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In re:

Beazizo, Ann

Petitioner(s),

and

Beazizo, Jeffrey

Respondent(s).

No. 08-3-01050-5

Declaration of

[Name]
(Optional Use)
(DCLR)

This declaration is made by:

Name:

Judith A. Whisman

Age:

69

Relationship to the parties in this action:

mother of Ann Beazizo

I Declare:

See attachments



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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed at Belleme, [City] WA. [State] on May 26, 2011 [Date].

Judith A. Whisman
Signature of Declarant

Judith A. Whisman
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I am recommending to the Court that Jeffery Beazizo be given full custody of Emily (age 9) and Colin (age 6) Beazizo. Currently, Jeffery Beazizo and my daughter Ann Burlingame have joint custody of their two children.

I have done an in depth study of my daughter Ann's unusual behaviors that deviate markedly from the expectation of her as a mature woman of 38 years. I would compare her emotional development to the development of a young teenager. These behaviors have existed since she herself was a teenager and have not changed to date. And, they appear to those of us close to her to be getting worse. In 2008 I became convinced that Ann was mentally ill because she consistently demonstrated some similar behaviors of my oldest daughter who was professionally diagnosed as bipolar. I sought professional counseling concerning Ann at my home church, Westminster Chapel. I described to the counselor all the character traits that I observed in Ann: obsessive/compulsiveness, need for male relationship, constant criticism of others, anger, verbal abuse, chaos everywhere, controlling, mood swings, etc. The book "Stop Walking On Eggshells" by Paul T. Mason and Randi Kreger was recommended to me. After reading the book, I was convinced that Ann fits the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual IV criteria for Borderline Personality Disorder published by the American Psychiatric Association. There are 9 criteria. For one to be diagnosed with BPD, an individual must manifest 5. I can identify 7 of the 9 in Ann, since I know her so very well. I gave Jeff a copy of the same book, and he came away with the identical opinion of BPD. Jeff and I have tried to point out her need for therapy, but she refuses to be evaluated by a mental health professional who could possibly decrease or alleviate her troublesome symptoms with right medication and therapy, and in fact she continually denies that she is having difficulties at all. I acknowledge that a diagnosis can only be made by a professional who is experienced in assessing and treating people with BPD. And since she refuses to be assessed, the Courts are our only access to seeking protection for Emily and Colin.

Reasons why Jeffery should be given full custody of Emily and Colin:

- Ann regularly displays uncontrollable anger towards Emily and Colin with unpredictable yelling and rages that make no logical sense. Colin is showing evidence of emotional damage from this verbal abuse. He has a bowel problem that began shortly after he was potty trained. Once when he didn't get to the bathroom on time, he messed his shorts. Ann berated him, and with the feces, she smeared it on his leg. Now Colin holds his BM too long, causing stomach aches, for fear he will get screamed at for dirtying his shorts. Doctor examinations (two that I know of) are all negative for any physical problems causing his BM challenge. Also, Emily has been called "stupid", and Jeff called CPS because Emily had bruises caused by Ann on her body. Ann lost control of herself on another occasion when she held Emily's head under the bath faucet when washing her hair. Emily was afraid of the water and was petrified. Several times I have heard Ann scream at the children regarding perfectly normal child's behavior that required little or no admonishing.
- Ann bullies Emily and Colin. She frequently criticizes them and creates crises needlessly, expecting them to behave as adults. She sounds more like a controlling drill sergeant ordering them around, rather than a loving mother giving them parental loving guidance. Depending on Ann's mood, if they haven't done everything perfectly, they are sent to their rooms, usually crying because they are heart broken from how they have been treated. Now we are seeing a pattern from Emily, asking permission for trivial activities so that she will stay out of trouble. Colin is only in kindergarten, yet she makes him erase his work if it isn't perfect.
- Ann exhibits narcissistic behaviors in several ways. She frequently does not adequately consider the children's needs. She often keeps them up beyond a normal and practical bedtime so that they are tired for school in the morning. I have been a witness to this while baby-sitting the children at their home. I have also witnessed Ann taking these children to an adult male home to

spend weekends without regard to what is healthy and proper behavior in front of her children.

