

1 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
2 THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT PALMER

3 JANE DOE,)
4)
5 Petitioner,)
6)
7 vs.)
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9 JOHN DOE,)
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11) Case No. 3PA-09-2261CI
12)
13 Respondent.)

14 AFFIDAVIT OF BRISTOL PALIN

15 STATE OF ALASKA)
16)
17)ss.
18 THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT)

19 BRISTOL PALIN, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and
20 states as follows:

- 21 1. I am the mother of Tripp Johnston-Palin.
- 22 2. Due to the overwhelming media interest in my family and in Levi
23 Johnston, I believe it would be in Tripp's best interest for this custody
24 matter to be closed, and for everyone associated with this case to refrain
25 from talking to the media about this case.
- 26 3. My mother, Sarah Palin, is not involved in this custody matter other
than as a grandmother, so Levi Johnston has no need to be "protected"

1 from her. This case is between me and Levi; my mother has nothing to
2 do with it.

3 4. I do not believe that public scrutiny will “simplify” this case; instead I
4 believe that it will turn this custody case into a media circus which is not
5 in Tripp’s best interest.

6 5. I believe that despite everyone’s best intentions to remain civil in this
7 case, media involvement will have a negative impact on this matter, and
8 a negative impact on Tripp. In this day and age of the internet, media
9 stories remain available for years, even decades, after they are first
10 published, and anything printed in the media (whether it is true or not)
11 will be available to Tripp when he is old enough to read.

12 6. As can be seen in Levi Johnston’s Affidavit and his Opposition to the
13 Motion to Show Cause, he is still attacking my mother and accusing her
14 of being “vindictive,” of “meddling,” and of intending to “run roughshod”
15 over Levi’s “very bones.” None of this is true; my mother is not involved
16 in this case. What is clear so far is that Levi has gone repeatedly to
17 national media to spread falsehoods and malign my family – a family that
18 has provided round-the-clock care, love, and affection for our son Tripp.
19 Levi wants these proceedings public to continue to make a spectacle of
20 this custody dispute for his own self-promotion.
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7. As can be seen by all of the previous media publications cited in my original Motion to close these proceedings and for a gag order, Levi Johnston has used the media to cause my family (and myself) embarrassment. Levi's family (Mercedes Johnston in particular) has previously attacked my character in the media and made disparaging remarks about me and about custody issues.

8. I believe that Levi Johnston will soon be filming a reality show in Alaska. I do not believe it would be in Tripp's best interest for Levi's reality show to be filming this case as it unfolds, or for Levi Johnston to be capitalizing off of this custody case through his reality show.

9. I cannot imagine any reason why Levi Johnston would think that having this custody proceeding take place in the media spotlight would be in Tripp's best interests. It appears that the only reason Levi wants this case to remain public is so that he can continue to capitalize on his name and this case by selling stories to the media. To my knowledge, Levi's media exposure is currently his only source of income. That leads me to believe that Levi's interest in keeping this case unsealed is purely financial. Levi's interest in self-promotion has nothing to do with Tripp's best interests.

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10. I believe that this Court is capable of ensuring that everyone stays civil and "on their best behavior" without the assistance of the media or the public. I do not believe that Levi Johnston needs "protection" from anyone in this matter, but even if he did, I trust the Court, not the Media, would be the best form of "protection" for Levi. Furthermore, the claim that Levi needs "protection" is nonsense. Levi has a lawyer and a full time bodyguard to offer him "protection."

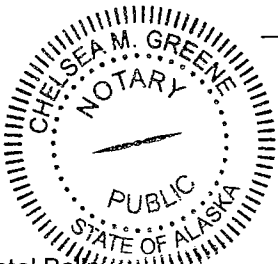
11. I do not believe that subjecting a one year old child to intense media scrutiny is healthy or desirable. If this case were open to the public I believe it would just cause more drama and friction between me and Levi, which would not be in Tripp's best interests.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska this 22nd day of December, 2009.

Bristol Palin
BRISTOL PALIN

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO before me this 22nd day of December, 2009.



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