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DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Plaintiff,

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CASE NO: D-20-XXXXXX-C

HEARING DATE:

June 21, 2024 at 9:00 AM and January 13-14, 2025 at 1:30 PM

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter having come on for an evidentiary hearing on June 21, 2024 and January 13, 2025, continued to January 14, 2025, Plaintiff, ("Plaintiff/Mom"), appeared in person represented by her attorney, James Jimmerson Esq. of The Jimmerson Law Firm. On June 21, 2024, Defendant, ("Defendant/Dad"), appeared in person, represented by Fred Page Esq. of the Page Law Firm. On January 13, 2024, Defendant FAILED TO APPEAR, but was represented by his attorney, Timothy Treffinger, Esq. of American Freedom Group. As a result, the matter was continued to January 14, 2025. Defendant FAILED TO APPEAR AGAIN on January 14, 2025, but was represented by his attorney, Timothy Treffinger, Esq, who was present in Court on Mr. Example behalf. The Court having heard testimony from the present parties, and, after a review of the pleadings and

papers on file herein, after considering and weighing the credibility of the parties, 1 and good cause appearing therefore, the Court issues its Findings of Fact, 2 Conclusions of Law, Orders as set forth herein. 3 4 FINDINGS OF FACT 5 6 born June 23, 2019, now age 5. 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 Mom to have primary physical custody of XXXX 14 15 **D.** Behavior Order 16 17 Order. 18 "You shall avoid unnecessary contact with the other 19

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THE COURT FINDS that the parties are parents of one minor child:

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Nevada continues to be the home state of the minor child, so this Court has exclusive continuing jurisdiction over all matters related to their custody, care, and support pursuant to the UCCJEA.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the most recent permanent custodial order in this case is the Stipulated Decree of Custody ("Decree") entered on February 6, 2020. Per the Decree, the parties stipulated to share joint legal custody and for

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the Decree provided in relevant part:

IT IS FURTHER HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the parties will follow a Behavior

- You shall not engage in any abusive (foul language, name calling, etc.) contact with the other party or children.
- party's family, friends, associates, neighbors, co-workers,

1	"significant others", etc. and you shall not initiate conflicts with them		
2	5. Pursuant to EDCR 5.[5]05, you will NOT		
3	communicate, discuss, or provide any information concerning the court issues or proceedings with the minor children		
4	Decree at 12:1-9; 12:16-18.		
5	THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that on September 13, 2022, the Court		
6	entered herein a Parenting Agreement and Order ("Order") which stated in relevant		
7	part:		
	THE PARTIES FURTHER AGREE to continue abiding by the Mutual Behavior Order in their Decree of Custody		
8	filed on February 6, 2020 The parties shall not disparage		
9	each other or the other party's family members (living or deceased) or friends Neither party shall harass the other		
10	party or make harassing comments about the other party's		
11	friends or family member to the other parent. The parties should not discuss anything outside of XXX and their parenting obligations. Parties shall be respectful to each		
12	other and communicate in a civil and amicable manner.		
13	<i>Id.</i> at 4:20-21; 4:24-5:5.		
13	The Parenting Agreement further states that:		
14	THE PARTIES FURTHER AGREE that the receiving		
15	parent will pick up from the outside boundary of the other		
16	parents' home to begin their respective timeshare. Id. at		
1.77	4:12-13.		
17	THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Plaintiff, XXXXXXXXX and		
18	Defendant, XXXXX were on notice of and aware of the contents of the Decree and		
19	the September 13, 2022 Order. The Decree and September 13, 2022 Order were		
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signed by both parties individually. The Defendant himself signed the Decree under the statement, "*Reviewed and Approved By*:" The Notice of Entry of the Decree was served on Defendant at his address in Louisiana. The Notice of Entry of the September 13, 2022 Order was filed and served to Plaintiff by the Defendant's attorney at the time, Ashlee Vazquez, Esq., further demonstrating his full awareness of their provisions.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the parties have a very high conflict co-parenting relationship. As such, many detailed orders have been entered aimed at assisting the parties to better co-parent their minor child, including, but not limited to the Mutual Behavior Order entered in the Decree and reinforced in the Parenting Agreement and Order.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that on October 6, 2023, Defendant filed a Motion for an Order to Show Cause Regarding Contempt and to Enforce Child Custody. In his Motion, Defendant alleged that on Valentine's Day in 2024 Plaintiff canceled Defendant's planned visit out of state.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that on October 11, 2023, Plaintiff filed

