

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF SPOKANE

IN RE :

MEGAN RUTTER

D.O.B: 8/3/91

NO. 24-2-04563-32

Petitioner,

DECLARATION OF [REDACTED]

(DCLR)

vs.

STEVEN EISNER

D.O.B: 1/24/91

Respondent.

Declaration of (name) [REDACTED]

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

☒ Other (relationship to the people in this case): Friend and Co-worker

2. I declare: *I have known Steven Eisner since May of 2018 and have had frequency encounters with both him as well as Megan Rutter, involving several extended trips where I have seen first hand many of the issues being discussed in the relationship. I have attached several accounts of situations I was a part of and how I remember them from 2021 to present. The summary of all of these encounters is that Megan has had a short fuse as long as I've known them and Steven has done everything any reasonable person would do to try and remedy the situation. Steven even goes above and beyond, making immense sacrifices, to help Megan every chance he got.*

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(Number any pages you attach to this Declaration. Page limits may apply.)

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): TWO pages.

Signed at (city and state)

Date

Print name

Personal Visit (June 2021)

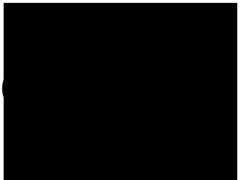
In June 2021 I visited Steven at his home in Spokane, this is the first time I interacted with Megan ever and was also the first time I had seen Steven in years. This is post-pandemic and I traveled to see my friend and his partner and spend some time together since we had only talked online for almost 2 years at this point. While we were able to talk a decent amount, Megan felt possessive of Steven and it made me feel like I was an intruder. For several nights, Megan would not let Steven go and spend time with me because they felt they needed it more. What happened was they would watch a TV show for 3-4 hours every night kinda leaving me to my own devices alone. Steven apologized to me and understood why I would have been angry at this but Megan never did. While I can only speculate on their intentions, it set a pretty clear expectation going forward of how Megan would behave. The entire week they would barely interact with me and force Steven to handle everything. I could tell Steven was uneasy this whole time feeling guilty into avoiding his friends.

Online Interactions (July 2022)

Megan got into arguments on social media regarding use of "it/its" pronouns, which had come up quite recently as the organization myself and Steven are contractors for regularly has performers who use that label. Megan was offended by those pronouns, having been derogatorily called those in the past. No person should be referred to as something non-human so I get where this is coming from and Megan was right to defend herself here. Megan got a lot of heat for this stance online and Steven was the first person to jump on the sword to defend them, taking on an immense amount of criticism as well. Steven contacted me privately while this was going on expressing concern that his career may end due to backlash or that he would lose his job at Gamesdonequick. I reassured him it would all be ok, but I think this puts in perspective the magnitude of the risks Steven was willing to take to defend Megan and support them.

RPG Limit Break (Oct 16-22 2022)

This was a week long event Steven and I had been regularly going to for some time, this was the first time he brought Megan. By this point I knew that it seemed like every other week their relationship was having issues. I spent a decent amount of time with Megan and Steven this event, and made sure to contact Megan directly to offer my time to chat about anything or just meet up. Steven had expressed to me that Megan had felt left out because she didn't know anybody at the event, or that people only hung out with them because they were friends with him. I took that to heart and offered many times for just us two to hang out, which we did! At some point during this event I found Megan crying, there was some sort of disagreement that went on (As these two are known to do often) and Megan always takes it hard. I tried to help but kinda got pushed aside so I figured they need time alone and it's not my business to go try and solve every problem my friends are having.



What Steven did on the other hand was do everything he could, once again, to remedy the situation. This included cancelling dinner plans with myself as well as other events and activities during our time at the event. I witnessed them walking together with Steven trying to work it out and Megan being unresponsive, and tried my best to continue to include them in everything to lift their spirits. In fact, to give Megan space, Steven took the initiative to go find another hotel room on his own in order to give her the space she needed to cool down and relax. This is almost a regular occurrence at events at this point.

speedrun colosseum 2022 (October 2022)

This was a three-day event both Megan and Steven were a part of that I joined in on involving around 20 performers, it's a tight knit crew and we are all there to raise money for charity. Once again similar to RPG Limit Break Megan got super upset over an argument they had with Steven and became unresponsive and withdrew themselves. Once again Steven went and sacrificed his time at the event and with other friends to help her feel better.

Summer Games Done Quick 2023 (Late May/June 2023)

During this event Megan blew up again at Steven, this time he had to spend more time away from the room they were staying in and once again. A common trend here is whenever there was ever a disagreement or fight or whatever it is they were going through at the time. The one making the most sacrifices to fix things is invariably Steven. This many events in where I have seen the same thing time and time again it almost became a question of "when" Megan would blow up rather than "if". Megan also consistently guilt-tripped Steven, saying that if he broke up with them they would be homeless. Steven expressed to me he wanted to end things for a while but felt guilty and didn't want anything bad to happen to Megan so he kept with it trying his best to make things work.

Speedrun Colosseum 2023 (September 2023)

This event was in Las Vegas and similar to the 2022 event was a small tight-knit community raising money for charity. There were a few nights where the group At this event we scheduled several group activities, Steven ended up not participating in almost anything since Megan wasn't interested. A common theme of this relationship is that if Megan didn't want to do something, they weren't going to let Steven do it either, via guilt-tripping him for not spending enough time with them if he chose to spend time elsewhere.

During every one of these situations, Steven had to consistently spend a lot of time and effort to remedy, and I think he went well beyond a normal response to cater to her very short fuse. Megan did not give him any room to work with and felt manipulative in how she treated Steven poorly or otherwise made him feel guilty for wanting to do normal things. I knew from my first encounter with these two that the relationship was on rough edges, it would not have lasted this long if Steven didn't truly care about Megan's safety.

