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STATE OF NEW YORK  
FAMILY COURT - PART 4 : COUNTY OF NIAGARA

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KATIE LYNN RIFORD,  
Petitioner,

- against - DKT #O-00139-19 75138

PETER MARK DIARBAKERLY,  
Respondent.

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175 Hawley Street  
Lockport, New York, 14094  
January 16, 2019

B e f o r e :

HONORABLE ERIN DELABIO,  
Family Court Judge

P r e s e n t :

KATIE LYNN RIFORD,  
Petitioner.

CHRISTINA LITTLE

1           THE COURT: We're here for the case of Petitioner  
2 Katie Riford against respondent Peter Diarbakerly. This is  
3 a family offense proceeding which was initiated today by the  
4 filing of a family offense petition. This is an ex parte  
5 petition.

6           THE PETITIONER: It's actually pronounced  
7 Diarbakerly.

8           THE COURT: Katie Riford is here. Ms. Riford, is  
9 Mr. Cervi aware of you being here today?

10          MS. RIFORD: No, he is not. My last name is  
11 pronounced Riford, actually.

12          THE COURT: I've never been corrected. Sorry.

13          MS. RIFORD: That's okay. It's a common  
14 mispronunciation.

15          THE COURT: So I'll just put on the record, you're  
16 in the middle of a custody trial with Mr. Diarbakerly, and  
17 both of you are represented by attorneys in that proceeding,  
18 and I just -- and Mr. Cervi is your attorney there, but he's  
19 not representing you with this, correct?

20          MS. RIFORD: Correct. At this moment in time, no.

21          THE COURT: All right. Thank you. So Ms. Riford,  
22 what I'm going to do is, I'll just start the proceeding.  
23 Raise your right hand. I'm going to swear you in.

24          MS. RIFORD: Okay.

25          THE COURT: But before I swear you in, I guess I am

1 -- I am obligated to advise you that instead of trying to  
2 navigate this proceeding here today on your own, you do have  
3 Mr. Cervi representing you in the hearing, so -- and you are  
4 here -- due to be here Friday afternoon to continue -- I  
5 think we're on our third day of the hearing, so I mean  
6 instead of trying to navigate this by yourself today, I am  
7 obligated to tell you that we could adjourn this today, not  
8 do anything with it, and then we could maybe hear it on  
9 Friday afternoon when Mr. Cervi is here with you.

10 MS. RIFORD: Yeah, I'll do it today without my  
11 attorney.

12 THE COURT: All right. So going forward, before I  
13 do swear you in, though, is it your intention to hire Mr.  
14 Cervi and/or another attorney to represent you in this?

15 MS. LITTLE: We are in --

16 THE COURT: I can't have you talk.

17 MS. RIFORD: This is why I wanted her here.

18 THE COURT: Here's the problem, though. She's your  
19 sister, and she can't do the talking for you.

20 MS. LITTLE: I'm not -- I'm not talking for the  
21 hearing itself.

22 THE COURT: Let me stop you for one second. I need  
23 you to put your name on record because you are speaking in  
24 the courtroom.

25 MS. LITTLE: Okay. Christina Little.

1 THE COURT: Okay. And Ms. Little, I can't have you  
2 speaking directly to me. Ms. Riford is the petitioner. She  
3 is the only person that can speak directly to me.

4 MS. RIFORD: Okay. So let me consult with my  
5 sister and get back to you.

6 (Brief recess.)

7 MS. RIFORD: Mr. Cervi is in the process of  
8 removing himself from the case and I am in the process of  
9 looking for another attorney. This is why I'm here today by  
10 myself. So the timing obviously isn't great, but --

11 THE COURT: That's okay. Let me ask you this. So  
12 what's going to happen on Friday when you say he's removing  
13 himself?

14 MS. RIFORD: I don't know. I am -- I have not  
15 spoken to him, and he only notified my sister that he was  
16 removing himself, not me, the client, directly.

