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CHILD: Hannah Elizabeth Morgan

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PARENTS: Joshua Morgan and Kristin Morgan

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EXAMINER: Marisa Mauro, Psy.D

REFERRAL INFORMATION:

Mr. Joshua Morgan and Ms. Kristin Morgan were referred for a psychological evaluation to assist the court with respect to determining the custody and placement of their 10-month old daughter, Hannah Elizabeth Morgan. Mr. Morgan, representing himself, Mr. William Alberts, attorney for Ms. Morgan, and Ms. Leslie Massad, Guardian ad Litem agreed that this writer would be appointed by the court to evaluate both parties and submit a written report.

Mr. Morgan and Ms. Morgan were interviewed by and completed psychological assessments on separate occasions (see below) with this writer. Collateral contacts were made for each party (see below).

INFORMED CONSENT FOR FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION:

Mr. Joshua Morgan and Ms. Kristin Morgan were provided with this examiner's Informed Consent for Forensic Psychological Evaluation prior to their interviews. Each party was informed of the evaluation's purpose and the associated limits of confidentiality. Specifically, they were told that they were being evaluated as a result a court order and also that the results of the evaluation would be sent to Ms. Massad. An opportunity for questions was provided to each examinee. Both Mr. Morgan and Ms. Morgan appeared to understand this notice, reported having no questions regarding the informed consent, and signed agreeing to participate.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

This writer has the following sources of information available to her:

1. Clinical Interview with Joshua Morgan (October 16, 2010)
2. Clinical Interview with Kristin Morgan (October 23, 2010)
3. Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory – 2 (MMPI -2) completed by Joshua Morgan
4. Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory – 2 (MMPI -2) completed by Kristin Morgan
5. Beck Depression Inventory II (BDI-II) administered to Joshua Morgan
6. Beck Depression Inventory II (BDI-II) administered to Kristin Morgan

7. Beck Anxiety Inventory (BAI) administered to Joshua Morgan
8. Beck Anxiety Inventory (BAI) administered to Kristin Morgan
9. Beck Hopelessness Scale (BHS) administered to Joshua Morgan
10. Beck Hopelessness Scale (BHS) administered to Kristin Morgan
11. Mini-Mental Status Exam (MMSE) administered to Joshua Morgan
12. Mini-Mental Status Exam (MMSE) administered to Kristin Morgan
13. Review of e-mails and chat logs provided by Joshua Morgan
14. Review of e-mails and chat logs provided by Kristin Morgan
15. Telephone and e-mail contacts with Leslie Massad, guardian ad litem
16. E-mail contacts with William Alberts, attorney for Kristin Morgan
17. Telephone interview of Chris Neff (October 20, 2010)
18. Telephone interview of Dr. Patricia Hostetler (October 28, 2010)
19. Telephone interview of Pastor Jerry Rahm (October 29, 2010)
20. Telephone interview of Michelle Jenkins (October 27, 2010)
21. Telephone interview of Courtney Boyd (November 1, 2010)
22. Telephone interview of Dr. Al Jones (October 27, 2010)
23. Telephone contact with Ron Debord (October 27, 2010 and November 2, 2010)
24. Review of Temperament Assessments completed by Dr. Al Jones on February 27, 2010
25. Review of Temporary Court Orders including court order for psychological evaluation in the interest of Hannah Elizabeth Morgan, rendered August 6, 2010
26. Review of chemical dependency evaluation for Joshua Morgan completed by Mark Catalano on September 24, 2010
27. Review of mental health treatment records for Kristin Morgan completed by Ron Debord from June 22, 2010 to October 11, 2010

EVALUATION OF JOSHUA MORGAN

HISTORY AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Family and Social History:

Joshua Morgan was born on May 1, 1980 in Georgetown, Texas to Christine and James Morgan. His parents were married at the time of his birth and never divorced. When asked to describe his childhood, Mr. Morgan stated that it was "unusually normal" and "pleasant". Christine Morgan was a stay at home mother throughout most of Mr. Morgan's childhood. When the family needed extra money she took odd jobs. Mr. Morgan recalled his childhood relationship with his mother as "good, comfortable". He reported that she helped with his Scout activities, assisted with homework, and brought him to church. Christine earned an MBA after her children were grown and is currently laid off from her job as a business consultant. Mr. Morgan described his current relationship with his mother as "good". They reportedly visit two to three times per month. James Morgan was a real estate broker. He is currently deceased. When asked about his father, Mr. Morgan became immediately tearful and had difficulty speaking. He recalled that the relationship was "good". Mr. Morgan was raised with two siblings, Naomi Morgan, age 28, and Zachary Morgan, age 25. Naomi is currently attending college in Portland and Zachary is a musician. Mr. Morgan reported good relationships with both siblings. Naomi and Mr. Morgan shared an apartment together as adults for 1 year.

Mr. Morgan denied any history of childhood abuse. Regarding discipline, Mr. Morgan recalled that he and his siblings would first lose privileges, and if their behavior did not improve, receive time out.

Spanking was a last resort and Mr. Morgan stated that he was rarely spanked as a child. He recalled that his mother was responsible for discipline and that his father never spanked him.

