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In re the Marriage of:

SIRINYA SURINA

Petitioner,

And

AARON MICHAEL SURINA

Respondent.

No. 17301817-0

DECLARATION OF:
SIRINYA SURINA IN SUPPORT OF
TEMPORARY ORDER AND
RESTRAINING ORDER

Sirinya Surina Declares:

1. I am the Petitioner and mother of David and Andrew Surina;
2. I met Aaron Surina in the spring of 2010 while we vacationed at the same hotel in Thailand. He was just finishing his vacation when we met. We spent time together eating, talking and going to the beach. He took me to a high tower bungee jump, much to my anxiety, but I trusted him and let him talk me into the jump. He jumped after me. We had a lot of fun. He was very nice to me and we enjoyed each other's company.
3. After he left Thailand, we stayed in contact by phone and email. It was difficult to communicate, but my English-speaking friends translated for us. We communicated this way for about a year. Aaron told me he wanted to marry me and helped me apply for a visa so he could bring me to the USA. Over the year of long-distance communications, I

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1 came to really like Aaron. He was sweet and romanced my heart. I really felt that we could
2 be happy together.

3 4. After the year of conversations my visa application was submitted. Aaron returned to
4 Thailand where we spent more time getting to know each other. We spent his vacation
5 time doing fun activities. I really fell in love with him. He seemed such a wonderful, kind,
6 and intelligent man. We talked and learned more about each other's ways. He made me
7 so excited to go with him to America. He visited my home and met my family. They all
8 really liked him and approved of my association with him. When Aaron left Thailand, I
9 remained for another several months to complete all the pre-visa requirements and
10 interviews at the US Consulate. We continued our long-distance relationship, keeping it
11 strong with only email and phone visits aided by my translation helpers. I was learning
12 more and more English. I even enrolled in an English class where I developed a little
13 better understanding of my fiancé's language. I was very excited and wanted to be as
14 prepared as possible for this big change in my life. I studied American culture so I could
15 understand the ways of my future husband. Six months later, my visa was approved and
16 Aaron came to escort me to his home in American.

17 5. In Thailand, I was a partner in a thriving beauty shop business. When I joined Aaron in
18 America, I sold my share to my partner. I gave up my friends and family and left my
19 country and the life I was accustomed to for a new life with Aaron because I really thought
20 he loved me and would take good care of me and keep me safe. Even though we did not
21 have very many days of personal contact, I fell in love with Aaron during the times we
22 spent together. We discussed life and our individual wants and desires, for almost two
23 years. I felt we could really be happy together.

24 6. I arrived in America December 10, 2011. Aaron took me to his home in Reedsport, Oregon
25 where I met some of his family. On December 29, 2011 we had a small marriage
ceremony that included only the witnesses and us.

7. We lived in Reedsport, where Aaron worked for about 10 more months until his company
downsized. I was Aaron's housekeeper, cook, and cleaning lady, and prepared for our
soon to be born, David Michael.

8. Aaron controlled all the money and paid the bills. He did most of the shopping, but
sometimes took me with him. Life was mostly OK. We argued because he wanted to

1 spend more time with his friends than with me. He likes to drink and share some MJ with
2 his friends, which upset me because I didn't think it was good to have marijuana smoking
3 and alcohol around the baby.

4 9. Aaron got a new job shortly after David was born and we moved to Bremerton, WA. We
5 lived there for about a year until once again Aaron was caught in a company downsizing.

6 10. During our time in Bremerton, Aaron began hiding things from me. He took my passport
7 and David's passport and birth certificate and all the legal documents and put them where
8 I couldn't find them. He said because he didn't want me to take David to visit my family in
9 Thailand, by myself. This, despite the fact I didn't have tickets or money to travel to
10 Thailand. Aaron said we couldn't afford tickets because he didn't make enough money for
11 visits to Thailand. I told him I'd like to go visit my family sometime and introduce them to
12 David. Aaron could come also, if he wanted to. He didn't want to go and he didn't want me
13 to take David, but it was OK if I went alone without him or David, but I had to find my own
14 money because all of the money in the house belonged to him.

15 11. I knew when I married Aaron that he was not wealthy. He never told me he had money. I
16 never asked him how much he makes. It was enough that we had a home and food and
17 lived a comfortable life. I felt he didn't trust me to come back to the US with our son. But
18 that was not in my mind because I loved Aaron and wanted us to have a good family and
19 life-long relationship together.