17 THE COURT: Okay. So you feel as though, on  
18 Friday, there's a possibility he's going to come in and ask  
19 to be withdrawn?

20 MS. RIFORD: Correct.

21 THE COURT: Are you going to oppose that with him  
22 if that happens on Friday?

23 MS. RIFORD: I mean I was not prepared for this,  
24 especially in the middle of a trial, so I'm not really sure  
25 if that's something able to be prevented. I don't know. I

1 just know I need an attorney who's obviously going to do the  
2 work despite whatever, if he wants to be on board or not.

3 THE COURT: With that being said, I'm going to give  
4 you a referral to the public defenders' office from the  
5 Court.

6 MS. RIFORD: Okay.

7 THE COURT: I don't know if you qualify. You may  
8 qualify, but you guys have been here so long that I just  
9 feel that it's been an unhealthy situation for you and Mr.  
10 Diarbakerly that you guys have been in this court for such a  
11 long period of time. So I don't want to delay anything that  
12 I -- that -- this is so confusing to me.

13 MS. RIFORD: Yeah.

14 THE COURT: I'm going to give you this referral  
15 today because -- why am I doing it today? I guess I'm  
16 thinking maybe I should wait until Friday to see what is  
17 going to transpire between you and Mr. Cervi. Do you have a  
18 feeling that he might not even show up on Friday.

19 MS. RIFORD: I have not had any correspondence with  
20 his office. He only e-mailed my sister directly and CCed me  
21 on that e-mail to notify her of that decision.

22 THE COURT: Well, he has not notified our court at  
23 all about any of this.

24 MS. RIFORD: I mean I think his e-mail did say  
25 something like, "I'll stay on board until," you know, "you

1 find another attorney," but that's basically what he had  
2 stated.

3 THE COURT: Okay. So I'm just going to go with  
4 what -- I'm going to do what I feel is best for you today,  
5 which is, I'm going to hear the case. I'm going to put you  
6 -- swear you in. I'm going to give you a referral to the  
7 public defenders' office. Fill it out before you leave here  
8 today. Turn it in to the window. If you should qualify,  
9 this attorney could represent you on this matter. If you  
10 should find out by Friday or a little bit after Friday that  
11 Mr. Cervi is going to stay on the case, then we can always  
12 withdraw that, but I want to get that in motion  
13 simultaneously until we figure out what goes on.

14 MS. RIFORD: Okay.

15 THE COURT: Okay? Because that attorney will --  
16 what I'm going to do is, I'm going to put this proceeding on  
17 again Friday after I hear it today so that everybody's aware  
18 of it and we can figure out what's going on, and then in the  
19 meantime, if you should qualify for the public defenders'  
20 office, we'll start getting in place for you an attorney for  
21 the family offense petition, and then that could also turn  
22 over into if you want me to do a secondary referral on your  
23 custody and visitation proceedings, then we can see if you  
24 qualify, and then maybe a public defender and/or a conflict  
25 defender could represent you in the continuation of that

1 hearing --

2 MS. RIFORD: Okay.

3 THE COURT: -- depending on what happens. I'm not  
4 aware of this.

5 MS. RIFORD: Yeah. I don't know. Yeah.

6 THE COURT: Mr. Cervi has not written anything to  
7 the Court or has let anybody know this.

8 MS. RIFORD: Okay.

9 THE COURT: Okay?

10 MS. RIFORD: Uh-huh.

11 THE COURT: All right. Why don't you raise your  
12 right hand. Do you swear or affirm that the testimony you  
13 are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and  
14 nothing but the truth?

15 MS. RIFORD: Yes, I do.

16 KATIE RIFORD, a witness having been duly sworn, testified as  
17 follows:

18 THE COURT: Okay. So let me just draw your  
19 attention to the family offense petition that you filed here  
20 today, and you're explaining a lot of things to me. I read  
21 the whole petition, and a lot of the things that you have  
22 explained to me -- and no offense to how you feel or what's  
23 going on, but a lot of this is stuff that has already come  
24 up in the hearing. We are -- like I said, Friday would be  
25 the third day of hearing, but you have been in the court

1 quite a bit in front of me and in front of my law clerk,  
2 trying to re-try the case, so I do have a lot of knowledge  
3 of things that you have brought up.