Mr. Morgan is currently separated from Ms. Morgan. He has been married once. Mr. Morgan and Ms. Morgan were married on June 28, 2008. Mr. Morgan reported dating Ms. Morgan for approximately three months prior to marriage. He claimed that they met online. According to Mr. Morgan, Ms. Morgan believes their first encounter was on a website called "Hot or Not", while he believes it was on Facebook. Mr. Morgan stated that this encounter may have occurred approximately 10 years ago. The two did not start chatting regularly until just prior to Ms. Morgan's move to Austin. Regarding Ms. Morgan, Mr. Morgan stated, "I fell in love with her instantly". When asked to describe their marriage, Mr. Morgan recalled that "at first it was blissful" and that it deteriorated after "she threatened to commit suicide". Regarding this Mr. Morgan stated, "The way I handled it was terrible". When asked to recall factors leading to divorce, he listed Ms. Morgan's reported suicidal ideation; a 2008 miscarriage, stating "she got insanely jealous"; and that Ms. Morgan became angrier, physically violent, and often threatened divorce. Chat logs provided by Mr. Morgan dated July 7, 2009 are demonstrative of the anger reported and threats of divorce. In total, the reviewed chat logs provided by Mr. Morgan also suggest a circular pattern of intense anger, threats for divorce and making up.

At the time of the interview, Mr. Morgan reported that he had very little direct contact with Ms. Morgan. He expressed that it was often necessary to go through Leslie Massad to communicate. Mr. Morgan expressed a desire for increased communication from Ms. Morgan regarding the well being and development of their daughter, Hannah. Copies of e-mails provided by Ms. Morgan demonstrate several attempts by Mr. Morgan to elicit this information from her. Mr. Morgan and Ms. Morgan have one child Hannah, age 10 months. Mr. Morgan reports that Hannah currently resides in Maynardville, Tennessee with Ms. Morgan and her family.

Education:

Mr. Morgan earned a high school diploma from West Lake High School. He could not recall his GPA, but guessed that it was most likely a "low B or high C". Subjects of interest included calculus and physics. Subjects of difficulty included English and history. Mr. Morgan participated in several extracurricular activities including football in the 9th and 10th grades and was president of the computer club. In middle school he held 1st chair violin in orchestra. He described his childhood friends as "computer friends" and "nerdy". Mr. Morgan recalled attending "LAN parties" where he and his friends would get together and work with their computers. Mr. Morgan reported one instance of suspension. He recalled that he was accused of "intentionally harming" school computers with software he brought to school. He stated that the "teachers were ignorant". Mr. Morgan denied any intentional harm and reported receiving one day of In School Suspension.

Current Employment and Work History:

Mr. Morgan is employed as a Software Developer by Pervasive Software in Austin, Texas. He described his duties as a "user interface developer" and has worked with the company for approximately three years and six months. Mr. Morgan was awarded "Engineer of the Month" for September, 2010. The recipient of the award is selected by peer vote.

Mr. Morgan's work history began at 15 years old. He was reportedly employed as a clerk by a Convenience Store making pizza and sandwiches on and off until age 21. Prior to his current position, Mr. Morgan reported working for the Health and Human Services Commission in a federally funded training program aimed at reducing falls in nursing homes. He held the job from age 23 to age 26. Mr.

Morgan reported having been a member of the team awarded the "Unsung Hero Award". Mr. Morgan admitted that he was fired once at age 19 after failing to show up to his job doing iMac phone support.

Mental Health History:

Mr. Morgan arrived early for his appointment. He was well groomed and casually attired. Mr. Morgan was pleasant and cooperative throughout the evaluation process.

Mr. Morgan denied any significant psychiatric history, with the exception of some history of alcohol and substance abuse. At the time of his interview, Mr. Morgan claimed that he last drank in "late July". Information provided by Leslie Massad contradicts this and provided that Mr. Morgan failed a Urine Analysis in late September. A chemical dependency evaluation conducted by Mark Catalano on September 24, 2010 did not diagnose Mr. Morgan with substance abuse or dependency diagnosis. In addition, no treatment recommendations were made. Mr. Morgan claimed that he first tried alcohol at 15 years old. He did not drink again until graduation from high school. As a young adult, he began drinking socially and would often have 1-2 drinks per day. He admitted to having pled "no contest" to a DWI charge in 2005 for which he was given 18 months of probation. Attempts made by this examiner to receive collateral information regarding this charge were unsuccessful. At age 18 he tried tobacco and eventually began smoking approximately 1 pack of cigarettes per day. He quit for a time with the assistance of his therapist, Dr. Hostetler, and now smokes occasionally. In his early twenties, Mr. Morgan reported that he "tried everything". He reported having used cocaine and "Ultram" (generic tramadol, a narcotic like pain reliever) with Ms. Morgan a "few times" and that the cocaine was "from one of her coworkers".

With the exception of the alcohol and substance use issues, Mr. Morgan denied experiencing any significant psychiatric difficulties in the past. There were some indicators of grief and bereavement present at the time of the assessment, typical to individuals having experienced a recent loss of a loved one. He reported having seen a marriage counselor (Dr. Al Jones) three times with Ms. Morgan beginning in February 2010. In addition, he has received six sessions of individual therapy (Dr. Patricia Hostetler) following his separation for stress and sadness related to the separation and to stop smoking.

