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Michael @TMDILH and Dad

My Address

Dear Mr. @TMDILH and Dad

Re: Child (d.o.b. 2000))

This is to advise you that the Society has completed an investigation with respect to the above-mentioned child. The Society will be closing your case, as there are no present child protection concerns. It should be noted that initially the Society was in a position to remain involved with the family, due to allegations that were made against yourself. We were unsuccessful in our attempts to discuss these allegations with you and therefore had to air on the side of caution and put some safety measures in place out of concern for Child

Since that decision, we have had the opportunity to re-interview Child and also meet with you to discuss the allegations in detail. It was alleged that when Child visits with you, you share a bed with her, sleep in the nude, video tape her and show it to your friends. There was also a police report received which indicated that on September 29th, 2005, after an access visit, you were alleged to have been driving erratically and attempted to run down your ex-wife and child. There were also allegations made of drug use, specifically marijuana, when Child was with you on access visits.

Upon re-interview with Child she did disclose that you share a bed with her however did not disclose that you ever sleep in the nude. She presented as a child with a clear understanding of what it meant to be naked and stated that you always wear shorts when sleeping. In discussion about the video taping she disclosed very innocent and acceptable taping of your visits, including wrestling, playing with the cat and tickling back and forth. Child did not disclose any fear of being with Michael or awareness of him driving at her erratically.

During the interview with yourself, it was confirmed that you do indeed share a bed with Child but that you do not sleep in the nude. You presented as a proud father who tapes his daughter's visits and share these moments with your friends. You admitted to occasional marijuana use however were adamant that it never occurs when Child is in your care. You presented this worker with a video

tape of the parking lot incident. Upon review of this tape, it is this workers opinion that although some poorly thought driving over some parking lot curbs occurred, you in no way placed your daughter or ex-wife in danger. Furthermore, they are both in the video tape and Child is waving at her father, and Dolores does not have any apparent fear showing on her face.

Although the Durham CAS does not become involved in custody/access issues, and cannot force Dolores to resume access, it is our position that there are no protection concerns with respect to Michael Dad continuing his access to his daughter Child and that it will only further be a detriment to her if she is continued to be separated from her father.

Attached, please find a copy of the Complaint Resolution Process brochure. If you are dissatisfied with any aspect of the recent Durham CAS investigation, please follow the procedure outlined in this brochure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Darlene Carlson', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Darlene Carlson
Family Services Worker