4 MS. RIFORD: Right.

5 THE COURT: So is there anything -- a family  
6 offense petition, just so I can explain it to you really  
7 quickly, is really is an emergency proceeding, meaning that  
8 something just happened recently that makes it an imminent  
9 reason to be here today to see if I can find enough  
10 information to issue some kind of order of protection, okay?

11 MS. RIFORD: Right. I -- yeah.

12 THE COURT: So let me -- so why I'm telling you  
13 that is that there's no specific dates here, so as you're  
14 talking, I'm going to draw your attention to the petition,  
15 and then if you can specify some dates and things to that  
16 nature, and expand on a few things in here, and we'll see  
17 where this goes, okay?

18 MS. RIFORD: Yes.

19 THE COURT: Go ahead.

20 MS. RIFORD: I do have a couple phone call  
21 recordings that have occurred since, you know, the last time  
22 we'd been in court --

23 THE COURT: Okay.

24 MS. RIFORD: -- of Peter Diarbakerly using that  
25 opportunity with -- that was supposed to be a conversation

1 -- a meaningful conversation or productive conversation with  
2 his daughter Olivia. Instead he uses to it incessantly  
3 badger her of where we are, where's Mom, where's Mimi. Mimi  
4 is maternal grandmother.

5 THE COURT: Okay.

6 MS. RIFORD: She asks him to stop asking her, but  
7 he keeps incessantly asking. And the most disturbing part  
8 about it is that he knows the location of where we are, and  
9 specifically asks her the shop or whatever that we're at.  
10 So --

11 THE COURT: When you say -- did you say "shop?"

12 MS. RIFORD: Well, he says, "Are you at the nail  
13 salon?"

14 THE COURT: Okay.

15 MS. RIFORD: And we were right there at the -- not  
16 inside, but right there by the nail salon.

17 THE COURT: Okay.

18 MS. RIFORD: So for me, given the extensive history  
19 of domestic violence, all the evidence that we submitted to  
20 Court, that gives me reasonable fear that he's going to show  
21 up at these locations and cause harm to my children or  
22 myself.

23 THE COURT: Okay.

24 MS. RIFORD: And I also have a video that I took  
25 from my cell phone at the end of a -- at the conclusion of a

1           visitation when I picked up the children. Both children  
2           were in my vehicle. He -- Peter refused to leave the  
3           parking lot and had his car directed towards my vehicle. I  
4           was scared at first. I -- you know, there's audio of me  
5           kind of giving a narrative about what's going on. I got the  
6           courage to drive out of that parking lot and leave, and he  
7           followed my car and followed me close on the ramp of the  
8           highway and was right behind me.

9           THE COURT: How long did he follow you for?

10          MS. RIFORD: I don't know. Just -- I was pretty  
11          much in panic mode. I definitely saw him right behind me.  
12          I had my mother in the backseat, who witnessed that, as  
13          well. It wasn't a mere coincidence. You know, he -- he  
14          made it sure to know he was behind me and -- I believe he  
15          wanted to -- I had a new license plate at that time, and I  
16          think he wanted to get the license plate. But nonetheless,  
17          he knows I'm very afraid of him, and he does -- he did that,  
18          in my belief, to invoke fear.

19          THE COURT: Okay. Was this access period you're  
20          talking about, was that an access period that had occurred  
21          since the last time we were in court? What's the date of  
22          that access period?

23          MS. RIFORD: It would have been in, I want to say,  
24          October of 2018. So it was the last supervised visit with  
25          Jeanne Kratt present.