CURRENT PSYCHOLOGICAL FUNCTIONING:

Mr. Morgan communicated well during the course of the evaluation. His responses to questions were clear and articulate. Thought content was nonbizarre and processes were organized. Attention and concentration were average. Short and long term memory were intact. He expressed a full range of affect with emotions that were always appropriate to the content of his speech. He became tearful and had difficulty speaking when attempting to discuss his father (recently deceased) and daughter, Hannah.

Mr. Morgan was administered the MMPI-2, a structured psychological instrument that assesses emotional functioning, psychological symptomatology, and behavioral patterns. On testing with the MMPI-2, validity indicators suggest that Mr. Morgan responded consistently. Individuals with similar profiles are described as responding to the inventory with moderate defensiveness. There is some indication that Mr. Morgan may have been concerned about his social image and was reluctant to disclose much about his personal adjustment. By minimizing difficulties, Mr. Morgan may have attempted to avoid the appearance of having problems. Such an approach to testing, of course, is not uncommon among people completing the testing under such circumstances.

Individuals with similar MMPI-s profiles are described as experiencing some psychological difficulties. They may be highly focused on their own needs and may have a grandiose sense of self. Reactions

towards others are sometimes aggressive, obnoxious, or hostile. They may be seen as suspicious and aloof. Person's with similar profiles may be manipulative in their relationships and may experience strained interpersonal relationships as a result. Mr. Morgan's responses are consistent with individuals who have a dislike for authority; however, his individual responses do not suggest antisocial behavior or practices. His responses also suggest that he feels somewhat estranged and alienated from people. He is suspicious of the actions of others, feels that people may be out to get him, and he may tend to blame others for his negative frame of mind. High levels of suspicion and paranoia are common in individuals undergoing custody evaluations and often decrease upon testing at a later date. In a large sample of men being assessed in custody cases (Butcher, 1997a), this high-point clinical scale score (Pa) occurs in 29.4% of the cases.

Mr. Morgan was also administered the Beck Depression Inventory – II (BDI-II), the Beck Anxiety Inventory (BAI) and the Beck Hopelessness Scale. The BDI-II 21-item measure designed to assess for symptoms of depression including sadness, pessimism, loss of pleasure, suicidal thoughts, tiredness or fatigue, etc. On testing with the BDI-II, Mr. Morgan obtained a total score of 3, which falls within the range designated as minimal. The BAI is 21-item measure designed to assess for symptoms of anxiety. Each item is descriptive of subjective, somatic, or panic-related symptoms of anxiety. On testing with the BAI, Mr. Morgan received total score of 6, which corresponds to the range designated as minimal. The BHS is a 20-item measure that evaluates three major aspects of hopelessness: feelings about the future, loss of motivation, and expectations. On the BHS, Mr. Morgan received a total score of 4, which corresponds the range designated as mild.

MR. MORGAN'S VIEWS OF PARENTING AND CONCERN FOR HANNAH:

Mr. Morgan portrayed himself as highly concerned about Hannah's welfare, her attachment to him as a parent, and her attainment of developmental milestones. He expressed concern about Hannah's current living arrangement with Ms. Morgan's family and described them as "hostile people". He claimed that Ms. Morgan's stepfather sent him a Facebook message that he perceived as a "death threat". In addition, he worried that Ms. Morgan may smoke around Hannah. When asked specifically about his relationship with his daughter, Mr. Morgan became tearful and had difficulty speaking. He stated, "I loved her more than anything" and expressed concern that she may not bond with him due to their lengthy physical separation. He appeared interested in Hannah's overall health and growth and deeply saddened to have missed out on watching her achieve developmental milestones.

When asked to describe activities that he enjoys engaging in the with Hannah, Mr. Morgan reported, "Making her laugh," "games," "playing Jack in the box," and "looking at a book of baby faces". Regarding his views on his personal responsibility to his daughter, Mr. Morgan listed, "working," "providing income," and "child care at night and weekends". When asked to describe his views on discipline, Mr. Morgan stated, that Hannah was "too young to be disciplined". When prompted to discuss how he might discipline in the future, Mr. Morgan stated that "I would never spank because I'm a man. My father never spanked. I do not want my daughter to have a negative association with men." He listed "time out" as a more personally acceptable form of discipline. Mr. Morgan reported that he did not have any issue or concern if Ms. Morgan chose to use spanking as a form of punishment.

Mr. Morgan described Ms. Morgan as a "good" mother. He reported a desire to receive more communication from her about Hannah. Also that, "If we were allowed to talk, things would be better." Email communication provided by Ms. Morgan reflects Mr. Morgan's attempts to contact her regarding Hannah as well as what appears to be an attempt to work on their marriage following their separation. Attempts appear desperate and irritable at times.

Regarding custody arrangements, Mr. Morgan claimed that he offered to move out of the family home in Austin and have Ms. Morgan and Hannah move in. In this situation, Mr. Morgan stated that he would move into his mother's home in north Austin. Mr. Morgan reported that he entertained the possibility of moving to Tennessee and posted his resume on the technology recruiting website Dice.com in both Austin and Knoxville to compare available opportunities. He claimed to have received 20 leads in Austin and 0 in Knoxville. He reported that trips to Tennessee are too expensive. Mr. Morgan reported that without Ms. Morgan's income and with the additional expense of child support and divorce and custody proceedings that his home may be foreclosed upon.