- Ann places her children at risk by being irresponsible for their safety. Her car is full of large solid objects that could easily severely injure or kill her children if she were in an accident with them in the car. Her house is overflowing with "stuff" to the point that it is dangerous if there should be a fire or other emergency. At times there are only paths in the house, including the bedrooms that the children sleep in. Within the past month she mentioned to me thinking about allowing Emily and Colin to get themselves up and ready for school in the morning without an adult being present. This statement was made because of her intent to divorce her current husband, Gary, and have him move out imminently. I told her to absolutely not do that. Within the past month she left me with her 1 year old, saying she was running a couple of errands, intimating that she wouldn't be gone long. Earlier she had made this arrangement with me saying she wanted to spend the day with me. After 3 hours had gone by, I attempted to phone her to find out why she was gone so long, and I only got her message box. I tried the second time about an hour later and again only got her message box. If something had happened to her baby, I wouldn't have been able to contact her. I almost called Gary, the father, so that he would know the predicament I was in. She finally returned over 5 hours later with no apologies. She did not deny that she was at boyfriend # 3's home. (See next bullet)
- This point is the most disturbing, damaging, and is beyond human decency. In 2008 she encouraged a 5 month relationship with boyfriend # 1 soon after she was separated from Jeff but not divorced. (This male eventually was convicted of child pornography and is now serving time.) On the same day she broke off with boyfriend # 1, she picked up boyfriend # 2, who happens to be paralyzed from the waist down due to an auto accident and who won a healthy lawsuit as a result of his injuries. Boyfriend # 2 lasted about 8 months. She immediately started a relationship with her present husband whom she married within 3 months, and has a child by him. And now after less than 2 years, this current marriage is failing, and she has asked her husband Gary for a divorce. Even before Gary has been served the papers for the divorce, she entered into a relationship with boyfriend # 3. This individual survived a helicopter crash in 2005, and now has a traumatic brain injury among other physical impairments. (see attachments for details of the individual) His mother told me that he can not drive and when he took the Access Bus for the physically and mentally impaired to an appointment, he could not figure out how to return home on it. She ended up going after him herself. Ann had told her sister Amy that boyfriend # 3 was going to rent from her after Gary moved out, even though boyfriend # 3 lives with his parents and is cared for by his mother. I have spoken directly to the mother of boyfriend # 3 for the purpose of confirming this arrangement. She told me that this was not true, and that they were planning to get married in November. The mother told me his mental maturity equals that of a 13-14 year old, and that his disability income from the government is \$6000/month. Ann's current husband, Gary, has a business that is suffering because of the economy. It appears that boyfriend # 3 is unwittingly an easy victim, providing financial security for her. He cannot drive, is not able to work, requires constant medical attention and therapy. To quote his mother, "he can have problems with decision-making and using proper judgment". I am alarmed over the fact that he would be left alone with these children any time Ann is away from the home. Currently she works 3 days/week. I have a daughter with a traumatic brain injury, and I would never allow her to be left alone with young children because her behavior is unpredictable at best. Ann obviously does not have any judgment or regard for her children's safety. This is a classic example of her making a choice in life without considering the consequences to the children. She does not have the protective instincts that you would expect from a mother, but rushes into relationships to get her own needs met. This man could seriously physically abuse these children up to and including death. Since he is retired from the military, he certainly has some training in physical violence. Behavior from an individual with a traumatic brain injury is totally unpredictable, especially when dealing with an emergency or crisis. And I am not only talking about 9 and 6 year old children, I am talking about a 1 year old as well. Also something to consider is that Ann may be unable or unwilling to protect her children from the potential abuse of boyfriend # 3, either because she feels that doing so might threaten her relationship with him or because she may be too consumed by her own needs and problems. Another concern is the question of how long

this relationship would last. (Even in her first marriage she told me of one affair, and admitted a second to Jeff.) There is potential for another, then another, then another, relationship indiscriminately invited into her life without her realizing the repercussions. These children have no defense other than to be removed from the home of their mother.

- There are other extreme and intense behaviors that are harmful involving other relationships that directly involve the children. She has alienated herself from both Jeff's and Gary's families, and makes it as difficult as possible for the children to spend time with their fathers' relatives. Her children are not allowed to play with certain children in the neighborhood because she doesn't get along with the parents.
- Jeffery is a good and responsible father. I have interacted with him throughout his marriage to Ann, and this interaction has continued despite Ann's disapproval and interference. He is kind and loving to the children, and has proper disciplining methods. An important goal for Jeff when he has the children is to make sure that they are in a stress free environment. He often spends hours with them calming them down because they are emotionally upset when they come from their mother's home. He is careful to protect the children from harm, never leaving them alone or having revolving girlfriends. He makes certain that their physical, emotion, mental, and spiritual needs are met. He actively involves himself in their school functions and sport activities. He follows up immediately on any health concerns. He has medical coverage for them through his work, and financially is able to care for the children. I have been to Jeffery's home and can testify that it is clean and orderly with individual bedrooms for the children.
- I love my daughter Ann, but I have watched her emotionally and mentally batter her children to the point that this is the only avenue I have to force her to get intense therapy or have the children removed from this dangerous environment.