1 THE COURT: Okay.

2 MS. RIFORD: But she had already gone to her  
3 vehicle and, you know, vacated the premises.

4 THE COURT: Has he had access since then, since  
5 October?

6 MS. RIFORD: He had access in November. Mason was  
7 sick, and he refused to take just Olivia for the visitation,  
8 and then, to my knowledge and belief, his family is out of  
9 the country on vacation, so he had nobody to supervise him,  
10 nor has he expressed any desire to have a visitation, so --

11 THE COURT: So there's been no visitation in  
12 December at all, around the holidays?

13 MS. RIFORD: No. And he also did not -- you know,  
14 I haven't, you know, communicated any kind of Christmas,  
15 holiday things with the children at all, either, or desire  
16 to see them.

17 THE COURT: No access in January so far?

18 MS. RIFORD: No.

19 THE COURT: Okay. Has there been any communication  
20 with him? Has he tried to communicate with you about this  
21 weekend?

22 MS. RIFORD: No.

23 THE COURT: Okay. So the last time he -- so he did  
24 have an access period after the October 2018 incident?

25 MS. RIFORD: Correct. November 3rd and 4th, which

1 was the weekend where he hired private investigators to  
2 stalk and harass me and evoke fear, as well, which --

3 THE COURT: When you say he hired private  
4 investigators --

5 MS. RIFORD: He hired a private investigator firm.  
6 There was two -- at least two people who were chasing me.  
7 We went on a high-speed chase with another family member of  
8 mine. And it's actually under review by the people that --  
9 they actually have a second job, and they were not supposed  
10 to take on a private investigative job, and it's under  
11 investigation, and consequences are likely for those two  
12 individuals.

13 THE COURT: Okay. So how did you identify these  
14 people as hired --

15 MS. RIFORD: The Town of Cheektowaga Police, we  
16 gave them the plate number. My brother was able to get the  
17 plates, because he --

18 THE COURT: Okay.

19 MS. RIFORD: Yeah, he was there. When I called him  
20 to say, "I'm being followed," he got their plate  
21 information. The police officers at Town of Cheektowaga ran  
22 that information, confirmed they were PIs, and my brother,  
23 with his own investigative work, was able to get their name,  
24 find them, and identify their second occupation, and from  
25 there that's how -- yeah.

1 THE COURT: What -- so was your brother or you --  
2 were you able to verify, yourself, that they were  
3 specifically haired by Mr. Diarbakerly?

4 MS. RIFORD: Yes. Correct.

5 THE COURT: So he spoke to these people?

6 MS. RIFORD: Yes. Peter hired them. He paid them  
7 money to do what they did to me.

8 THE COURT: How can -- because what you're telling  
9 me is hearsay right now.

10 MS. RIFORD: Right.

11 THE COURT: But Mr. Diarbakerly's not here to --

12 MS. RIFORD: Yeah, I spoke with the FBI, and I've  
13 also spoke with US Customs and Border Protection, and those  
14 are the two people who are doing the investigation. So this  
15 is a very serious matter, and I just want you to know that  
16 what they did, I would wake up for weeks in the middle of  
17 the night with heart palpitations because of the fear I had.  
18 I had Mason, my little baby, in the backseat while I'm  
19 trying to make lane changes to get away from these people.  
20 They weren't private investigators. They -- I mean that's  
21 what they were supposed to be, but a true private  
22 investigator is what -- private. They don't -- you don't  
23 know that they're following you if they're doing their job  
24 like they're supposed to be doing.

25 THE COURT: Okay. And again, how do you know Mr.

1 Diarbakerly hired them?

2 MS. RIFORD: Because they were -- the two  
3 investigators were employed by the Vito Private  
4 Investigative Firm, which only, you know, is --

5 THE COURT: It's small.

6 MS. RIFORD: But I mean -- but they don't just go  
7 out and do it for free. They do it because someone goes to  
8 them and says, "I want you to do -- to do this."

9 THE COURT: Right.

10 MS. RIFORD: I believe it was submitted as evidence  
11 in my -- in the trial was they -- Peter's attorney, Randy  
12 Margulis, submitted a video of the exchange in the  
13 Cheektowaga Police Department that was by those  
14 investigators, that they submitted, so --

15 THE COURT: Yeah, I don't think anything was  
16 submitted with respect to that yet. It's been testified  
17 about, talked about.

