

1 STATE OF MICHIGAN

2 27<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION

3 In the Matter of,

4 ALYSSA AND AMBER KEAST

File No. 04-5078-NA

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7 TRANSCRIPT

8 POST-TERMINATION REVIEW HEARING

9 BEFORE THE HONORABLE TERRENCE R. THOMAS, FAMILY COURT JUDGE

10 White Cloud, Michigan - Wednesday, November 8, 2006

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2 Wednesday, November 8, 2006 - beginning at 2:30 p.m.

3 MR. SLATINA: I'd like to next call the matter of the  
4 Keast minors, this is case number 05-005315, today is the time  
5 and date set for a post-termination review hearing. Curt Slatina  
6 appearing on behalf of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, present  
7 with me is Lacey Gonzalez-Borstler from Newaygo County DHS. I'd  
8 ask the court to mark and admit the report, accept the  
9 recommendations contained in the report.

10 MS. FRISBIE: Christine Frisbie on behalf of the minor  
11 children, no objection to the report being marked and admitted,  
12 and the Court utilizing the recommendations in there. Your  
13 Honor, this is, this case is the permanency plan for this  
14 adoption, and I believe that the case is moving in that  
15 direction. I know there's been some--some studies done, like  
16 home studies done to look into possible placement, relative  
17 placement, and that's what's happening now.

18 THE COURT: These children have they met their  
19 perspective, with them yet, adoptive, perspective adoptive  
20 parents for both of these children?

21 MS. GONZALEZ-BORSTLER: Yes, in the event--at this  
22 point the grandparents and another relative have expressed  
23 interest in adoption and the assessments on those homes are in  
24 the process of being completed. And in the event that those  
25 homes are not found suitable there will be--there is a possible

1 placement that could potentially be looked into.

2 THE COURT: Well, essentially I was just looking at  
3 the Adoption Progress Report out of Bethany, which indicates that  
4 the kids are in foster placement and--but they haven't been even  
5 introduced to perspective adoptive parents yet. And apparently  
6 the idea is that, from what you're telling me putting it  
7 together, once these people are approved as being perspective  
8 adoptive parents then they'll be introduced to the children; but  
9 the children remain in foster care until they become comfortable?

10 MS. FRISBIE: I think it's appropriate for them to do  
11 an assessment first, and then if the assessment's successful  
12 introduce the children, but until that--because otherwise you're  
13 going to introduce the children and then if the assessment's no  
14 good then, you know, they have a lot of, these two girls have a  
15 lot of emotional problems and I think it would be detrimental to  
16 introduce them unless--until the assessment is positive.

17 THE COURT: Well, that's essentially what--that's  
18 essentially what that report says.

19 MS. GONZALEZ-BORSTLER: Your Honor, there's more  
20 information available, but at this time it's forthcoming about  
21 the future plans for the children.

22 THE COURT: Well, is the permanency plan adoption?

23 MS. GONZALEZ-BORSTLER: Yes, it is.

24 THE COURT: And is progress being made towards it?

25 MS. GONZALEZ-BORSTLER: Yes, it is.

1 THE COURT: All right, I guess that's what we need to  
2 know. As a matter of fact you've located some people who want to  
3 adopt both of them?

4 MS. GONZALEZ-BORSTLER: Yes.

5 THE COURT: And, but you gotta get them approved?

6 MS. GONZALEZ-BORSTLER: Yes.

7 THE COURT: All right, the Court's satisfied. And of  
8 course we haven't had these children in that mode very long have  
9 we?

10 MS. GONZALEZ-BORSTLER: I'm sorry?

11 THE COURT: Is this the first post-termination?

12 MS. GONZALEZ-BORSTLER: This is the second.

13 MS. FRISBIE: Second.

14 THE COURT: What kind of a timetable are we talking  
15 about?

16 MS. GONZALEZ-BORSTLER: Hopefully by February 2007.

17 THE COURT: It's going to take that long to approve  
18 the perspective adoptive?

19 MS. GONZALEZ-BORSTLER: It's complicated.

20 THE COURT: The time's got to expand so they can get  
21 their driver's license back, because they lost it, or something  
22 like that?

23 MS. GONZALEZ-BORSTLER: No, nope.

24 THE COURT: Or they're waiting for a criminal charge  
25 to go away?

1 MS. GONZALEZ-BORSTLER: No.

2 THE COURT: I can only speculate with that amount of  
3 information, but I'll accept the fact that some progress is being  
4 made towards the permanency plan of adopting these children.  
5 That's all for today.

6 MR. SLATINA: Thank you, your Honor.

7 MS. GONZALEZ-BORSTLER: Thank you.

8 MS. FRISBIE: Thank you.

9 THE COURT: Reasonable efforts are being made.

10 (At 2:35 p.m., proceedings concluded)

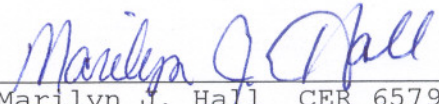
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4 complete, true, and correct transcript of the proceedings and  
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