Plaintiff XXXX Motion for Issuance of Order to Show Cause Why Defendant

XXX Shall Not Be Held in Contempt, for Attorney's Fees and Costs and Related

Relief. In her Motion, Plaintiff outlined numerous instances of Defendant violating

the parties' Behavior Order. Plaintiff also alleged that Defendant repeatedly violated "Paragraph 2" of the Behavior Order providing that a party will not unnecessarily contact the other party's friends or family members and will not initiate conflicts with them. Plaintiff further alleged that Defendant refused to comply with the provisions of the Parenting Agreement that requires that the parent picking up the minor child be allowed to pass any gate and pick-up occur outside the boundary of the other parent's home.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that at the hearing from November 29, 2023, Judge Duckworth informed the parties that they could submit an Order to Show Cause based on the offers related to contempt.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that on January 4, 2024, an Order to Show Cause was issued by Judge Duckworth against Defendant for his violations of the Decree and Parenting Agreement and Order. Defendant did not submit an Order to Show Cause against Plaintiff for the Court to review and enter.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that on January 8, 2024, there was an Administrative Reassignment pursuant to Administrative Order 23-05. On January 16, 2024, Defendant filed a Peremptory Challenge of Judge. On January 22, 2024, this case was reassigned from Department F to Department J.

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3. In addition to the penalties provided in subsection 2, if

3 of NRS 22.010, the court may require the person to pay to the party seeking to enforce the writ, order, rule or process the reasonable expenses, including, without limitation, attorney's fees, incurred by the party as a result of the contempt.

Id.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that per NRS 22.010(3), disobedience or resistance to any lawful writ, order, rule or process issued by the court or judge at chambers constitutes an act of contempt.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the burden to prove the contempt always lies with the charging party. The issuance of an order to show cause does not shift the burden of proof from the charging party to the alleged contemnor. *In re Battaglia*, 653 F.2d 419, 422 (9th Cir. 1981). Criminal contempt must be proven beyond a reasonable doubt. *Hicks v. Feiock*, 485 U.S. 624, 632 (1988); *Rodriguez v. Eighth Judicial District Court*, 120 Nev. 798, 804 (2004).

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Plaintiff requests the Court punish Defendant for his alleged contemptuous acts, therefore, she is making allegations of criminal contempt by the other party and must prove all elements of contempt beyond a reasonable doubt to support her requests.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Defendant has repeatedly willfully violated the provisions of the Decree and September 13, 2022 Order. Defendant

attacking *** either directly to *** or litigation proceedings with **

Defendant violated the September 13, 2022 Order by: (1) repeatedly disparaging and attacking *** either directly to **

September 13, 2022 Order by: (1) repeatedly disparaging and attacking *** either directly to *** or to *** and (2) repeatedly disparaging **

family members and friends.

Among the hundreds of willful violations of the Decree and the September 13, 2022 Order, specific reference is made to Defendant's threat to stab to death, Defendant's disparagement of mother while she was in cancer treatment and eventually passing away, as well as the event where Defendant repeatedly called Albert a Jewish slur directly to the parties' minor child, among other vile, abhorrent misconduct per Plaintiff's pleadings and sworn testimony. The provisions of the Behavior Order in the Decree were put in place precisely to prevent such behavior from occurring.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Defendant has willfully violated the Decree and the 9-13-22 Order five hundred ninety-seven (597) times as follows:

 Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling or referring to Plaintiff or another protected person under

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the Decree and/or September 13, 2022 (Order) as "abusive" no fewer than thirty-nine (39) times. *See* Exhibit 86.

- ii. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order an "albino" no fewer than nine (9) times. *See* Exhibit 87.
- iii. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff a "bad mother" or a variant thereof no fewer than five (5) times. See Exhibit 88 (calling Plaintiff, "not a good mother," "garbage mother," "disgrace of a mother," and saying "what a wonderful mother you are ... and what a joke of a human being," and "as long as a violent extortionist is the mother.")
- iv. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends,

calling Plaintiff or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order a "bitch" no fewer than 32 times. *See* Exhibit 89.¹

- v. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order as "borderline" no fewer than five (5) times. *See* Exhibit 90.
- vi. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order by referring to her as "a control freak" no fewer than ten (10) times. *See* Exhibit 91.
- vii. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order a "coward" or "cowardly" no fewer than ten (10) times. *See* Exhibit 92.

¹ Exhibit 89 contains multiple references where Defendant calls Plaintiff's mother a bitch prior to the entry of the 9/13/22 Order. Those references are not included in the count of times Defendant calls Plaintiff or another protected person a bitch.

