



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY, ALABAMA

STALLINGS JESSICA L,)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
V.)	Case No.: DR-2009-900024.01
)	
BARNETT LENION RICHARD JR.,)	
Defendant.)	

ORDER

The above styled case came for a hearing the 29th day of May 2018 on the Motion to Stay and Continue filed by the Defendant; and the Response thereto filed by the Plaintiff. The Plaintiff, Jessica Stallings, was present with her attorney, Tanya Hallford, Esq.; and the Defendant, Lenion Richard Barnett, Jr., was present with his attorneys, Lisa Wilson, Esq., and Leigh Ann Shelton, Esq.

The Defendant requested a stay of the proceedings because allowing the case to proceed could violate his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination. The Plaintiff objected to a stay unless the court was willing to keep the children in their current placement, to wit: with the Plaintiff. Staying the action without further order could subject the Mother to contempt sanctions because the only active order places the custody of the children with the Defendant, Lenion Richard Barnett, Jr.

Upon consideration of both positions and applying the law to the facts, it is hereby **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the children shall remain in their current placement subject to the following supervised visitation rights of the Defendant/Father, Lenion Richard Barnett, Jr.:

A. That both parties shall enroll in The Gathering Place located at 1214 Forest Avenue Fort Payne, Alabama 35967 within seven (7) days of this order.

B. That the Mother shall deliver the children to The Gathering Place every Monday and Friday, so the Father can have his supervised visitation with the children from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. every Monday and Friday.

C. Failure of either of these parties to comply with these visitation privileges could result in a finding of contempt, which could subject the parties to incarceration, fines, and/or any other penalties authorized by law.

D. That both parties shall bear the cost of The Gathering Place equally.

2. That unless the investigation is still pending or criminal charges have been initiated against one or both parties, then the above styled case shall come for a FINAL hearing the 20th day of September 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the DeKalb County Courthouse Courtroom 302.

DONE this 29th day of May, 2018.

/s/ SHAUNATHAN C. BELL
CIRCUIT JUDGE