EVALUATION OF KRISTIN MORGAN:

HISTORY AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Family and Social History:

Kristin Morgan was born on April 18, 1983 in Pikeville, Kentucky to Regina Dotson and Kenny Looney. Her parents were married at the time of his birth and divorced in 1995. When asked to describe her childhood, Ms. Morgan stated that her parents were "good" and that "I spent a lot of time with my cousin". Ms. Morgan recalled her childhood relationship with her mother as "close". When asked about her relationship with her father Ms. Morgan replied, "I related more with my mom because she was a female". Ms. Morgan chose to live with her mother following her parents' divorce. She recalled having visits with her father on some weekends and holidays, but then stopped seeing him as she "got older". Ms. Morgan estimated that she was "13 or 14" when she stopped the visitations. When asked, she did not believe that her father attempted to restart their visits. When she was 16 years old, Ms. Morgan's mother remarried. The family moved to Tennessee to join Ms. Morgan's new stepfather. Ms. Morgan reported some difficulty leaving her friends in Kentucky behind.

Ms. Morgan described her current relationship with her mother as "still really close". Regarding her current relationship with her father, Ms. Morgan stated, "I am getting to know him better". Regarding her relationship with her stepfather Ms. Morgan stated, "We joke around, aggravate each other" and also as "accepting". When asked if the aggravation becomes hurtful, Ms. Morgan responded that it does not.

Ms. Morgan was raised with one biological sibling, Kenneth Dotson, age 24. Kenneth is reportedly disabled due to injuries from two car accidents. Ms. Morgan described her current relationship with her brother as "good". She has one paternal half-sister, Abigail Looney, approximately 8 years old, whom she reported she "doesn't see much". Her mother and stepfather recently adopted a daughter, Victoria Dotson, age 10. Ms. Morgan described their relationship as "good".

Ms. Morgan denied any history of childhood abuse. Regarding discipline, Ms. Morgan recalled that she and her brother would first receive a verbal warning, and if their behavior did not improve, grounding. Regarding spanking, Ms. Morgan reported that she recalled being spanked "a couple times". She described the method of spanking as "mostly hand" and also with "a wooden paddle".

Ms. Morgan is currently separated from Mr. Josh Morgan. She has been married once. Ms. Morgan and Mr. Morgan were married on June 28, 2008. Ms. Morgan reported that she met Mr. Morgan online on a website called "Hot or Not". She explained that "he had an account and I rated him". They reportedly chatted a few times on Instant Messenger and then lost contact for many years. Ms. Morgan reported that they regained contact when Facebook came out and the program "added AOL IM friends". Ms. Morgan recalled having asked Mr. Morgan how they knew one another and they "ended up talking".

She recalled that he would “send flowers” and “tell me how beautiful I was”. According to Ms. Morgan, the couple had three face to face visits prior to their engagement. On the third visit Mr. Morgan proposed marriage and she moved to Texas to be with him. Ms. Morgan recalled that she did not tell her family about the proposal because “I didn’t want them to judge him”. Ms. Morgan reported that she and Mr. Morgan were married in a field by a Justice of the Peace and that they did not inform their families of the nuptials. When asked to explain why they choose not to disclose their marriage plans to family or invite them to the wedding, Ms. Morgan stated, “I don’t know why we did it that way” and then added that they “didn’t want a big wedding” and “he just wanted to get married as soon as possible”. When asked to describe their early married life, Ms. Morgan stated that it was “really good” and also that she was “kind of depressed about being away from family” and that she “loved” her previous job in Tennessee. When asked to describe the factors leading to the deterioration of her marriage, Ms. Morgan reported, “The first time he called me a slut...because I had slept with others before marriage”. She also reported, “I’m suppose to submit to my husband as God commanded it otherwise the marriage would fail”. In addition, Ms. Morgan reported that Mr. Morgan, “used religion to hurt me and make me feel bad”. She also stated that Mr. Morgan “drank excessively” when she was pregnant. She claimed to have kept a log of his drinking and reported to this writer that he drank “most days” and “3-4 beers, sometimes more”. Later in the interview Ms. Morgan also reported, with some detail, the events prior to her leaving Mr. Morgan. She recalled that Mr. Morgan came home at 11pm “completely drunk” and that he was “purposefully trying to get me upset...letting the dogs out of the cage...putting laundry in the washer... and throwing clothes on me and Hannah in bed”. Ms. Morgan recalled trying to get into the bedroom and that Mr. Morgan would not open the door. Each reportedly pushed on either side of the door and she recalled being scratched by the door hinge. She then produced for this writer a nude photograph of herself with a bruised thigh dated June 4, 2010 and explained that she took the photograph herself after the alleged incident. At the same time, she produced a second nude photograph of herself with reddish, inflamed skin on her backside, dated March, 2009 and explained that it was “rug burn”. Explaining further, Ms. Morgan reported that she had locked Mr. Morgan outside after attending the South by Southwest Music Festival and that she “got undressed and went to bed”. She recalled that Mr. Morgan “punched a hole in the door” and “grabbed my ankles and dragged me outside”. Ms. Morgan also reported that she believed that Mr. Morgan often, “Tried to manipulate me into hurting him” and believed that he would “try to record her”. At the time of the interview, Ms. Morgan reported that she had very little direct contact with Mr. Morgan as a result of advice from her attorney.