- viii. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff "fucking crazy" in front of the minor child on February 4, 2022. *See* Exhibit 49.
- ix. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff a "cunt" no fewer than two (2) times. *See* Exhibit 93.²
- x. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order as delusional no fewer than eighteen (18) times. *See* Exhibit 94.
- xi. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person

² Exhibit 93 contains a reference where Defendant calls Plaintiff's mother a cunt prior to the entry of the 9/13/22 Order. That reference is not included in the count of times Defendant calls Plaintiff a cunt, despite that calling Plaintiff's mother a cunt to Plaintiff could otherwise be deemed abusive contact with Plaintiff under the Decree.

under the Decree and/or Order as a disgrace, disgraced, or disgraceful no fewer than four (4) times. *See* Exhibit 95.³

- xii. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order as "disgusting" no fewer than eighteen (18) times. *See* Exhibits 96; 38. The Court makes specific reference to Defendant leaving the minor child voicemails calling Plaintiff "a disgusting excuse of a co-parent" and "a disgusting person." *Id*.
- xiii. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order as "an extortionist" no fewer than five (5) times. *See* Exhibits 6; 105; 114; 116.
- xiv. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person

³ The Court does not include Defendant's statement to Plaintiff, "you're a disgrace of a mother" as the Court deems that to be one violation, which is referred to and included above.

under the Decree and/or Order as "fat" no fewer than eleven (11) times. *See* Exhibit 97.

- xv. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, saying to Plaintiff "fuck you," "fuck off," "fuck yourself" or a variant thereof no fewer than twenty-six (26) times. *See* Exhibit 98.
- xvi. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, saying to Plaintiff "go to hell" no fewer than twenty-two (22) times. *See* Exhibit 99; 115.
- xvii. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order as a "halfwit" no fewer than seven (7) times. *See* Exhibits 100; 46; 47.
- xviii. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person

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under the Decree and/or Order as an "idiot," "stupid," or variant thereof no fewer than forty-four (44) times. *See* Exhibit 101.

- xix. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order as "insane" no fewer than thirty-one (31) times. *See* Exhibit 102.
- xx. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order as "insufferable" no fewer than sixteen (16) times. *See* Exhibit 103.
- otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order as the Jewish slur "k*ke" no fewer than twenty-two (22) times. *See* Exhibit 104; 6; 49; 35; 39. The Court makes specific reference to an event on February 4, 2022 where Defendant called Plaintiff a "k*ke" several times in front of the minor child, including, stating directly to the child, "I'll

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stop for you XXX but your mother is a fucking k*ke!" Exhibit 6. During this event, Defendant stated directly into the camera, "Hey Judge, I called her a fucking k*ke because she tried to extort me and make me homeless. You're god damn right I would call someone a k*ke for doing that. Take away my fucking rights please. I will pay you \$100,000.00 to take away my fucking rights." Exhibit 49. Also, during this event, Defendant stated to the parties' minor child, "Baba [Defendant] is leaving, Baba's not coming back because he hates your mother." Exhibit 6.

- xxii. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order as "manic" or variant thereof no fewer than twenty-nine (29) times. *See* Exhibit 105.
- xxiii. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order as "mentally ill," "sicko" or variant thereof no fewer than ten (10) times. *See* Exhibit 106.

xxiv. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order as a "monster" no fewer than three (3) times. *See* Exhibit 107.

otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order as a "moron" no fewer than two (2) times. *See* Exhibit 108.⁴

xxvi. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order as a "narcopath" no fewer than seven (7) times. *See* Exhibit 109.

xxvii. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends,

⁴ Exhibit 108 contains a reference where Defendant calls Plaintiff's former lawyer and high school friend a moron prior to the entry of the 9/13/22 Order. That reference is not included in the count of times Defendant calls Plaintiff a moron.

using the racial slur "n*gger" when communicating with Plaintiff no fewer than eight (8) times. *See* Exhibit 110.

- otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order as a "nutcase" no fewer than two (2) times. *See* Exhibit 111.
- xxix. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order as "petty" at least one time. *See* Exhibit 112.
- xxx. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order as a "pscyho," "psychopath," or variant thereof no fewer than fifteen (15) times. *See* Exhibit 113.
- xxxi. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person

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under the Decree and/or Order as a "retard" or a variant thereof no fewer than six (6) times. *See* Exhibit 114.

- xxxii. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, telling Plaintiff "Screw you" no fewer than five (5) times. *See* Exhibit 115.
- otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order as "scum" no fewer than three (3) times. *See* Exhibit 116.
- axxiv.Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order as "spawn" or variant thereof no fewer than five (5) times. *See* Exhibit 117.
- xxxv. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person

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under the Decree and/or Order as "spiteful" no fewer than thirtyeight (38) times. *See* Exhibit 118.⁵

otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order as "trash," "garbage," or a variant thereof no fewer than seventeen (17) times. *See* Exhibit 119.6

The Court makes specific reference to Defendant leaving the minor child a voicemail calling Plaintiff "white trash." *Id*.

otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order as a "witch" no fewer than five (5) times. *See* Exhibit 120.

xxxviii. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends,

⁵ Exhibit 118 contains a reference where Defendant calls Plaintiff's mother spiteful prior to the entry of the 9/13/22 Order. That reference is not included in the count of times Defendant calls Plaintiff or another protected person spiteful, despite that one could find saying "your mother is a hateful spiteful bitch" to be abusive contact.

