

STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MACOMB

EDWARD M. HANNAFORD,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

File No. 1995-4609 DM

CHRISTINE L. MORRISON,

Defendant.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION RE: CHILD SUPPORT

This matter was referred to the Office of the Friend of the Court by the Honorable Tracey A. Yokich, Probate Court Judge assigned to the Family Division of the Circuit Court, for an investigation and recommendation regarding the issue of child support, and the said investigation having been concluded;

A Consent Judgment of Divorce was adopted in this matter on August 18, 1997 wherein provisions were set forth which awarded the Plaintiff, Edward Hannaford, and the Defendant, Christine Morrison, joint legal and physical custody of their one minor child, Ashley, who is now 15 years of age. The Plaintiff was designated as primary caretaker of the child and aspects related to her support were referred to the Office of the Friend of the Court for an evaluation. Numerous subsequent Orders have been implemented and it appears that the present existing provisions require a contribution by the Defendant in the amount of \$291.28 per month to the Plaintiff as support assistance for their said child.

Pursuant to a motion filed by the Plaintiff and a resulting referral order entered on April 5, 2004, an investigation regarding the issue of child support was initiated in this matter through the scheduling of an interview appointment. The Plaintiff attended these proceedings with his attorney. The Defendant failed to appear for the review and did not otherwise respond.

The Plaintiff related that he has maintained self-employment efforts for the past 32 year period as the owner of an automotive electrical repair business identified by him as Bill's Suburban, Inc. He depicted such endeavors as profitable, but offered no definitive indication of the income being generated and did not submit any requested documentation as verification of his financial circumstances.

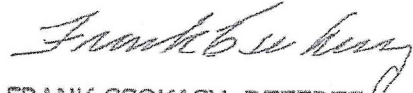
Assertions were advanced by the Plaintiff contending that the Defendant is engaged in gainful employment efforts with substantial earnings and he purposed that her support obligation for their minor child be increased to the level of \$1,200.00 per month. He also noted that she has participated in the current pending litigation with resulting delays and requested that he be awarded \$500.00 in attorney fees for each of the previous four hearings.

In the absence of any substantive information, there is no basis upon which an appropriate support determination may be rendered in this matter, however, in accordance with the request of the Plaintiff, it is recommended that the support obligation of the Defendant for their one minor child be increased to

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\$1,200.00 per month, effective October 17, 2003, the date specified in the referral. It is also recommended that, effective this same date, any uninsured health care expenditures incurred upon behalf of the minor child be shared equally by the parties. It is otherwise recommended that the Plaintiff be awarded attorney fees payable by the Defendant of \$1,000.00 in total.

Respectfully submitted,



FRANK CSOKASY, REFEREE
FRIEND OF THE COURT OFFICE

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DATED: May 20, 2004