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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY

In re the Marriage of:

SOLOMON METALWALA,

Petitioner,

No. 10-3-04039-4 SEA

and

JULIA BIRYUKOVA,

Respondent.

DECLARATION OF STAN
BIRYUKOV _____

My name is Stan Biryukov. I am over 18 years old and am competent to testify as a witness in this matter. I wrote the attached letter dated June 28, 2010. I declare under penalty of perjury pursuant to the laws of the State of Washington that the contents of the letter are true and correct to the best of my knowledge

DATED this 12 Day of September, 2010



Stan Biryukov

DECLARATION

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28 June 2010

To the Honorable Court:

I am the brother of Julia Biryukova. I am currently majoring in Physiology at the University of Washington. Since March 10 2010, I have been very concerned with the actions Solomon Metalwala has taken against Julia Biryukova, his wife. I was in disbelief when Julia was involuntarily committed to Navos Mental Health, on her birthday, based on Solomon's recommendation. Julia was then discharged from Navos and sent to the University of Washington Medical Center because Solomon refused to bring her home. Throughout the rest of March, I visited Julia at the UW Medical Center. She emphasized how distraught she was without seeing her children, Maile and Sky Metalwala. Solomon, who at this point lived with his mother, refused to visit Julia during this challenging time in her life. Solomon was convinced he was doing the right thing. He told me he had been praying and thinking and he came to the conclusion that somehow leaving Julia in this state—with nothing—would help her. Julia remained at the UW Medical Center well beyond the recommendations of the doctors because she did not have a place to live. During one of my visits to see Julia, one of the doctors said he would communicate with Solomon, explaining that she needs his help. Clearly, such attempts came to no avail. Julia finally found a place to live—a friend named Shelby welcomed Julia to live with her family during this difficult time.

I visited Julia once while she was living with Shelby. At this time, Julia was taking care of Sky, who was under her care. During part of my visit, Julia fed Sky. Sky was very happy and clearly well taken care of. Julia and I also played with Shelby's two young boys outside in the backyard. Based on my visit and opinion, Julia is clearly a competent parent. She was only saddened when I asked her about her living situation. She emphasized that Solomon left her with no money and she was forced to rely on our mom, Nadia Biryukova, and Shelby to provide for her and Sky financially. Nadia and Shelby also drove Julia everywhere she needed to go, like to her parenting classes. Exhausted from driving Julia and financially strained, my mom could not understand why Solomon, as Julia's husband, refused to provide and help Julia. Over the following weeks, I spoke with Julia regularly on the phone. During some of our conversations, she mentioned she wanted to invest in her relationship with Solomon. She said she wanted to work with marriage counselors and do whatever possible to restore her marriage, but that Solomon would not even talk to her. She tearfully mentioned that she had been leaving Solomon voicemails, hoping to hear from him and Maile, but that she never received a response. Julia said she called and went to organizations that could help her gain financial stability, yet she was continually denied support because she was married. She did not know what else to do. Even I asked Solomon what his plan was and why he was doing this to Julia. His response was that Julia needed to learn how to live on her own and not rely on him or anyone. Yet, in the back of my mind, I could not understand how such an ideology could be incorporated in a marriage.

By June, Shelby requested that Julia find other accommodations for housing. At that time, my mom called me and told me that Solomon's family had given Julia the key to my mom's home, without her permission, and told Julia to move in with her mom. At this point, my mom told me she would come under a great financial burden if Julia moved in, but she has no choice, otherwise, Julia would be homeless. I also spoke with Solomon who firmly believed that my

mom should not accept Julia in her home. I asked him what he expected her to do and he replied she should figure out what to do on her own, without relying on anyone. He then laughed and stated that maybe Julia should move in with my mom because then my mom would get tired with Julia and throw her out. Such conversations and actions that Solomon has taken against Julia have shocked me and caused me to reevaluate Solomon's motives. He has told me he consulted with several leaders and pastors at The City Church, where he is a member, yet his decision to pursue a divorce is criticized by these leaders and pastors, as it is against biblical doctrine. He has continually told my mom and I that he is doing the best for Julia, but clearly, he does not have her interests at heart.

Finally, on June 10, 2010, Solomon served Julia with paperwork for temporary custody of Sky. Julia, in tears, asked why Solomon was doing this. He bluntly replied that she would understand everything once more paperwork from the King County Sheriff would be delivered. Before leaving my mom's home, Solomon tearfully looked at my mom and said that he loves Julia, and that everything will work out because he is doing the best thing. Later that evening, the King County Sheriff came, after Solomon had taken Sky, and delivered paperwork on behalf of Solomon. Unbeknownst to us, the paperwork contained dissolution of marriage and custody proposal. Solomon's proposed dissolution of marriage is an appalling final move for someone who has constantly claimed that he loves Julia and wants the best for her. His lack of concern for her fate over the past few months is unnerving. I hope my statement is of some help to the court.

Respectfully submitted.

Stanley Biryukov