⁶ The Court does not include Defendant's statement to Plaintiff, "you're a garbage mother" as the Court deems that to be one violation, which is referred to and included above.

calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order as "worthless" or a variant thereof no fewer than nine (9) times. See Exhibit 121.⁷

xxxix.Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order as a "clown" or a variant thereof no fewer than two (2) times. See Exhibit 122.

Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and xl. otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, making light of or celebrating that Plaintiff has the health condition colitis no fewer than five (5) times. See Exhibit 123. The Court makes specific reference to Defendant's July 19, 2023 statement, "Colitis is a wonderful thing. You can keep XXX yourself all you want for now. Statistically speaking... I'll have her for the majority of her life." Id.

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Exhibit 121 contains a reference where Defendant calls Plaintiff's mother worthless prior to the entry of the 9/13/22 Order. That reference is not included in the count of times Defendant calls Plaintiff or another protected person spiteful, despite that one could find saying "if your worthless mother hadn't been so abusive and idiotic about her name for weeks that would've never happened" to be abusive contact.

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xli. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order as a "hag," "cow" or a variant thereof no fewer than eight (8) times. *See* Exhibit 124.

xlii. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order as a "human trafficker" or a variant thereof no fewer than two (2) times. *See* Exhibit 125.

xliii. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order as a "lunatic" or a variant thereof no fewer than twenty-seven (27) times. *See* Exhibit 126. The Court makes specific reference to Defendant's statement to Plaintiff on July 21, 2023, "Hateful bitch just like your dead lunatic mother."

xliv. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends,

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calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order as a "maniac" or a variant thereof no fewer than four (4) times. *See* Exhibit 127.

- xlv. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order as "manipulative" or a variant thereof no fewer than ten (10) times. *See* Exhibit 128.
- xlvi. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order as a "narcissist" or a variant thereof no fewer than twelve (12) times. *See* Exhibit 129.
- xlvii. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order as "pathetic" or a variant thereof no fewer than three (3) times. *See* Exhibit 130.
- xlviii. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends,

calling Plaintiff or referring to her or another protected person under the Decree and/or Order as a "plague" or a variant thereof no fewer than five (5) times. *See* Exhibit 131.

- xlix. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, telling Plaintiff or referring to another protected person, saying, "to hell with you" or a variant thereof no fewer than six (6) times. *See* Exhibit 132.
- 1. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, telling Plaintiff that she is a "filthy human being" on October 20, 2021. See Exhibit 133.
- li. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, telling Plaintiff, "shut your stupid whore mouth" on October 1, 2023. *See* Exhibit 41.
- lii. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, telling Plaintiff (in reference to her mother), "My 2 regrets are

that she died so slowly and that she can't die twice." on January 30, 2023. See Exhibit 57 at XXXX017607.

liii. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff and the minor child and otherwise disparaged Plaintiff, her family members or friends, no fewer than six (6) times when he said to "Your mother's a liar," "Mama's a liar," and "Mama lies a lot about Baba [WXX nickname for Defendant]." See Exhibit 55 at WXX 014725, 15194, 15281; Exhibit 58; Exhibit 50. The Court specifically references Defendant's statements to wherein Defendant stated that Plaintiff was "lying;" "mommy lied to the judges and I'm not allowed to see you again for a while because mommy doesn't let me;" and "your mommy lies to the judges and stuff," made just weeks before the first day of the evidentiary hearing in this matter. See Exhibits 50; 58.8

liv. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff when he threatened to kill her on May 15, 2020. See Exhibit 48.

⁸ Defendant's discussion of Court proceedings as reflected in Exhibit 58 would constitute another violation of the Decree (paragraph 5 of the Behavior Order section), but for the purposes of counting the number of contempt findings, one violation of one part of the Decree remains only one finding of contempt if the same conduct violates another part of the Decree.

lv. Defendant engaged in abusive contact with Plaintiff when he stated to XXX on March 29, 2021, "let me know where your hateful mom's grave i[s] so that I can fertilize it regularly for the flowers." *See* Exhibit 68 at DEF 16.205-001593.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that on June 21, 2024, Defendant testified that he committed the acts alleged against him in the Motion, testifying as follows:

- Q. Let me ask you this, have you reviewed the allegations against you regarding the violations of the Behavior Order?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And are you denying any of these?
- A. Um no.

