

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF SPOKANE

IN RE :

MEGAN RUTTER
8/3/91

D.O.B:

NO. 24-2-04563-32

DECLARATION OF
(DCLR)

Petitioner,

vs.

STEVEN EISNER
1/24/91

D.O.B:

Respondent.

Declaration of (name)

1. I am (age) _____ years old and I am the (check one): ☐ Petitioner ☐
Respondent

☒ Other (relationship to the people in this case): Friend of both _____

2. I declare: I've known both Steven and Megan (known primarily to me as Jesse or "emray") for several years. I met both through our shared online gaming & fundraising communities. I've attended several fundraising events with both individuals, both before and during their relationship. On more than one occasion, I can recall witnessing them in relationship spats, but never did I see either party physically abuse the other. I specifically recall one event-RPG Limit Break 2022-during which the couple got into a fairly large argument. A large group of us

1 were at a bar and had all had just one or two drinks. Steven, who was not feeling well
2 that night, decided not to partake in a round of shots I proposed. Jesse asked if
3 Steven minded if she joined in despite him not drinking, to which he responded
4 along the lines of "I've told you how I'm feeling at the moment, but it's up to you, I'm
5 not your dad." Jesse joined in the shots and the both of them stayed at the bar for a
6 while. I would later learn that Steven had spoken to Jesse in private, asking that she
7 not get drunk so that he wouldn't feel left out. It seemed like a reasonable, albeit
8 slightly petty, request, to me. Shortly after we all returned to our hotel, Steven
9 knocked on my hotel door and asked if he could stay the night in my room. Jesse
10 had gotten quite drunk at the bar and had escalated their minor spat into a
11 full-blown argument, accusing Steven of emotionally manipulating her by asking
12 her not to get drunk. Steven wanted to give her space, so he asked if he could stay
13 with me for the night. For the rest of the trip, the two seemed mostly awkwardly
14 quiet and uncomfortable, but nothing out of the ordinary for a couple that had
15 gotten in a fight.
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17 When Jesse filed the restraining order against Steven, she posted about it on
18 Twitter. I saw one of the posts, so I reached out to her privately to ask what was
19 going on, as I'm extremely against any kind of physical or domestic abuse. She
20 explained a few fights they had had recently and sent me a video recording that she
21 had taken of one of them. The video seemed fairly mundane. In the video, Steven
22 asked Jesse if she could stop interrupting him so that he could finish speaking,
23 which she agreed to but then proceeded to interrupt anyways. Steven elevated his
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voice a little out of frustration, but nothing about the argument felt more severe than an average fight between partners. After later speaking to Steven about the restraining order, he sent me a video that he had taken of the two fighting that was far more concerning. In it, Jesse was screaming at the top of her lungs—clearly inebriated—and demanding that Steven “treat her like the goddess she is” and ignore any and all mistakes she might make. The end of the video was extremely alarming, as Jesse began advancing towards Steven, who cried out “don’t touch me, don’t touch me” before the video cut.

I have never known Steven to be somebody who would physically or emotionally abuse anyone, let alone his partner. I even told him while talking on the phone about the restraining order that if there was any truth to these allegations that I would not associate with him anymore out of principle, despite our friendship of 8 or 9 years, to which he vehemently agreed and asked for no less. I have, however, seen Jesse overreact to situations both in-person and online during gaming sessions or voice chats with friends.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the facts I have provided on this form (and any attachments) are true. ☐ I have attached (number): 0 _____ pages.

Signed at (city and state): _____

Date: _____

Sign here

Print name