Hannah Morgan is Ms. Morgan’s only child. Ms. Morgan reported that she experienced two miscarriages prior to her pregnancy with Hannah, her first with a boyfriend prior to her marriage to Mr. Morgan, and her second following their marriage. She reported that, when she became pregnant with Hannah, Mr. Morgan said that he “prays for miscarriage” and that “God didn’t want you to have a child”.

Education:

Ms. Morgan earned an Associate’s diploma in radiology from Roan State Community College in Oakridge, Tennessee in 2005. She estimated her GPA to have been a 3.2 or 3.4. Ms. Morgan reported that she chose to study radiology to “help people”. She also attended Walter State College in Morristown, Tennessee taking courses in general studies from 2001 to 2003. She earned her high school diploma from Union County High School in Maynardville, Tennessee. There, she reportedly joined choir and had only a few friends due to her late transfer in junior year. At her previous high school in Kentucky, Ms. Morgan reported having had many friends, being a cheerleader, and a member of choir. Subjects of interest included math and science. Subjects of difficulty included writing and history. Ms. Morgan denied any history of behavior problems in school.

Current Employment and Work History:

Ms. Morgan is employed as a Radiology Technician by Mobile Images in Knoxville, Tennessee. Her current term of employment began in June, 2010. She had also worked for Mobile Images from October, 2005 to May, 2008, and quit to move to Texas. In Texas, Ms. Morgan reported working two jobs, sometimes up to 80 hours per week. She was employed as a medical lab technician at Nexcare in Georgetown, Texas from June, 2008 until September, 2009 and quit due to her pregnancy. Her second position was as an X-Ray technician on an as needed basis (PRN) for Cornerstone in Austin, Texas from June 2008 until June 2010. Her work history began at 16 years old when she was employed by McDonalds. During her college years, Ms. Morgan reported having worked in restaurants and at Wal-Mart.

Mental Health History:

Ms. Morgan arrived early for her appointment. She was well groomed and casually attired. Ms. Morgan was pleasant and cooperative throughout the evaluation process.

Ms. Morgan denied any significant psychiatric history, with the exception of some history of alcohol and substance abuse. At the time of her interview, Ms. Morgan denied any current alcohol or drug use. She reported smoking "1/2 pack" of cigarettes daily. Ms. Morgan claimed that she first tried alcohol at 16 years old. She reported that she initially drank "once every couple of months with friends". In college Ms. Morgan recalled drinking 2-3 drinks on the weekends. She admitted having been booked for a DUI in March, 2007. Ms. Morgan explained that she was "out drinking for St. Patrick's Day" and was driving home when she missed an exit and the "steering wheel locked up". The vehicle hit a pole and was totaled. One passenger, an ex-boyfriend was in the vehicle. The police arrived at the scene and took Ms. Morgan to the emergency room where she stated she was diagnosed with a broken nose and burns from her vehicle's airbag deployment. No tests for alcohol were reportedly taken at the scene or hospital. Ms. Morgan stated that she was released from the hospital and contacted an attorney. She claimed to this examiner that she went voluntarily to the police station for finger printing and photographing. For the incident, Ms. Morgan reportedly received unsupervised probation for 6 months. At age 7 or 8 she tried tobacco, stating that her brother had taken her father's cigarettes. At age 12, Ms. Morgan began smoking regularly and recalled, "My friends started smoking, so I started smoking". At the time Ms. Morgan believed that she smoked 1 pack every 1-2 weeks socially. At age 16, Ms. Morgan reported trying marijuana for the first time. She reported initially using the substance "every couple of months". In college she reported using marijuana on the weekends, smoking approximately once per week. With prompting, Ms. Morgan admitted to trying cocaine and shrooms each on one occasion. She denied any abuse of prescription drugs, but added that Mr. Morgan's friend once gave her "a Vicodin" following her C-Section.

With the exception of some reported history of alcohol and substance use, Ms. Morgan denied experiencing any significant psychiatric difficulties in the past. When questioned about Mr. Morgan's claim that she was suicidal, Ms. Morgan stated that in December, 2008 she was "very depressed, not actually suicidal" and was "thinking about the miscarriage". She explained that she said she was suicidal to, "get him to hurry up to get there" and "I said I wish I had a gun". She stated further, "I was really upset and I needed him to be there for me" and "He never talked to me". There were some indicators of sadness and frustration present at the time of the assessment, typical to individuals coping with stressful and unpleasant life events. She reported having seen a marriage counselor three times with Mr. Morgan (Dr. Al Jones) beginning in February 2010. Regarding the counseling, Ms. Morgan stated that she "went in with the intentions of helping the marriage". She reported that at the time, she was

trying to blame herself for problems in the marriage. She also recalled wanting to address Mr. Morgan's use of alcohol. Regarding this, Ms. Morgan reported that the counselor said that her idea of alcohol problems might not be the same as Mr. Morgan's. In addition, she has received individual therapy (Ron Debord) following her separation for issues relating to with problems with Mr. Morgan, custody, and divorce. She initially denied working on any personal issues, but upon questioning, endorsed having obtained some decrease in anxiety and worry relating to the previously mentioned issues.