Video Tr. June 21, 2024 Ev. Hearing at 12:42:31-12:42:45.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS beyond a reasonable doubt that, in addition to the above enumerated violations of the Decree and the Parenting Agreement and Order, Defendant has repeatedly and continuously violated the Parenting Agreement and Order by failing and refusing to communicate to Plaintiff in a civil and amicable manner.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Defendant argues through his counsel that both parties consistently communicate with each other in an uncivil and unamicable matter. In the past, Counsels for both parties claimed they would not be speaking directly any further without attorneys present.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Defendant argues and requests that based upon the totality of the circumstances, he should not be held in contempt due to the contentious nature of the parties' relationship, and the provoking nature of the Plaintiff's conduct in instigating several of these instances of contempt allegations. The Court disagrees with Defendant's position. Had he appeared for the evidentiary hearing, he could have provided relevant testimony or other evidence to support his argument. Yet, he failed to appear and participate in the proceedings. Therefore, the Court cannot make the findings necessary to support Defendant's arguments.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that based on the totality of the evidence, that the Court finds Defendant guilty of 597 counts of contempt for violating the Court's Orders 597 times. The Court further finds that, beyond a reasonable doubt, the Defendant's conduct has been willful and intentional in violating these Orders 597 times.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Defendant continues to violate the Court's orders in addition to the Decree and the Parenting Agreement and Order. Defendant is in violation of the Stipulation and Order Concerning Communication Coordinator entered on July 15, 2024, as he has not retained the communication coordinator as required by that order. Defendant is in violation of this Court's November 25, 2024 Order as he has failed to cooperate with Plaintiff to complete

and submit passport renewal papers for the minor child, and has failed to make the required payments to Plaintiff. Defendant has failed to comply with the February 27, 2024 Order Granting Plaintiff XXXXX Motion to Enforce Stipulation and Issue Order Establishing Procedures on Defendant's Mental Health Treatment and Restrictions on Defendant's Activities While Exercising Visitation with the Minor Child in Light of Defendant's Use of Drugs/Medication as he has not completed the requisite three (3) months of Medmatch drug testing.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that based on Defendant's ongoing failure to comply with this Court's orders, including, but not limited to, the Decree, the September 13, 2022 Order, and the Stipulation and Order Concerning Communication Coordinator entered on July 15, 2024, Defendant has demonstrated that without significant consequences, he will continue to violate court orders.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Defendant voluntarily did not appear before the Court on January 13, 2025 or on January 14, 2025, for the continuation of the evidentiary hearing on the January 4, 2024 Order to Show Cause.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Counsel Treffinger for Defendant, represented to the Court that Defendant was made aware of the date, time, and location of the continuation of the evidentiary hearing. On both January 13 and 14, 2025, counsel for Defendant represented to the Court that he is unaware of

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Defendant's whereabouts. Defendant's Counsel represented to the Court that he and his staff had attempted to contact Defendant and Defendant's family members, but his efforts were unsuccessful at ascertaining Defendant's whereabouts or a reason or explanation for Defendant's absence from Court.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that it has not received any communication from Defendant concerning his whereabouts on January 13 or January 14, 2025.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that limited evidence was presented that Defendant had left the jurisdiction in December 2024 and no evidence had been presented that showed that he had returned to the jurisdiction on or before January 13, 2025.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that evidence was presented that showed that on January 6, 2025, Defendant had withdrawn consent from the recording function on the Talking Parents application, thereby disabling the communication functionality of the application, and that since January 6, 2025, Defendant had not given his consent to the recording function on the Talking Parents application. As a result, Defendant has made himself unreachable to the subject minor, and otherwise has prevented his daughter from calling or communicating with him since January 6, 2025.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that NRS 178.388(2)(a) states, "In prosecutions for offenses not punishable by death... (a) The defendant's voluntary absence after the trial has been commenced in the defendant's presence must not prevent continuing the trial to and including the return of the verdict." Id.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that based upon the statements and representations made by counsel for Defendant, and in considering the EDCR 7.27 Trial Memorandum, including the exhibits thereto submitted by Plaintiff, that Defendant was voluntarily absent from the evidentiary hearing on January 13, 2025 and January 14, 2025, the Court continued with the evidentiary hearing on January 14, 2025.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that that pursuant to NRS 22.100(3), the Plaintiff is entitled to her attorney's fees and costs incurred by the Defendant's contemptible actions, including, but not limited to, the preparation of her Motion for an Order to Show Cause, any and all supplements and papers related thereto, the discovery conducted in preparation for the evidentiary hearing, and the preparation and attendance at all hearings concerning the Motion for an Order to Show Cause, including, but not limited to, the evidentiary hearing on June 21, 2024, and January 13-14, 2025.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that pursuant to EDCR 7.60 Plaintiff is

entitled to an award of attorney's fees and costs. EDCR 7.60 states as follows:

Rule 7.60. Sanctions.

