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Date: 11/18/2014 9:21:09 AM
Subject: FW: Help with DSS case # 2007DR26458A

Katherine,

Below is a status update on the case referenced by Ms. Doyle. Based on the information we have, Ms. Mitchell (the custodial parent) is aware of the upcoming hearing. I have asked staff to follow-up with her and confirm. If you need more information, please let me know.

The non-custodial parent (NCP) was scheduled for a contempt hearing on 9/15/14. Both parents appeared with large numbers of documents and DSS determined that the case was too complex to handle on a regular contempt hearing date where so many other cases were also scheduled so the case was continued until 10/23.

On 10/21, the NCP's attorney called the DSS attorney and they both agreed that there were more issues than either of them had anticipated and that the case would probably benefit from them getting together to review the matter in an effort to narrow the issues. The case was subsequently continued again until 12/18 - - the NCP's attorney has some health problems that required hospitalization and she has a protection order in place from the court until 12/2. The DSS attorney called Ms. Mitchell on 10/21 to explain what was going on and to let her know that the 10/23 hearing was being cancelled and rescheduled. According to the case notes, Ms. Mitchell understood the reasons for the continuance.

The case is scheduled for another hearing on 12/18. It is anticipated that the attorneys will meet between 12/2 and 12/18 to try to focus in on the various issues in this case.

The DSS Attorney's notes indicate she received an email from Ms. Doyle on or about 11/12 but there was some issue with the DSS email that prevented her from replying. In any case, DSS would not have been able to provide Ms. Doyle with any case-specific information due to confidentiality requirements (we can only release case-specific information to clients and their attorneys).

Amber

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-----Original Message-----

From: Veldran, Katherine [mailto:KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov]
Sent: Sunday, November 9, 2014 6:34 PM
To: Gillum, Amber

Subject: FW: Help with DSS case # 2007DR26458A

Please advise.

Thank you,

Katherine

-----Original Message-----

From: Amy Ryberg Doyle [mailto:Amy_Doyle@bellsouth.net]

Sent: Saturday, November 08, 2014 11:50 AM

To: Veldran, Katherine

Subject: Help with DSS case # 2007DR26458A

Katherine - I need the Governor's help with this.... DSS email has not been working for weeks.

I have a constituent who is dealing with a deadbeat dad. He owes over \$100k in child support. He was recently arrested for non-payments. I have written a testimonial attached.

I am writing about the DSS case # 2007DR26458A; Docket No. 2007 DR 26 458A/0814042

Whenever I email the state attorney's office, her email is bounced back. The DSS office email is not working.

W. Carole Holloway
State Attorney
Horry County

The deadbeat dad called at the last minute two weeks ago to cancel his court appt, citing his attorney, Heather Smith von Hermann was ill. (When I called Ms. Von Herman's office on the court date, her asst said she was at work.

(?) Meanwhile, her husband posts facebook photos that she quite well....
And so are her boykin spaniels which she is so very proud of.)

This poor mother, Penny Mitchell, has 3 boys: one is on ROTC scholarship at Clemson dealing with debilitating back issues; the middle one has disabilities that she drives across town to a charter school every day; the third boy is a wonderful athlete and student. You will see in my letter that these three boys -- because of their mother -- are true gentlemen.

Penny Mitchell cannot afford an attorney. Her sister filled up her car with gas so she could drive to Horry County and be at the court date. Her 80-year old mother came to her house to stay with her two younger sons.

And, then the state attny cancelled the date.

The father David S. Mitchell has a girlfriend he takes to Paris and Superbowl and posts fun party pics weekly. (all of this is file)

The state attorney has not called her back even after two weeks to reschedule a court date.

W. Carole Holloway
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Please help.... I have been trying to work through the system for years and we are now desperate.....

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