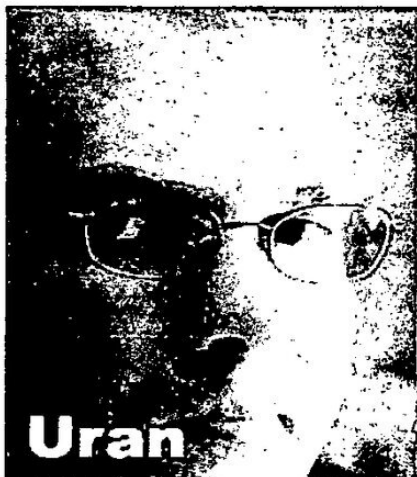
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"NOTHING IS EASY" - MATTHEW URAN'S BODY IS A PRISON



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Story below:

'Nothing is easy'

But the cost of brain injuries cannot be measured just in dollars spent. The cost is also in lives altered, in years and memories lost.

Uran has lived the past year in slow motion, said Dr. James Williams of the Fayetteville Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

"The main issue with head injuries is what we call processing," Williams said. "Everything is slowed to a crawl."

It has been a crawl of steady progress for Uran. In the little more than a year since his injury, he has gone from being confined to a wheelchair and unable to speak to walking and talking.

Practice runs

Uran was hurt in a helicopter crash in January 2005 as he flew with another helicopter practicing gun runs in the Kuwaiti desert. He was assigned to a Fort Bragg Apache unit. The unit was 10 days into a yearlong deployment in Baghdad.

Uran doesn't remember hitting the ground. The crash, which killed the other pilot, is still under investigation.

His wife was at lunch with a friend in Fayetteville when she found out about the crash. A few hours later, doctors in Kuwait told her he had broken his neck, back and wrist in the crash. But the worst injury was a fractured skull that had him in a coma. There was a brain injury.

"Nothing can prepare you," Dawn Uran said. "Your whole life up to that point is done."

Uran was stabilized in Kuwait and sent to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, where his wife was able to see him for the first time. He stayed there until March 2005, when he was transferred to McGuire Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Richmond, Va. McGuire is one of four brain treatment facilities in the VA system.

There, Uran was put through a routine as rigorous as boot camp. The hospital has its brain injury patients in intensive therapy

**By Kevin Maurer
Staff writer**

Matthew Uran's body is a prison.

He thinks clearly, but his arms and legs respond erratically. Uran used to pilot Apache attack helicopters. He once could run for miles. Now his feet drag; he has to will them to move a step at a time.

His eyes sparkle, but his speech comes haltingly and his hands just hang at his sides.

"It is very difficult for me to do anything," he says. "Nothing is easy."

The crescent-shaped scar on the left side of his head tells his story in summary — Uran has a brain injury.

He is one of the hidden costs of the war.

Dr. Deborah Warden is the national director of the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center. She told United Press International last year that the military is treating more brain injuries from the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan than in previous wars. In the past, people hurt as badly as Uran would likely have died. Now, brain injuries account for as much as 20percent of combat casualties, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The military spares no expense in treating them. The medical bills for all the wounded could eventually be measured in the trillions of dollars.

A study by Joseph E. Stiglitz, a Nobel Prize-winning economist, and Linda Bilmes, a Harvard professor, concluded that treating wounded soldiers could cost as much as \$2 trillion and that the more than 3,000 soldiers who have suffered head or brain injuries in Iraq will need lifetime care that could cost from \$600,000 to \$5million per soldier.

Uran's care, provided free by the Department of Veterans Affairs, has already reached hundred of thousands of dollars, Uran's wife, Dawn, estimated.

There's a framed blue cavalry Statson.

Going from being a high-speed attack helicopter pilot to being unable to move was a devastating blow.

"It really sucks to start from scratch," Uran said.

Chief Warrant Officer Johnny Jackson was in Uran's unit. Jackson said he thought of Uran as a younger brother.

The two flew together for three years. Uran was a great pilot, Jackson said. Jackson was in Kuwait when Uran crashed, and he saw his friend there before he was transferred to the stateside hospital.

Jackson didn't see him again for six months, until he visited Uran in June when he was home on leave. At the time, Uran couldn't walk and was barely speaking.

"It was tough looking at him," Jackson said. "Here is a guy who was a great Army aviator, soldier and American."

Relearning skills

But Uran was — and still is — relearning the things people take for granted: walking, talking and swallowing.

