requests that joint physical custody would now be reinstated due to the facts that:

- 1) Unsupervised visitation has been re-established with the Child.
- 2) Father has completed testing and therapy as required by the consent agreement of 15Jan2003.
- 3) Despite the ongoing conflict that Brenda Chapman continues to fan, continued sole custody of the Child is not in the "best interest" of the Child.
- 4) Father believes that the issue of joint custody is now ripe for consideration.
- 5) Neither this court, the GAL, or Mother can show any credible evidence that the Child is at risk of imminent harm while in my care.
- 6) Father has not been declared unfit (*neither parent has been declared unfit*)
- 7) Court ordered joint custody in all areas would serve to reduce or eliminate conflict between Father and Mother.
- 8) Mother's primary reason for vehemently wanting to maintain sole custody is for financial gain.

Respectfully Submitted

Brian R Chapman, March 2, 2005

