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REPORT TO THE COURT JUDGE LARA RUSSELL (EXAMPLE REPORT – NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION!!)

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CASA Volunteer: Angela Henderson
Date of Appointment: 2/16/16

Names of Children: Joe Robinson
Ella Robinson
DOB: 1/4/2004
10/1/2012
JD #2015-34

Date of Report: 4/13/16
Type of Hearing: Review
Date of Next Hearing: 4/23/16
Amount of Time in Custody: 5 months

Persons Interviewed: Joe Robinson
Ella Robinson
Tammy Robinson
Fred Robinson
Todd Grassley
Kinship Foster Mother
Annie Hill
Relationship to Children: Child
Child
Natural Mother
Natural Father
NM's Boyfriend
Kinship Foster Mother
Joe's Therapist

JOE AND ELLA ROBINSON ARE CHILDREN TO WHOM THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT DOES NOT APPLY.

Background Information: On or about 11/29/15, Fred Robinson and Tammy Robinson were involved in a domestic violence incident. At the time, Mr. Robinson was impaired by drugs and alcohol and attacked Mrs. Robinson while she was cooking supper for the minor children. The children barricaded themselves in a bathroom during the fight. While Mr. and Mrs. Robinson were fighting, the grease on the stove caught fire. The fire spread quickly and Mr. and Mrs. Robinson were not able to find the children. Joe, the oldest child, heard his parents shouting to him and his sister to get out of the home. Joe also smelled the smoke. He helped his sister to escape through a back door at the end of a hallway. The children were placed in emergency custody.

ISSUES FOR THE COURT'S ATTENTION

Involved Party Contact:

Tammy Robinson, NM: CASA met with Mrs. Robinson at her apartment in Pryor on 3/15/16. Mr. Todd Grassley was also present. Mr. Grassley is Mrs. Robinson's boyfriend. Mrs. Robinson is six months pregnant and her baby is due 6/30/16. Mrs. Robinson admitted to CASA she'd been having an affair with Mr. Grassley since June 2015, and this was the cause of the domestic violence incident between her and Mr. Robinson on 11/29/15, which caused the children to come into custody. Mrs. Robinson admitted to CASA that she has a long-standing addiction to marijuana, which she says she uses to "alleviate the pain" of the injuries she has sustained from domestic violence. Mrs. Robinson showed CASA several scars and old injuries involving places where broken bones were not properly set or treated. She stated that Mr. Robinson has broken her nose at least two times. She has filed for divorce from Mr. Robinson.

Fred Robinson, NF: CASA met with Mr. Robinson on 4/1/16 at McDonald's in Claremore. He admitted to CASA that he has a long history of addiction to alcohol and heroin. He states that he knows he needs help and he has an intake appointment at Rogers County Drug Abuse Program. Mr. Robinson steered the conversation to Mrs. Robinson and Mr. Grassley. His demeanor changed immediately and he became quite angry. He stated that he hates Mrs. Robinson and Mr. Grassley. Mr. Robinson at no time during CASA's interview did Mr. Robinson mention Joe or Ella. His focus remained on Mrs. Robinson and what she was doing. CASA learned on 4/8/16 that Mr. Robinson had been arrested the day before for public intoxication. He is currently in the Rogers County Jail on \$1,000 bond.

Todd Grassley, Boyfriend of Mrs. Robinson: CASA first met Mr. Grassley on 3/15/16. CASA researched Mr. Grassley's background and learned that he is a registered sex offender. He was convicted of lewd molestation against a minor in Tulsa County in 2007. Mr. Grassley never mentioned the fact that he was a registered sex offender to CASA. Mr. Grassley also has drug charges out of Tulsa County from 2000, 2002, 2008, and 2014. Mr. Grassley does not have an Individualized Service Plan. CASA spoke to Mrs. Robinson about whether or not she knew Mr. Grassley's background. She states that she knew Mr. Grassley was a registered sex offender, but that "he has changed." CASA asked if she had any concerns about the way Mr. Grassley interacts with Ella during visitation. She said she had none. She says that "he is a very affectionate person and likes to hug and kiss her and Ella." She states that this was one of the things that attracted her to Mr. Grassley. She said he would take care of her after Mr. Robinson beat her.