20 12. However, in February of 2013, Aaron agreed to take me to Thailand where we could have
21 a Thai marriage ceremony and I could realize some of my young woman's dreams. Aaron
22 was not prepared for this Thai ceremony. I guess he didn't study enough about it because
23 he got very upset when he discovered that in Thailand, the groom is responsible for the
24 wedding festivities and also for an appropriate dowry. He became very drunk and
25 disorderly after the marriage ceremony and during the party, so much so that he covered
his face in ashes and charcoal and sat in the dirt in front of the entire village. This was so
embarrassing to me and my family and the village. The community was disturbed but
attributed his behavior to alcohol and stupid American ways.

13. After we returned to Bremerton, the arguments became more frequent and severe. Mostly
our arguments were about the money he had spent for our Thai wedding ceremony.

1 One time he became so angry and violent that he grabbed my phone and threw it at the
2 wall and broke it. He pushed me around and shoved me onto the couch, spit on my face
3 then put his big bare feet on my face. He was screaming at me telling me everything in
4 the house was his and he could do whatever he wanted because he bought it. He paid
for it. He said he can do whatever he wants because he's big and I'm small.

5 14. As time went on he tried to kick me out of the house and send me back to Thailand without
6 David, without money or anything else. I cried a lot, I tried to understand him and his
7 drinking and pot-smoking and his need to be out with his friends, for many hours, many
8 nights of the week. He continued to hide from me the passports and legal papers and
whatever money we had in our possession.

9 15. Finally, life got bad enough that we agreed to go to counseling, in Bremerton. We went
one time only, and Aaron didn't make any more appointments.

10 16. Aaron lost his job in Bremerton in the Fall of 2013 because of downsizing. We moved to
11 Spokane for a temporary job. We tried to make our family more secure with less fighting.
12 However, Aaron continued to drink, chew tobacco and smoke pot. He was isolated from
13 his old friends, but we made new friends. We got together for dinner and conversations
14 with others, but our relationship continued to go up and down like a roller coaster. Some
days were happy and some days were all anger and yelling.

15 17. For example, he told me he wanted dinner fixed for him so we could all eat together.
16 Then, he came home and told me he had already eaten somewhere. Other days he was
17 late so I ate alone. If I didn't wait for him he got angry that I had already eaten, even
though his food was ready for him. When I fixed special spicy food that he liked but had to
make a different food for David, Aaron was angry that we couldn't all eat the same food at
the same time. On one occasion he threw a whole pot of curry into the sink where it
splashed around the kitchen so I had more work to clean it up.

18 18. The arguments became more frequent and more serious. He still controlled the money
and did most of the shopping alone or with me. Sometimes I could go alone and shop by
using a debit card for the one bank account we shared. But I had to account for everything
I bought and provide him the receipts, which was mostly food and household items.

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19. After about 18 months, Aaron received a permanent contract and started making a lot more money. He took me to buy a new car and had both of our names and not just his on the title. That's the first time he included me in the "ownership" of anything he ever bought.
20. In June of 2015 we bought the house on Rocky Ridge Dr., Spokane. Aaron told me that it was OUR house and would have both of our names on the title. Until now, I thought that was true. However when we argue says that I own nothing. He actually told me that the Quit Claim Deed he had me sign at closing, was part of the purchase. I don't read, or write or speak English very well, so I put my full trust in Aaron to protect me and to guide me. He didn't tell me nor explain the purpose of the Quit Claim Deed.
21. Aaron told me that his money purchased the house and everything in it. He said because I only stay home and sit on the couch all day, I don't get to share his money.
22. About September of 2015, we were planning a trip to Thailand. I called my Aunt in Taiwan, China catch up on her life. I don't know why, but Aaron got angry, grabbed the phone out of my hand and threw it, breaking the second phone. Then, he pushed me down, pulled my hair and slapped me in the face. I tried to run away from him but we were in the bedroom and I had to fight back. Again, Aaron zeroed out our bank account and told me I can't use his money anymore. He told me if I want money I must get a job and go to work.
23. When Aaron gets mad he throws stuff and kicks whatever is close to him. He's broken many things in our home.
24. Shortly after we moved into the house on Rocky Ridge, we agreed that David needed a sibling so I got pregnant with Andrew. We also thought it might help our family become closer with less fighting. It didn't. After Andrew was born, I breast fed him for a year and continued my daily homemaker work of cleaning and cooking and caring for the rest of them. I iron Aaron's clothes so he always looks good at work. I do 100% of the housework and 90% of the childcare and I also do the packing and labeling for the items we sell online through Amazon.
25. Aaron likes to play with the boys but he spends more time at work or on his computer in our basement office working on his Amazon or Google online businesses, or out socializing with his friends. I manage most of the children's needs.