- (a) If without just excuse or because of failure to give reasonable attention to the matter, no appearance is made on behalf of a party on the call of a calendar, at the time set for the hearing of any matter, at a pretrial conference, or on the date of trial, the court may order any one or more of the following:
- (1) Payment by the delinquent attorney or party of costs, in such amount as the court may fix, to the clerk or to the adverse party.
- (2) Payment by the delinquent attorney or party of the reasonable expenses, including attorney fees, to any aggrieved party.
- (3) Dismissal of the complaint, crossclaim, counterclaim, or motion or the striking of the answer and entry of judgment by default, or the granting of the motion.
- (4) Any other action it deems appropriate, including, without limitation, imposition of fines.
- (b) The court may, after notice and an opportunity to be heard, impose upon an attorney or a party any and all sanctions that may, under the facts of the case, be reasonable, including the imposition of fines, costs, or attorney fees when an attorney or a party without just cause:
- (1) Presents to the court a motion or an opposition to a motion that is obviously frivolous, unnecessary, or unwarranted.
 - (2) Fails to prepare for a presentation.
- (3) So multiplies the proceedings in a case as to increase costs unreasonably and vexatiously.

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- (4) Fails or refuses to comply with these rules.
- (5) <u>Fails or refuses to comply with any order of a judge of the court.</u>

Id. (emphasis supplied).

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that pursuant to EDCR 7.60, Plaintiff is entitled to an award of attorney's fees and costs she incurred for: (1) Defendant's frivolous filings necessitating an order to restrict him from filing papers in proper person; (2) Defendant's voluntary absence from Court on January 13 and 14, 2025; (3) Defendant's refusal to comply with other court orders (e.g., the refusal to make the required payments under the parties' Decree of Custody, necessitating the filing of Plaintiff's Motion to Enforce the Parties' Decree of Custody; to Reduce to Judgment the Outstanding Amounts Defendant Owes to Plaintiff Under the Decree; to Compel his Cooperation in Applying for a Passport for the Minor Child; and for an Award of Attorney's Fees and Costs (the "Arrears and Passport Motion")); and (4) Plaintiff's having to file her Motion to Compel Defendant to Undergo Immediate Drug Testing, For Attorney's Fees and Costs, and Related Relief Motion (the "Drug Testing Motion").

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the Court must evaluate the requested attorney's fee award under the following *Brunzell* factors:

(1) the qualities of the advocate: his ability, his training, education, experience, professional standing and skill; (2) the character of the work

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to be done: its difficulty, its intricacy, its importance, time and skill required, the responsibility imposed and the prominence and character of the parties where they affect the importance of the litigation; (3) the work actually performed by the lawyer: the skill, time and attention given to the work; (4) the result: whether the attorney was successful and what benefits were derived.

Brunzell v. Golden Gate National Bank, 85 Nev. 345, 455 P.2d 31, 33 (1969).

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the *Brunzell* factors support the attorney's fees awarded herein.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that in considering the factor, the qualities of the advocate, Plaintiff's counsel is well qualified and well regarded in the field of domestic relations law and that the hourly rates for Plaintiff's counsel are appropriate and reasonable in light of the rates charged for similar legal services in Clark County, Nevada. The attorney's fees awarded herein are supported by Plaintiff's counsel's qualifications.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that in considering the factor, the character of the work to be done, the work required to be performed in this matter was substantial. Plaintiff sought to have the Court hold Defendant in contempt and issue, among other things, an order potentially resulting in a sentence of incarceration. As such, the importance and urgency of the matter required Plaintiff's counsel to spend significant time drafting the written motion for an order to show cause and other papers associated with that motion, conducting substantial discovery,

including, but not limited to, written discovery between the parties, third-party discovery, and deposition discovery, preparing for and arguing before the Court in multiple hearings, including a multi-day evidentiary hearing, and to ultimately prepare a memorandum of fees and costs as well as draft this Order. The character of the work to be done in this matter supports the attorney's fees awarded herein.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that, in considering the factor, the work actually performed by the lawyer, the work actually performed by Plaintiff's counsel was significant. Plaintiff's counsel's billing statements reflects that substantial time was spent on this case. Plaintiff's counsel's written work product, the results of discovery, as well as the presentation in Court, including at trial, were clearly the result of significant time and effort and the attorney's fees awarded herein are warranted by the time and effort spent by Plaintiff's counsel.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that, in considering the factor, the result of this dispute supports the attorney's fee award issued by this Court. Plaintiff prevailed on the substantive issues in dispute, whether Defendant willfully violated the Decree and/or Order, whether Defendant was frivolously and unreasonably filing papers with the Court, whether Defendant unreasonably multiplied the proceedings by failing to pay the amounts owed under the Decree and failing to cooperate with Plaintiff to renew the minor child's passport, whether Defendant unreasonably forced

Plaintiff to have to file the Drug Testing Motion, and, therefore, she was the prevailing party in this matter.