He has been back in Fayetteville since the summer, but he hasn't slowed his rehabilitation. He treats it like a job. Five days a week he lifts weights, swims and works on his speech problems.

Most days he spends hours at Fayetteville's VA hospital — where he is the only patient with a brain injury — before going to a private gym to work out.

Dr. Williams and physical therapist Dennis Castor said Uran started with a good base. As an Army pilot, he had good motor skills and was in great shape.

Progress has come fast. He has helped speed it up with extra work many afternoons with Neu Wave Aqua Fitness and Personal Training.

seven days a week. The program is intense because the clock is ticking: the first two years after an injury are when a patient is able to make the most progress, according to Della Rucks, chief of clinical support. The people at McGuire want to get a good start on that time window.

"The goal of rehab is to make the patient as independent as possible," Rucks said.

When Uran arrived at the hospital, he could do no more than move his eyes. Just that made him recoil in pain. It took him six months to speak.

Some of the time Uran was at McGuire, Dawn Uran spent weekdays in Fayetteville and weekends at the hospital with him. She had just come back for a weekend in June when he said his first words to her: "Hey, baby."

Dawn Uran almost fell on the floor.

"You always look for signs that they're there. For those little bits of hope," she said.

Uran now speaks, but in a monotone. Cheri Carlson, his speech pathologist, is trying to add inflection and increase the speed of his speech.

Every day he gets stronger, she said.

Working hard

Uran pushes himself in rehabilitation, much as he did in the Army.

He enlisted in 1994 as a mechanic before being accepted into the Army's warrant officer program in 1999. Flying was always his dream, and Apache pilots are regarded as some of the best.

The upstairs room in Uran's house — known as the Matt Cave — is a testament to his old life. The walls are painted Army green. Pictures and models of Apache helicopters are around the room. Several American flags hang on the walls. One was flown in an Apache over Baghdad. Another has his unit patch sewn on it.

"I never had a sense of despair," she said. "I never doubted that he would be OK."

The Urans stay upbeat. She jokes with him, sometimes using only a look, and Uran often flashes a wry smile at his wife. When they walk their three dogs, Dawn Uran prods her husband to keep up.

No matter what is going on, even when Uran struggles to keep up with the treadmill at the gym or forces his hands to untangle the dog leash, he smiles.

"I have no choice but to get up and drive on," he said.

Uran still has many goals: He wants to drive again and hopes to teach classes at the Army's flight school at Fort Rucker, Ala.

Changes apparent

Jackson said he sees the difference. The Uran he saw when he returned from Baghdad this year was a different man from the one he saw in June.

So different that he was able to join his buddies in a squadron tradition — poker games. He now plays cards once a month with the guys who used to fly with him.

"He feels more in his element when he is playing poker," Jackson said. "Even now, he gets in there and loves to play. It is something he can still do 100 percent."

Well enough to liberate his friends' money. Last month, Uran was the big winner.

To Jackson, Uran remains one of the guys. They poke fun at him as much as any other pilot.

"He is still CW2 Matt Uran, Apache pilot. That is the way he is going to stay to us," Jackson said.

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When he first met trainers Ron and Reyna Dobrino for therapy, he was in a wheelchair and couldn't speak very well.

"He wasn't alert. He was half-dead," said Reyna Dobrino, co-owner of Neu Wave. "It is amazing when you see him now."

The Dobrinos focus on movements that link the mind and body.

On a day early in March, Uran kicked a soccer ball in the pool at The Spa Fitness & Wellness Center. He and Ron Dobrino spent about 10 minutes playing water soccer before facing off in a tug of war. Uran strained as he dragged Ron Dobrino around the pool.

"We are trying to wake up memories on how the body functions. It brings back muscle memory," Ron Dobrino said.

Working in the water eliminates the fear of falling.

"He feels more comfortable and can push himself more," Ron Dobrino said.

Uran couldn't swim before he started therapy but now he likes the water. "He sees the possibility that his body can be better than before," Reyna Dobrino said.

Coach and motivator

Much of the credit for Uran's recovery goes to his wife, according to his friend Jackson and his doctors.

The two met in September 1999, when Uran's sister introduced them. They were engaged three months later and married a year after they met.

From the moment she learned the extent of her husband's injury, Dawn Uran did everything she could to help her husband recover. She made sure his therapy sessions were covered by veterans benefits and found a pool for Uran to train in.

She has become his coach and motivator, always at his side to cajole and cheer him on.

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Families of severely wounded veterans still waiting for help

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WASHINGTON — Fabienne Uran quit her job after her son, Matthew, broke his neck and fractured his skull and pelvis in a helicopter crash in the Kuwaiti desert in 2005.

