Child Welfare Services (CWS) are specialized services. CWS is not a party to the TRO case and does not make custody recommendations. This report serves to provide the court with an assessment as to the safety of the child in the family home based on the allegations in the petition. This report is being submitted to court pursuant to HRS §586-10.5.

## Confidential Report of the Department of Human Services

# IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE THIRD CIRCUIT STATE OF HAWAII

RE: DARLA WRIGHT OBOM vs

**JONATHAN WRIGHT** 

FC-DA No: 22-1-0218

Child:

Caelan Wright

DOB: 03/30/06

Hearing Date/Time: 04/19/22 at 8:00 am

Presiding Judge: Jeffrey W. Ng

# REPORT TO COURT

April 8, 2022

# 1. ALLEGATIONS, FINDINGS, AND DISPOSITION:

On 02/03/22, the Department of Human Services (DHS) received a report of alleged sexual abuse and threat of sexual abuse to Ashlan Wright and Caelan Wright by adoptive father, Jonathan Wright.

On March 5, 2022, Ashlan Wright turned 18-years-old.

On March 28, 2022, DHS received a second complaint report of alleged sexual abuse and threat of abuse to Caelan Wright by her adopted father, Jonathan Wright. DHS was court ordered by Honorable Judge Jeffrey W. Ng to conduct an investigation, submit a report on behalf of the above referenced child due to the Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) filed by Mrs. Darla Wright, mother of the child, against Mr. Jonathan Wright, father of the child. Mrs. Wright named the child in the TRO and it was granted on March 23, 2022.

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#### 2. CHILDREN:

## Caelan Wright

On February 8, 2022, DHS met with Caelan and conducted a cursory interview. She reports feeling safe in the home of Ms. Wright. She did not disclose any information indicative of harm or threatened harm while in the care of Mrs. Wright. Caelan disclosed not feeling safe while in the care of Mr. Wright.

Age: 16-years-old

Age: Then 17-years-old

On February 10, 2022, Caelan participated in a forensic interview at the East Hawaii Children's Justice Center. Caelan confirmed threatened harm disclosing: about December 2020, she woke up to a camera being "pulled away" from her bed, she sat up panicking, crying, distressed, frightened, and feeling violated; Caelan first questioned Mr. Wright about the camera to which he replied "I don't know" and the second time he stated that it was his headphones. Caelan reports: "no one had permission" to record her; she asked not to be filmed; Mr. Wright uploaded a video to his social media platform explaining to his online students that he had a camera pointed to her bed because Caelan has a porn and masturbation issue. Caelan reports emotional drainage around Mr. Wright and denies seeing cameras placed in outdoor standalone shower.

## **Ashlan Wright**

On February 8, 2022, DHS met with Ashlan and conducted a cursory interview. He reports feeling safe in the home of Mrs. Wright. He did not disclose any information indicative of harm or threatened harm while in the care of Mrs. Wright. Ashlan disclosed not feeling safe while in the care of Mr. Wright.

On February 10, 2022, Ashlan participated in a forensic interview at the East Hawaii Children's Justice Center. Ashlan confirmed threatened harm: Mr. and Mrs. Wright got into an argument which resulted in Mr. Wright leaving the family property; Ashlan helped Mrs. Wright pack up Mr. Wright's belongings and discovered cube shaped cameras under Mr. Wright's desk around December 27, 2021; Ashlan denied ever seeing the cameras before or watching any recordings. Ashlan disclosed: witnessing Mr. Wright implying that he was going to hurt Mrs. Wright; Mr. Wright required 3 hugs from Caelan daily, would kiss her on the cheek; Mr. Wright showed favoritism to Caelan by buying her candy and her favorite food, sushi. Moreover, Ashlan disclosed: Caelan told him she saw a camera above her bed, but Mr. Wright denied it was a camera and insisted that it was his headphones; Mr. Wright uploaded a video to his social media platform of Mr. Wright admitting to his followers that he had camera pointed to Caelan's bed because she is addicted to watching porn and masturbation. Furthermore, Ashlan reported that he did not give anyone permission to be recorded; feels betrayed, angry, disappointed; Mr. Wright is emotionally and mentally messing with Caelan more than himself.

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#### 3. PETITIONER & RESPONDENT:

### **Darla Wright, Petitioner**

Mrs. Wright is the mother of Caelan and Ashlan. On February 8, 2022, DHS interviewed Mrs. Wright who reported: concern for her children's physical and mental health wellbeing; she found cube-shaped cameras and memory chips that belong to Mr. Wright; she has viewed the recordings which include video chips of Caelan, Ashlan, and herself showering naked, separately. HPD confirmed the cameras and videos belong to Mr. Wright as he is seen in the recordings setting up the cameras in the shower. DHS confirms seeing Velcro pads attached to wooden beams in the corners of the outdoor standalone shower.

DOB: 03/14/63

DOB: 02/22/73

#### Jonathan Wright, Respondent

Mr. Wright is the father of Caelan. During this current CWS episode, DHS has been unable to establish contact with Mr. Wright and interview him regarding allegations. Efforts to contact Mr. Wright are as follows:

- 02/08/22: Attempt to establish telephone contact; invalid number.
- 02/10/22: Attempt to establish telephone contact: invalid number.
- 02/10/22: Collateral contact with HPD; number provided is for Remnant House Ministries.
- 02/11/22: Attempt to establish telephone contact at Remnant House Ministries; voice message left.
- 02/25/22: Collateral contact with HPD; Mr. Wright is currently not at Remnant House Ministries.
- 03/31/22: Attempt to establish telephone contact at Remnant House Ministries; message left.

#### 4. SAFETY ASSESSMENT:

DHS has identified that Mrs. Wright is a protective non-perpetrator of harm and that she can provide a safe family home for the child without the assistance of a service plan.

Threatened harm to Caelan Wright by Mr. Wright is confirmed.

DHS requests to be excused from attending future FC-DA court proceedings regarding this family.

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