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THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that in addition to considering these factors, the Court should also consider the disparity in income between the parties. See Wright v. Osburn, 114 Nev. 1367, 970 P.2d 1071, 1073 (1998) ("The disparity in income is also a factor to be considered in the award of attorney fees."). As detailed in Plaintiff's Financial Disclosure Form and supporting documents filed on October 3, 2024, Plaintiff's gross monthly income is \$8,982.48 per month. Defendant's gross monthly income is substantially more than Plaintiff's. Defendant, per his Financial Disclosure Form filed on December 6, 2023, claims that his gross monthly income is \$3,249.00. However, the evidence admitted at trial demonstrates that Defendant's Financial Disclosure Form is fabricated. Exhibits 69 through 72 are Defendant's bank and credit card statements for the fourteen-month period between December 2022 and January 2024. During that fourteen-month period, Defendant spent \$176,670.43 from his Bank of America checking account; he spent \$21,770.04 from his Bank of America savings account; 10 and \$10,223.35 from his Bank of America credit card. See 69, 70, 71, and 72. In total, during this fourteen-month period,

⁹ This amount does not include the \$51,000.00 Defendant transferred to his savings account on December 5, 2022.

¹⁰ This amount does not include the transfers Defendant made to his checking account.

Defendant spent \$208,663.82. *Id.* The monthly average of his spending was \$14,904.56 per month—over 400% more than what he claimed his gross monthly income is in his Financial Disclosure Form. Additionally, these amounts do not include the \$55,000-\$60,000 income Defendant received from an August 17, 2023 land sale. *See* admitted trial exhibit 31. Based on this evidence, the Court finds that Defendant's gross monthly income is \$14,904.56 per month, well above Plaintiff's gross monthly income. Furthermore, Defendant represented at previous hearings that he has unlimited resources, and is supported financially by his family, having access to large sums of money.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that pursuant to NRS 22.110 and EDCR 7.60, Plaintiff should be awarded her reasonable attorney's fees in connection with the contempt proceeding in the amount of \$185,278.50.¹¹ Plaintiff should be awarded her costs in the amount of \$20,000.00. The combined amount of fees and costs total \$205,278.50, which will herein be referred to as the "Purge Amount."

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that pursuant to EDCR 7.60, Plaintiff should be awarded her reasonable attorney's fees incurred in connection with her Arrears and Passport Motion in an amount of \$5,730.00. Pursuant to EDCR 7.60,

¹¹ As detailed in Plaintiff's Verified Memorandum of Fees and Costs, this amount also covers any award of attorney's fees for the Vexatious Litigant Motion and Defendant's Voluntary Failure to Appear.

Plaintiff should be awarded her reasonable attorney's fees incurred in connection with her Drug Testing Motion in an amount of \$19,629.00. These awards of attorney's fees are in addition to the Purge Amount.

If any above findings of fact are better cast as conclusions of law, they shall be so construed.

THE COURT CONCLUDES that Defendant had actual notice of the Court's February 6, 2020 Decree within days of its entry on February 6, 2020.

THE COURT FURTHER CONCLUDES that Defendant had actual notice of the Court's September 13, 2022 Order as of September 14, 2022 with the filing and service of the Notice of Entry of Order by Defendant's then-counsel Ashlee Vasquez.

THE COURT FURTHER CONCLUDES that each of Defendant's acts of abusive communication with Plaintiff is deemed a separate act of contempt, for which there are five hundred ninety seven (597) acts of contempt.

THE COURT FURTHER CONCLUDES beyond a reasonable doubt that the Defendant xxxxx is guilty of five hundred ninety seven (597) acts of contempt for his intentional violations of the Court's February 6, 2020 Decree and the Court's September 13, 2022 Order.

If any above conclusions of law are better cast as findings of fact, they shall be so construed.

Based upon the foregoing:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Defendant XXXX is found guilty, beyond a reasonable doubt, of five hundred ninety-seven (597) separate acts of contempt.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the sentence be stayed pending further order of the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that based upon the denial of the Motion to designate *** as a vexatious litigant, an award of attorney's fees is not appropriate as the movant is not the prevailing party; both