Now she takes care of the former pilot on a full-time basis. For her efforts, she figures she should get paid at least \$600 a week by federal taxpayers.

"I'm modest about my expectations," said Uran, 60, of Bellevue, Wash.

Like thousands of others who are taking care of wounded veterans at home, Uran had hoped to be getting checks from the Department of Veterans Affairs by now.

In May, President Barack Obama signed a new law that promised — for the first time in history — to pay family members and others who care for severely wounded soldiers at home. To qualify, soldiers had to be injured after Sept. 11, 2001.

But the VA missed a Jan. 30 deadline to get the program up and running. That's angering many families of wounded veterans and many members of Congress, who are accusing the Obama administration of dragging its feet.

On Wednesday, Democratic Sen. Patty Murray of Washington, the chairman of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, gave a public scolding to Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki, telling him the VA isn't complying with the law.

Murray told Shinseki that the plan as designed by the VA doesn't even resemble what Congress had in mind and that delaying the program was unacceptable. According to Murray, Congress wanted the law to serve at least 3,500 caregivers, at a cost of \$1.7 billion over five years. The VA's plan, which calls for covering only 840 caregivers, "is simply not good enough," she said.

Shinseki expressed regrets for the delay and said he understands the frustration, but he said that implementing the program has taken longer than planned. He said benefit checks should be going out by early summer.

Shinseki said the program is starting small but added: "We expect that this program will grow."

"We have an obligation to get this right," he told Murray.

Veterans groups are impatient, too.

Steve Nardizzi, the executive director of Wounded Warrior Project, said the group is "outraged and distressed" by the delay.

"If bureaucracy and red tape are delaying help for the families of these brave men and women, that's inexcusable," Nardizzi said.

Final details of the program are still being ironed out, including eligibility guidelines. Stipends for caregivers are expected to vary in geographic regions and be comparable to salaries of commercial caregivers.

Matthew Uran, who's recovering slowly, has lived with his parents since December 2008, after he and his ex-wife moved to Washington from North Carolina. He just hopes the federal money comes quickly.

"I don't know where I would be without my mom," he said. But he wondered how the federal government could afford the new program: "The government is darn near broke."

In an interview, Murray said the VA should not tighten eligibility because of funding concerns. She said that if more injured soldiers qualify, it's the responsibility of the president and Congress to pay for their care.

"War does cost money," she said. "Caring for our soldiers costs money. We have an obligation to be able to meet that."

After much therapy, Uran can walk and get dressed by himself, though he has trouble using his right hand. He speaks slowly. And his mother said he can have problems with decision-making and using proper judgment. He has had speech therapy, occupational therapy and physical therapy.

"When he came to live with us, it was like getting to know a whole different person," his mother said. "Because of his brain injury, his personality is different."

Uran said her son always wanted to be a commercial airline pilot and "was doing what he loved" when the helicopter crashed, killing another

pilot on board.

Under the VA's current plan, Murray said, department officials have "excluded the very families that we intended to help," including traumatically brain-injured soldiers. Until the rules are finalized, she said, it's not even clear whether the Urans will qualify.

The premise behind the program is simple: Congress reasoned that it would cost much less to care for wounded vets at home rather than send them to institutions or nursing homes.

Fabienne Uran said the federal government is wasting money by delaying the program and paying higher costs.

"I think it's criminal," she said.

The program, which will include health care coverage and mental health help, has generated its share of controversy. Many older veterans are complaining that the new benefits will go only to soldiers injured in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

Murray said the law requires the VA to return to Congress in two years to recommend whether the program should be expanded to older veterans. She said Congress wanted to first focus on younger veterans, reasoning that a caregiver for a 25-year-old veteran is likely to face a tougher long-term economic hit than a caregiver for an older veteran.

She said the VA is now dealing with veterans with more significant needs. Because of medical advances, many wounded soldiers are living today "who in previous wars would not have made it through," she said.

Uran said she takes her son to at least three medical appointments a week. While she's eager to take part in the caregivers program, she objects to a requirement that all participants complete training classes.

"I've been Matthew's mom for 37 years," she said. "I've raised six kids. I know that his condition has changed his personality quite a bit, but I don't think I need to have classes to know how to take care of my son."

She recalled a trip to the clinic with her son one day.

"Out of the blue, my son said to me, 'Face it, Mom, I'm never going to be the same again,'" she said. "He said, 'I'm not going to be the old Matthew.' He said, 'That Matthew died in that crash.'"

Then she cried.

"What is the hardest thing?" she asked. "The tears. I don't know if you ever get over it. I feel for every parent that has been impacted by this war, one way or the other."

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