

THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF COBB
STATE OF GEORGIA

JONATHAN RIVERA,]	
Plaintiff,]	
]	Civil Action File
v.]	No. 21-1-1795
]	
GINA SCHARLE]	
CHRISTOPHER CURRY,]	
Defendant.]	

AFFIDAVIT OF FERNANDO ZAPIEN RAMIREZ

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oaths, FERNANDO ZAPIEN RAMIREZ, who, after having been sworn, deposes and states as follows:

1.

My name is FERNANDO ZAPIEN RAMIREZ and I am a resident of the United States and a resident of Georgia.

2.

I am over the age of eighteen (18) years of age and I am competent to testify to the facts in this affidavit. I am doing so freely and voluntarily and in the absence of any duress or legal impediment.

3.

I am a legal advocate staffed by LiveSafe Resources and work in the Temporary Protection Orders Office of Cobb County Georgia. My primary job is to assist Petitioners in the process of obtaining an Ex Parte Order for a Temporary Protection Order (TPO). I am a mandated reporter.

4.

I have no connection or relationship to the involved parties outside of making a DFCS report based on information provided to me by the allegations made by Jonathan Rivera while seeking a Temporary Protective Order.

5.

I have received training regarding warning signs for human trafficking, grooming, and child abuse.

6.

On March 5, 2021, Jonathan Rivera sought a TPO for the protection of his minor daughter. I did not speak to Mr. Rivera concerning his reasons at the time but was aware he was attempting to seek a TPO. I was made aware of the allegations of Mr. Rivera by a coworker during the Ex Parte Hearing and was asked to make a DFCS report based on the allegations.

7.

I made a report to DFCS concerning Mr. Rivera's allegations after the information was provided to me by my coworker. I also found the allegations alarming and disturbing. I did not make Mr. Rivera or any party outside of my office aware that a DFCS report had been made.

8.

I made my report in good faith, and I was compelled to by law as a mandated reporter. The allegations made were disturbing and it would have gone against my duty as a mandated reporter to not make any report. The report had been substantiated and an investigation into the matter was made. I was not made aware of the outcome of that investigation and am still unsure of the final outcome.

9.

The facts stated in this affidavit are true and correct.

Sworn and subscribed before

me this 9th day of June, 2021.

Maegan Seawright
My commission expires: 11/08/2024


Signature of Affiant

Fernando Zapien Ramirez
Printed Name of Affiant