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parties prevailed on some issues there and should each bear the cost of attorney's fees and costs.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that after considering the papers and pleadings on file, the parties' financial disclosure forms, the disparity of income between the parties, Memorandum of Attorney's Fees and Costs (and the Appendix of Exhibits thereto) the declaration supplied by Plaintiff's counsel, and the Brunzell factors, Plaintiff is awarded and Defendant shall pay her \$205,278.50 (the "Purge Amount") for her reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred in connection with the contempt proceedings. This Purge Amount includes an award for Plaintiff's costs and expenses incurred for the Talking Parents Application since October 2023 and visitation supervisor charges from 2024. As part of this Judgment, Defendant shall be responsible for paying, now and in the future, the full cost for Talking Parents application (currently \$27.00 per month for each parent) and any and all visitation supervisor expenses in the future.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that after considering the papers and pleadings on file, the parties' financial disclosure forms, the disparity of income between the parties, Memorandum of Attorney's Fees and Costs (and the Appendix of Exhibits thereto) the declaration supplied by Plaintiff's counsel, and the *Brunzell* factors, Plaintiff is awarded and Defendant shall pay her

\$5,730.00 for her reasonable attorney's fees incurred in connection with Plaintiff's Motion to Enforce the Parties' Decree of Custody; to Reduce to Judgment the Outstanding Amounts Defendant XXXXXXX Owes to Plaintiff Under the Decree; to Compel his Cooperation in Applying for a Passport for the Minor Child; and for an Award of Attorney's Fees and Costs.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant may purge his contempt sanction, and immediately be released from the consequences thereof by paying to Plaintiff the Purge Amount. Partial payment of the Purge Amount will not purge the contempt.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that

Defendant shall now and in the future fully comply with the terms of the Behavior

Order within the February 6, 2020 Decree of Custody and the following terms of the September 13, 2022 Order:

> The parties further agree to continue abiding by the Mutual Behavior Order in their Decree of Custody filed on February 6, 2020... The parties shall not disparage each other or the other party's family members (living or deceased) or friends... Neither party shall harass the other party or make harassing comments about the other party's friends or family member to the other parent. The parties should not discuss anything outside of XXXX and their parenting obligations. Parties shall be respectful to each other and communicate in a civil and amicable manner.

Id. at 4:20-21; 4:24-5:5.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that should the Defendant in the future violate Paragraphs 1, 2, or 5 of the Behavior Order within the February 6, 2020 Decree of Custody (i.e., by engaging in abusive communications with Plaintiff, by unnecessarily contacting Plaintiff's family members, or by communicating court issues or proceedings with XXX) or the aforementioned terms of the September 13, 2022 Order (from page 4, lines 20-21 and page 4 line 24 to page 5 line 5 as cited above), or fail to fully comply with the terms of this Order, then the Court shall revoke the stay of Defendant's jail sentence and the Court will immediately issue a bench warrant for Defendant's after a hearing and upon receipt of an ex parte application by the Plaintiff.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Plaintiff shall be awarded her reasonable attorney's fees and costs pursuant to NRS 22.100 and EDCR 7.60.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that counsel for the Plaintiff prepared a *Brunzell* declaration as well as a Memorandum of Fees and Costs, supported by billing statements, and provided these items to Defendant's counsel and the Court by January 24, 2025. Counsel for the Defendant filed a limited Objection to Plaintiff's *Brunzell* declaration and/or Memorandum of Fees and Costs. Defendant requested Plaintiff not be awarded fees for actions where she was not the prevailing party and argues the fees requested are unreasonably high. The Court considered the work done by Plaintiff's Counsel and the results obtained generally.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that due to Defendant's voluntary absence from Court on January 13, 2025 and January 14, 2025, the issue of his voluntary absence from Court must be first addressed and resolved, with any further consequences, sanctions, or other orders resulting therefrom to be issued prior to addressing, considering, or deciding any requests for relief Defendant may have at that time. *See*, *e.g.*, *Guerin v. Guerin*, 116 Nev. 210, 213, 993 P.2d 1256, 1258 (2000); *United States v. Terabelian*, 105 F. 4th 1207 (9th Cir. 2024); *United States v. Besarovic*, No. 2:12-CR-0004-APG-GWF, 2017 WL

1	6762479, at *2 (D. Nev. Oct. 5, 2017), report and recommendation adopted, 2018
2	WL 272173 (D. Nev. Jan. 2, 2018). 12
3	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that all
4	prior Orders, not inconsistent with this Order, SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT.
5	NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that you have an affirmative duty to update any
6	changes in your personal information by filing a Notice of Change of Address form.
7	The form can be found at the following link:
8	https://www.familylawselfhelpcenter.org/images/forms/misc/address-change-pdf-
9	<u>fillable.pdf</u>
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	12 In <i>Besarovic</i> , the court explained as follows, "Defendant is obviously aware of the criminal charges

against him, but refuses to present himself in this jurisdiction to answer to those charges. He, instead, seeks to litigate this matter from afar, while simultaneously ensuring that a judgment against him cannot be enforced. The Court therefore recommends that Defendant's motion for partial dismissal be denied based on the fugitive disentitlement doctrine." 2017 WL 6762479, at *2 (emphasis supplied).