CURRENT PSYCHOLOGICAL FUNCTIONING:

Ms. Morgan communicated well during the course of the evaluation. Her responses to questions were clear and articulate. Thought content was nonbizarre and processes were organized. Attention and concentration were average. Short and long term memory were intact. She expressed a full range of affect. Emotions were generally appropriate to the content of her speech. She became tearful when recalling her fear in certain situations with Mr. Morgan and when discussing custody concerns. There was a noticeable lack of empathy or sympathy for others at times. For example she expressed a flat affect and lack of empathetic thought content for Mr. Morgan when discussing his father's death or access to their daughter, for her own father when discussing her decision to stop visitation, and for her passenger's injuries sustained in her motor vehicle accident.

Ms. Morgan was administered the MMPI-2, a structured psychological instrument that assesses emotional functioning, psychological symptomatology, and behavioral patterns. On testing with the MMPI-2, validity indicators suggest that Ms. Morgan responded consistently. Individuals with similar profiles are described as responding to the inventory with an extreme attempt to present themselves as being free of psychological problems. Individuals who present with this pattern appear to have consciously distorted their responses to create the impression that they are extremely moral and virtuous and have no personal shortcomings. They describe their essential difficulty in a manner to escape personal blame. Such profiles, as a result, are likely to be considered invalid. This approach to testing, of course, is not uncommon among people completing the testing under such circumstances.

On testing with the MMPI-2, Ms. Morgan did not report psychological conflicts or situational stresses that are producing great difficulty for her at this time. She views herself as dealing effectively with her life situation, and she seems to be obtaining sufficient satisfaction out of life at this point. Quite outgoing and sociable, she has a strong need to be around others. She is gregarious and enjoys attention.

Ms. Morgan was also administered the Beck Depression Inventory – II (BDI-II), the Beck Anxiety Inventory (BAI), and the Beck Hopelessness Scale (BHS). The BDI-II is a 21-item measure designed to assess for symptoms of depression including sadness, pessimism, loss of pleasure, suicidal thoughts, tiredness or fatigue, etc. On testing with the BDI-II, Ms. Morgan obtained a total score of 1, which falls within the range designated as minimal. The BAI is 21-item measure designed to assess for symptoms of anxiety. Each item is descriptive of subjective, somatic, or panic-related symptoms of anxiety. On testing with the BAI, Ms. Morgan received total score of 2, which corresponds to the range designated as minimal. The BHS is a 20-item measure that evaluates three major aspects of hopelessness: feelings about the future, loss of motivation, and expectations. On the BHS, Ms. Morgan received a total score of 2, which corresponds to the range designated as minimal.

MS. MORGAN'S VIEWS OF PARENTING AND CONCERN FOR HANNAH:

Ms. Morgan appeared to have a great deal of concern and affection for her daughter. She is fearful of losing custody and becomes tearful when discussing the possibility. She seemed excited to show this examiner Hannah's photograph. Ms. Morgan stated that Hannah is well provided for at her home in Tennessee. She reports no conflicts or concerns with any other family members living in the home. When asked if she believed her family could be hostile to Mr. Morgan, Ms. Morgan stated, "I can imagine my mother saying she would kick someone's butt for hurting her children" and then, "I don't want to point fingers".

When asked to describe her views on discipline, Ms. Morgan stated that she might try to discipline a child by "taking away rewards". She reported that she does not believe in spanking.

Regarding her observations of Mr. Morgan as a father, Ms. Morgan stated that he "constantly had to be on a computer" and "would be on the iPhone".

Regarding custody arrangements, Ms. Morgan stated that she believes that Hannah has a better home in Tennessee. She cited more extended family members and a more stable home as reasons to support her belief. In addition, Ms. Morgan reported that she is happy with her current employment in Tennessee. Regarding Hannah's placement, Ms. Morgan also stated, "She being female, she needs her mother." When asked if she would consider moving back to Austin, Ms. Morgan stated, "I would feel very vulnerable in Austin. I have no family ties. Hannah would have to be in daycare." When asked to explain her feelings concerning Mr. Morgan's involvement as a father, Ms. Morgan stated, "I think he should have contact with her" and then tearfully, "I want her to have contact with him". In addition, Ms. Morgan stated that Mr. Morgan can "come to visit anytime he wants".

COLLATERAL CONTACTS

REPORTS OF EVALUATING AND TREATING MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS:

In a telephone interview, Dr. Patricia Hostetler, Mr. Morgan's therapist, reported that she considered Mr. Morgan to have been suffering from "anxiety and stress" due to the separation from his wife and "what transpired after she left". Dr. Hostetler described Mr. Morgan's reaction to the separation as "devastated". In addition to seeking help for problems coping with the separation, Dr. Hostetler reported that Mr. Morgan "wanted to stop smoking". She reported that Mr. Morgan attended six sessions and that further treatment was not recommended. Dr. Hostetler stated that Mr. Morgan was cooperative with treatment and that his insight into his problems was "pretty good". She added that he was capable of "recognizing triggers" and that she was "pleased with how he was able to do thought restructuring". Dr. Hostetler stated that she had "no doubts" regarding Mr. Morgan's ability to be a good father. Regarding any tendency towards abusive behaviors, Dr. Hostetler stated that there was "no evidence". It was her impression that Mr. Morgan's symptoms had improved with treatment.

