

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND  
FAMILY DIVISION

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: KATHRYN LEIGH BRITTINGHAM, :  
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: Plaintiff, :  
: :  
: v. : Family Law No. 163795  
: :  
: ERIN REED, :  
: :  
: Defendant. :  
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1     calculated the arrears.

2             THE COURT:   Sure.  I am happy to do that.  \$25  
3     towards arrears, sorry.

4             MS. MITCHELL:  And the payments would commence on  
5     February 1, 2020 and the plaintiff is requesting that she be  
6     able to make these payments to the defendant bi-monthly, like  
7     half and half.

8             THE COURT:   Bi-monthly?

9             MS. MITCHELL:  Yes.

10            THE COURT:   Yes, yes.

11            MS. MITCHELL:  But she's looking at dates that would  
12     help her.  She can do the 1st and then the next payment would  
13     be due the 20th.

14            THE COURT:   The 1st?  Is this on the 7th and the  
15     20th?

16            MR. SUTTON:  That's fine.

17            THE COURT:   Okay.  Great.

18            MS. MITCHELL:  And then every month thereafter  
19     until --

20            THE COURT:   Yes.

21            MS. MITCHELL:  -- there's a final --

22            THE COURT:   Right.

23            MS. MITCHELL:  -- merits on the issue of support.

24            THE COURT:   Okay, great.

25            MS. MITCHELL:  And we don't have the guidelines.

1 THE COURT: I'll do the math. That's why I became a  
2 lawyer because I don't do math very well without a calculator.  
3 \$325 times 4. I have 1,300. So, 325 times 4 months.

4 MS. MITCHELL: 13 --

5 THE COURT: Well, that was completely wrong. 365  
6 times --

7 MS. MITCHELL: 1,375.

8 THE COURT: -- four. No, I have 13.

9 MR. SUTTON: It's 1,300.

10 THE COURT: 1,300.

11 MS. MITCHELL: Oh, I don't know where you're getting  
12 it.

13 MR. SUTTON: But we'll take 1,375.

14 THE COURT: No. I was like my Excel spreadsheet  
15 never likes me when I have to do --

16 MS. MITCHELL: You're right and you're using a  
17 calculator. Don't trust me.

18 THE COURT: Like I'm using a calculator and my Excel  
19 spreadsheet that does all my math for me.

20 MS. MITCHELL: You're fine. I trust you.

21 THE COURT: So it's 1,300. 1,300. Okay, and the  
22 arrears will also begin being paid on February 1st?

23 MS. MITCHELL: Or the 7th?

24 THE COURT: Oh, the 7th, I'm sorry. Commencing on  
25 February 7th, yes.

1 THE COURT: So, normally when --

2 MS. MITCHELL: That just means if you're behind 30  
3 days, they can get an earnings withholding order.

4 THE COURT: Right.

5 MS. MITCHELL: If you're not current.

6 THE COURT: Right. So, any time child support is  
7 requested or ordered, we have to put 30 day language saying  
8 that if you're behind by 30 days exactly like Ms. Mitchell  
9 said, but --

10 MS. MITCHELL: Thank you.

11 THE COURT: Anything to add or correct?

12 MS. MITCHELL: No, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Sutton?

14 MR. SUTTON: We're done.

15 THE COURT: Okay, great. If the parties give me one  
16 second, I'm going to run back to my office and pick up the  
17 guidelines and printout for you and then we will voir dire the  
18 parties.

19 MS. MITCHELL: Thank you.

20 THE COURT: Give me one second.

21 MS. MITCHELL: Thank you, Your Honor.

22 MS. BRITTINGHAM: Thank you.

23 THE COURT: If both parties remain standing and raise  
24 your right hand, we'll get you sworn in.

25 (Whereupon, the parties were sworn.)

1 stated on the record of 325 per month plus 25 towards arrears?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And do you think that is in your child's best  
4 interest at this time?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And did you have enough time to talk to me as your  
7 attorney regarding that?

8 A Yes.

9 Q And are you under the influence of anything that  
10 would prevent you from participating in the discussions and  
11 agreeing to the amount of support?

12 A No.

13 Q And basically, do you have any questions of the  
14 Court?

15 A No. Will the record reflect that it is split  
16 payments so that's at 175 with the arrears?

17 Q Per month.

18 A Per month.

19 Q Starting --

20 A So bi-monthly? Correct?

21 THE COURT: So, when the order is done, I am going to  
22 have counsel draw up the order and they'll put that in there.

23 THE WITNESS: Okay, great.

24 THE COURT: But it's still 325 a month and then --

25 THE WITNESS: Correct, as a total.

1 Q Okay, and did anyone force you to enter into this  
2 agreement?

3 A No.

4 Q Anyone make any promises to you outside of this  
5 courtroom to induce you to enter into this agreement?

6 A No.

7 Q Okay. I'm sure Ms. Mitchell asked you this but I'm  
8 going to ask again. Are you under the influence of any drugs  
9 or alcohol or any other substance that prevents you from  
10 understanding what you agreed to today?

11 A No.

12 Q And do you understand this is binding as of today  
13 even though counsel is going to draft the order and send it to  
14 my attention for signature, it is binding as of today?

15 A Correct, yes.

16 Q Great.

17 A I understand.

18 THE COURT: I have no additional questions. Mr.  
19 Sutton, any questions for the plaintiff?

20 MR. SUTTON: None.

21 THE COURT: Okay. Great. Mr. Sutton, your witness,  
22 please.

23 ERIN REED

24 The defendant, having been first duly sworn, was examined and  
25 testified as follows:

1 agreement?

2 A No.

3 MR. SUTTON: No other questions.

4 BY THE COURT:

5 Q Are you entering into this agreement freely and  
6 voluntarily?

7 A I am.

8 Q Has anyone coerced you to enter into this agreement?

9 A Nobody.

10 Q Did anyone make any promises to you outside of this  
11 courtroom to induce you to enter into this agreement?

12 A No.

13 Q And do you understand this agreement is binding as of  
14 today even though counsel is going to draft the order and send  
15 it to me for me to sign it, but you understand that it is  
16 binding as of today?

17 A I do.

18 Q Great, and are you satisfied with your counsel's  
19 services?

20 A I am.

21 Q Has he answered all of your questions for you?

22 A He has.

23 Q Do you have any additional questions about this P/L  
24 child support amount?

25 A No.



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