Annie Hill, Joe's Therapist: CASA met with Miss Hill on 4/3/16. Miss Hill states that Joe is very responsible and protective of his sister, Ella. She states that Joe has expressed that he does not wish to be reunified with his mother or father and wants to live with his kinship foster parents. She states that Joe does not care for Mr. Grassley. She said she is working with Joe on processing his anger and learning life skills that will help him as he enters his teenaged years.

STATUS OF THE CHILDREN:

Joe Robinson: Joe is placed in a kinship foster home in Vinita, Oklahoma. He lives on a farm where he has chores, including helping with animals. CASA met Joe on 2/28/16. Joe has expressed to CASA that he likes this placement and enjoys where he lives. He is a 6th grader at a private Christian school in Big Cabin. The kinship foster mother shared Joe's grades with CASA. He has all A's. On 3/28/16, when CASA visited, Joe was working on a salt map of the United States. Joe is a healthy 12-year-old boy. He is very athletic and plays football and baseball. He has a number of trophies in his bedroom and he is quite proud of them. Joe is seeing a therapist (Annie Hill). Joe is extremely protective of his little sister, Ella, and has a tendency to "parent" her.

Foster mother says she notices Joe is agitated after visitation with his mother and tries to “parent” Ella. Joe has been working through this in therapy. He has told his therapist that he does not like Mr. Grassley. He thinks he is too affectionate with Ella. Joe is completely safe in his kinship foster home.

Ella Robinson: Ella is placed with her brother in a kinship foster home in Vinita, Oklahoma. CASA first met Ella on 2/28/16. Ella appears to be completely comfortable in the foster home. She is three years old and is not school-aged. On 2/28/16, Ella and CASA played with her doll house. She was very happy pretending to be the mother, while CASA took on the role of the baby. Ella seemed delighted to pretend in this way. She loves her “Bubby” (Joe) and depends on him a lot. However, CASA noticed Ella relying some on foster mother to meet her needs, too. At the 3/28/16 visit, Ella was pretending to be a princess and was watching “Cinderella.” She likes CASA to use a “magic wand” to turn her into a princess. CASA observed visitation between the children and Mrs. Robinson and Mr. Grassley on 4/11/16 at the DHS office. CASA observed that Mr. Grassley insists on holding Ella in his lap, even when she wants to get down and play. CASA observed him to kiss Ella repeatedly on the lips and cheeks. Ella is completely safe in her kinship foster home.

SUMMARY OF FACTS:

1. Mr. Grassley is a convicted sex offender who is required to register himself as a sex offender. CASA pulled the registry and the address Mr. Grassley claims is the apartment in Pryor where lives with Mrs. Robinson.
2. Mr. Robinson is currently incarcerated in Rogers County Jail on a complaint of public intoxication. His bond is \$1,000. Mr. Robinson will need to be brought over from the jail for the hearing on 4/23/16 if he has not bonded out.
3. Mr. Robinson, Mrs. Robinson, and Mr. Grassley all have previous drug history. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson admitted drug usage to CASA.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. CASA recommends that DHS conduct a thorough investigation of Mr. Grassley’s background. CASA recommends that Mrs. Robinson’s visitation with her children should not include Mr. Grassley. CASA observed behavior from Mr. Grassley towards Ella that was concerning to this CASA. Additionally, Joe has picked upon Mr. Grassley’s inappropriate touching and kissing of Ella.
2. CASA recommends that Mr. Robinson, Mrs. Robinson, and Mr. Grassley be ordered to take substance abuse assessments and to follow the recommendations. All three individuals should be required to regularly submit to drug testing.
3. CASA recommends that the children remain in DHS custody in their kinship foster home.

ATTACHMENTS (LIST):

1. **Mr. Robinson’s arrest record.**
2. **Mr. Grassley’s registration as a sex offender.**
3. **Joe’s grade report for the third nine weeks of school.**

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by:

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