In a telephone contact, Mr. Ron Debord acknowledged having provided Ms. Morgan with individual therapy and offered to provide a copy of the record. A review of Mr. Debord's notes revealed that he diagnosed Ms. Morgan with "Adjustment Disorder with Mixed Emotion". He deferred a diagnosis of personality disorder, noting "pending more information". Issues addressed in therapy included Ms. Morgan's concerns and anxiety about her divorce and custody proceedings as well as her concerns about Mr. Morgan's alcohol use and aggression. Mr. Debord noted that Hannah attended one session and appeared "healthy and happy" and also that Ms. Morgan interacted with her daughter "appropriately".

In a telephone interview, Dr. Al Jones, Mr. and Ms. Morgan's marriage counselor, acknowledged that he treated Mr. and Ms. Morgan. Dr. Jones reported that they attended three sessions and then never returned. He identified multiple issues addressed in treatment including Mr. and Ms. Morgan's short engagement, "being hateful" towards one another, their difficulties with Ms. Morgan's mother, Ms. Morgan's complaints regarding Mr. Morgan's drinking, and Mr. Morgan's complaint that Ms. Morgan was controlling and often told him what to do. Dr. Jones provided this writer with Temperament Assessments for both Mr. and Ms. Morgan. Results measured Inclusion Traits, or social orientation and intellectual energies; Control Traits, or willingness to make decisions and to accept responsibility for self and/or others; and Affection Traits, or the need to express and receive love, affection and approval as well as the need for deep personal relationships. The results described Mr. Morgan's Inclusion Traits as someone who relates well to tasks and people, is detailed and precise, thinks a great deal, has a dry or wry sense of humor, tends to reject others before being rejected, and tends to be tenderhearted with bottled up feelings. His Control Traits were described as someone who is independent, self-motivated, rebellious, strong willed, expresses very little control over others, is intolerant of being controlled, has good leadership qualities, has self-doubts in new areas, is rigid and uncompromising, and is irritable if confronted about mistakes, criticized or made to look foolish. His Affection Traits were described as someone who requires a minimal amount of love and affection, is very practical, has deep, tender feelings rarely expressed due to fears of vulnerability, has a fear of rejection, is devastated by loss of close relationship, and may want to get even when hurt or rejected by close partners. The results described Ms. Morgan's Inclusion Traits as someone who is a private and serious person, task-oriented and slow-paced, tough-minded and stubborn, stressed when pushed to socialize, perfectionistic, has high intellectual energies with a tendency for moods to swing congruent with the positivity or negativity of thought content, with a dry or wry sense of humor, low energy, and moderate fear of rejection. Her Control Traits were described as someone who is independent, self-motivated, rebellious, expresses very little control over others, intolerant of being controlled, strong willed, has good leadership qualities, expects others to keep their word, procrastinates and, if pressured to perform may ventilate anger, needs to appear competent, has self-doubts, is rigid and uncompromising, and can be irritable if confronted about mistakes, criticized, or made to look foolish. Her Affection Traits were described as someone who expresses a moderate amount of love and affection, but requires a great deal, sometimes feels worthless of love, wants deep relationships to initiate to know that the other's love and affection is genuine and also, to not have to expend energy, has needs for love and affection that go unmet due to a tendency to appear cold and withdrawn, has a good capacity for serving and performing tasks for deep relationships, and has a moderate need to please in deep relationships.

REPORTS OF CLOSE FRIENDS:

In a telephone interview, Chris Neff, Mr. Morgan's close friend of 5 years and Mr. and Ms. Morgan's one-time roommate, described Mr. Morgan as "an idealist" and someone who "knows what he wants". Mr. Neff described his friendship with Mr. Morgan as "very good friends". Mr. Neff offered that in marrying Ms. Morgan, Mr. Morgan was "imitating his parents" and that he "wanted to be like his dad - married to a Christian woman, go to church". He reported that since Mr. Morgan's separation, he and Mr. Morgan "talk or hang out" and "talk about the divorce". Mr. Neff reported that he and Mr. Morgan have not consumed alcohol together "since the court order". He described Mr. Morgan as "a good father" and "that kid fits into his whole idealistic world view of being married with kids". Mr. Neff has reportedly known Ms. Morgan since she moved to Austin "about two years ago". Of Ms. Morgan, Mr. Neff offered that he had a poor personal opinion. He reported that Ms. Morgan "would grill Josh". Regarding her parenting, Mr. Neff stated that Ms. Morgan is "a fine mother too" and "I think she's immature and needs to grow up some, but that doesn't make her a bad mother". Regarding both Mr.

and Ms. Morgan's parenting, Mr. Neff concluded, "In my opinion, they are both great parents. They will probably compete for her love". Regarding Mr. and Ms. Morgan's use of alcohol and substances, Mr. Neff reported that "Josh is a social drinker" and "Kristin was your typical female drinker – have a few drinks and occasionally have too much" and "Before the kid, they'd smoke pot here and there or pop a pill here and there".

In a telephone interview, Courtney Boyd, Ms. Morgan's cousin, reported that she has known Ms. Morgan her "whole life". Ms. Boyd described their relationship as "great". She believed that she knew Ms. Morgan "extremely well" and described her as "like a sister". Regarding Ms. Morgan's ability as a mother, Ms. Boyd reported that she is a "great mother". Ms. Boyd denied any knowledge of Ms. Morgan having any prior mental health problems, suicidal ideation, or suicide attempt. She acknowledged that Ms. Morgan is currently receiving therapy for issues relating to her separation from Mr. Morgan. Ms. Boyd reported that Ms. Morgan is well liked by others.