- 1 26. I gained weight while pregnant with Andrew. I went from 100 lbs. to 180 lbs. Aaron was
2 angry that I gained that weight and told everyone I was lazy. We started a family
3 membership at the YMCA. David and I went, but Aaron didn't. I've lost 50 lbs. After I lost
4 the weight, Aaron accused me of going out to see other men because I'm at the gym. So,
5 now he cancelled the gym membership.
- 6 27. Recently, he has decided to sell the house without my approval, he has berated me
7 continually for the past several months. We have a joint safe where all the legal papers,
8 jewelry and money are kept but when we fight, he removes it all the same as he has
9 always done, since we lived in Reedsport, OR.
- 10 28. He recently told me that he had Comcast install about 20 cameras throughout the house in
11 all rooms but I don't know where they are. I don't even know if they are in the bathrooms.
12 Since then he has increased the frequency and intensity of his verbal abuse to get me to
13 respond in anger in an attempt to prove to Mental Health workers that I'm crazy and not fit
14 to be a mother or caretaker of our children. I also video recorded him during his rants but
15 he grabbed my phone and ran out of the house. When I got my phone back, all my
16 pictures and videos were deleted. When I had my phone checked, I discovered he had
17 installed a Key Logger and Screen Shot Logger that sent pictures of everything I did on my
18 phone and all my texts to his phone. He also routed my mother's calls and possibly my
19 phone calls through his phone to listen in on our conversations with anyone we talked to.
- 20 29. He set up the phone to monitor my movements and can track me wherever I go. He said
21 that he had put GPS modules on my car, so that he can track where I drive when I have
22 the keys. Even though we have 3 cars, he often takes all the keys and one of cars, leaving
23 me no transportation.
- 24 30. My mother came from Thailand in May 2017, to live with us. She found a job but after only
25 a few days, a small lump on her neck developed into a tumor. The doctors thought it
may be lymphoma so she stopped working, because of the pain, and had a biopsy.
31. Aaron recently invited his mother to come from Oregon to stay in the house, also. We set
her up in our guest room. My mother was staying in one of the upstairs bedrooms.
However, Aaron decided our bedroom was too small for both of us and told my mother she
had to go to the basement bedroom, next to his office. However, there is no bathroom

- 1 in the basement. He could have gone there himself to sleep since he spends a lot of time
2 in his office it's very close, but he removed my mother from the room she has been using
3 the past 3 months and told her to go to the basement. My mother chose to sleep on
4 the floor in my room instead of going to the basement and wouldn't sleep with me in
5 my bed because that's Aaron's bed and he had already kicked her out of her bedroom.
- 6 32. There are times that he has physically pulled the boys from my arms and yelled at me that
7 I'm dangerous and will hurt the boys and that I frighten them. He is constantly telling the
8 boys that I'm crazy and that he will put me in the jail or the hospital or send me back to
9 Thailand. Lately he refuses to let me take David with me in the car but he takes David and
10 stays overnight in hotels, or stays out late past midnight and comes home drunk. Two
11 weeks ago, he and David came home about 1:00 a.m. He had another man with him, who
12 was also drunk. He was apparently driving our car while intoxicated.
- 13 33. He got me out of bed, woke up Andrew and my mother and started to verbally abuse me.
14 He had his drunken friend take video of me in my night gown. When I asked him why he
15 brought a stranger into our home, he said "This is my house and not yours and he can do
16 "what he wants." I became very upset and yelled back at him so he called the police. His
17 friend also started to verbally abuse me and Aaron supported him and didn't defend me.
18 He told the police that I "Terrorized" him and he was afraid I might hurt him. I'm 5'2" and
19 130 lbs. Aaron is over 6' and about 270 lbs.
- 20 34. Presently, when he starts yelling at me and pushing me around or verbally abuses me, I'm
21 very afraid that he will injure or kill me. He's a very big man and I'm only a little person. He
22 has weapons in the house but until now has never threatened me with them. But he
23 frightens me. I'm a prisoner in our home and if he wants to, or gets too wound up on
24 alcohol or marijuana, I'm afraid that he will totally lose control and cause me serious injury.
- 25 35. Aaron has had past prescriptions for ADHD and I don't know if he is still taking it but he
has daily habits including cannabis, alcohol and chewing tobacco and he needs his
prescription medicine but prefers alcohol and marijuana.
36. I'm not on any prescribed drugs nor do I use tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, or any street
drugs, I don't go to bars or dance clubs and I don't gamble.

1 37. David and Andrew are my life. I spend my life trying to keep them healthy, safe and happy
2 but that doesn't seem to please Aaron. He just keeps telling everyone, even on Social
3 Media, that I'm crazy, that I'm violent, and that he's afraid of me. He even makes me taste
4 the food that I prepare before he will eat it. Even if my Mom or the boys are already eating
5 it. I am not a danger to our children. I have been their primary caretaker since their birth.

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

8 Signed at Spokane, Washington, August 14, 2017.

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12 Sirinya Surina
13 Petitioner, Declarant
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