ADDITIONAL COLLATERAL CONTACTS:

In a telephone interview, Michelle Jenkins, Ms. Morgan's supervisor at Mobile Images, confirmed her employment and stated that she had known Ms. Morgan "for years". Mr. Jenkins reported that Ms. Morgan is timely and responsible. She had no complaints regarding Ms. Morgan as an employee and described her as easily to get along with.

In a telephone interview, Pastor Jerry Rahm, Mr. Morgan's Pastor, confirmed Mr. Morgan's membership in his church. Pastor Rahm reported that he had known Mr. Morgan for "a few years". He described Mr. Morgan as a "good guy". Pastor Rahm believes that Mr. Morgan's separation from Ms. Morgan and Hannah has been "painful". Regarding the separation, Pastor Rahm stated that he was "stunned".

IMPRESSIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

The results of psychological testing, as well as impressions gained through clinical interviews, and information obtained through collateral contacts and reports suggest that neither Mr. Morgan nor Ms. Morgan suffer from severe psychopathology.

JOSHUA MORGAN:

Results, impressions, and collateral information obtained regarding Mr. Morgan suggest that he may be suffering from Bereavement due to the recent death of his father. Bereavement is diagnosed when a focus of clinical attention is a reaction to the death of a loved one. Symptoms of typical Bereavement include feelings of sadness, insomnia, poor appetite, and weight loss. At the time of his clinical interview, Mr. Morgan presented with extreme sadness regarding the loss, tearful affect, and difficulty discussing the loss. Symptoms are not severe enough to qualify for a diagnosis of Major Depressive Disorder. Mr. Morgan also appears to be suffering psychosocial and environment problems including problems with his primary support group and economic problems. Information gained from the clinical interview and collateral contacts, including Mr. Neff, Dr. Hostetler, and Pastor Rahm suggest that he is suffering from the loss of primary support due to his separation from Ms. Morgan and Hannah. Psychologist Dr. Patricia Hostetler reported that Mr. Morgan had sought therapy to cope with the loss. Pastor Jerry Rahm and friend Chris Neff believe that Mr. Morgan is devastated. Observations made during the clinical interview, specifically thought content expressing concern regarding finances, and information from Chris Neff also suggest that Mr. Morgan is suffering from economic concerns, specifically related to having inadequate finances. Regarding Hannah, statements made by Mr. Morgan during the interview portion of the assessment suggest that he has great concern for the well being of

his daughter. Ms. Morgan expressed concern that he can be inattentive due to his focus on electronic devices. Remaining collateral contacts interviewed suggest that he is a good parent.

KRISTIN MORGAN:

Results, impressions, and collateral information obtained regarding Ms. Morgan suggest that she may be suffering from some borderline personality features. Borderline Personality Disorder is described as a pervasive pattern of instability of interpersonal relationships, self-image, and affects, and marked impulsivity beginning by early adulthood and present in a variety of contexts as indicated by five (or more) of the following: frantic efforts to avoid real or imagined abandonment; a pattern of unstable and intense interpersonal relationships characterized by alternating extremes of idealization and devaluation; identity disturbance; impulsivity; recurrent suicidal behavior, gestures, or threats, or self-mutilating behavior; affective instability due to a marked reactivity of mood; chronic feeling of emptiness; inappropriate, intense anger or difficulty controlling anger; transient, stress-related paranoid ideation or severe dissociative symptoms. Ms. Morgan appears to suffer some features of borderline personality disorder, particularly with respect to her intimate relationship. Specifically, information gained in her clinical interview, collateral information reported by Mr. Morgan, e-mails and chats provided by Mr. Morgan, and collateral information reported by Chris Neff suggest that Ms. Morgan may suffer from frantic efforts to avoid abandonment, a pattern of unstable extremes of idealization and devaluation, at least one suicidal threat, and intense anger in her relationship with Mr. Morgan. No diagnosis is made at this time; however, as there is no current evidence to suggest that this behavior is in a variety of contexts. In fact, Ms. Morgan is described by her cousin, Courtney Boyd, and supervisor, Michele Jenkins, as a likeable, friendly person. One explanation for this may be that neither has created for Ms. Morgan any fears of abandonment. Ms. Morgan also appears to be suffering from mild psychosocial and environment problems related to problems with primary support group. Information gained from the clinical interview and collateral contact, Ron Debord, suggest that she has experienced some worried concerns related to her divorce and custody proceedings. Regarding Hannah, statements made by Ms. Morgan during the interview portion of the assessment suggest that she has great concern for the well being of her daughter. Mr. Morgan described her as a good mother. Remaining collateral contacts interviewed suggest that she is a good parent.


DSM-IV DIAGNOSIS FOR JOSH MORGAN

AXIS I	V62.82 Bereavement
AXIS II	V71.09 No diagnosis
AXIS III	none reported
AXIS IV	Problems with primary support group – disruption of family by separation Economic problems – inadequate finances
AXIS V	GAF = 68 (current)

DSM-IV DIAGNOSIS FOR KRISTIN MORGAN

AXIS I	V71.09 No Diagnosis
AXIS II	V71.09 No diagnosis, borderline personality features
AXIS III	none reported
AXIS IV	Problems with primary support group – divorce and custody issues
AXIS V	GAF = 76 (current)

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Marisa Mauro', is displayed within a light gray rectangular box.

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