18 MS. RIFORD: But they submitted a video, I know. I  
19 know this because my attorney forward it to me with -- and  
20 it was from -- the e-mail was from Randy Margulis, stating  
21 that this was a new piece of -- an exhibit.

22 THE COURT: Right. But that could have been a  
23 conversation between the two attorneys. It doesn't mean  
24 that it's been into evidence yet in the actual hearing --

25 MS. RIFORD: Oh, I see. Okay.

1 THE COURT: -- the trial that you are guys are  
2 having with the custody and visitation. I don't remember a  
3 video being entered into just yet.

4 MS. RIFORD: Yeah, and those -- the two individuals  
5 that were -- I've talked to you about, the private  
6 investigators, they're also expected to be witnesses, and  
7 they were submitted as witnesses, I believe, on behalf of  
8 Peter and, you know, his attorney.

9 THE COURT: Okay. And again, just to be clear --

10 MS. RIFORD: Yes.

11 THE COURT: -- I -- the Court is not privy to that  
12 stuff. This is just all --

13 MS. RIFORD: Okay.

14 THE COURT: -- like preparation for trial, so I  
15 don't know about that stuff.

16 MS. RIFORD: Okay. Well, it was made known to me  
17 as --

18 THE COURT: Okay.

19 MS. RIFORD: -- you know, a person involved.

20 THE COURT: No, I appreciate you explaining that to  
21 me. I just --

22 MS. RIFORD: Right.

23 THE COURT: I don't want you to think I'm ignoring  
24 it --

25 MS. RIFORD: No.

1 THE COURT: -- as something already in the trial,  
2 because it's not in the trial yet. It's not evidence yet.  
3 And if it's been talked about between Mr. Cervi and Mr.  
4 Margulis --

5 MS. RIFORD: Yes.

6 THE COURT: -- it's not -- the Court is not privy  
7 to that just yet --

8 MS. RIFORD: Okay.

9 THE COURT: -- so I can't make that connection, you  
10 know.

11 MS. RIFORD: Right. But that's how I know, from my  
12 side of it.

13 THE COURT: Okay.

14 MS. RIFORD: So that's the only way I can explain  
15 it, using those facts that were presented to me that way,  
16 so --

17 THE COURT: Right. Okay. Is there anything that  
18 recently had occurred?

19 MS. RIFORD: I do have -- and I don't know if this  
20 was ever submitted on my behalf, but I just picked these up  
21 and actually received them from the Pediatric Urgent Care  
22 and also the Children's Hospital Emergency Room. They're  
23 notes from medical professionals. This is in regard to my  
24 children, Olivia and Mason, about some of the things that  
25 they were subjected to during these visitations. Bruises

1 left on them, you know, and so on and so forth.

2 THE COURT: How many visitations has Mr.  
3 Diarbakerly had unsupervised?

4 MS. RIFORD: Without Jeanne Kratt present?

5 THE COURT: Without anybody present.

6 MS. RIFORD: During this case or --

7 THE COURT: Since -- well, he had -- what I do know  
8 is that he did have supervised visits up until, I want to  
9 say, October or November.

10 MS. RIFORD: Right.

11 THE COURT: And then --

12 MS. RIFORD: November -- I want to say the date was  
13 the 3rd and the 4th. It was the first weekend in November  
14 2018, and he had his mother as the supervisor, and --

15 THE COURT: Okay. And prior to that it was a  
16 neutral -- well, I say, "neutral."

17 MS. RIFORD: Yeah, we'll get there.

18 THE COURT: A supervisor that's not related to him.  
19 It was Jeanne Kratt, correct?

20 MS. RIFORD: Correct, uh-huh.

21 THE COURT: So the only unsupervised visitation  
22 he's had is the November 2nd and 3rd one?

23 MS. RIFORD: Yes. Correct. Right.

24 THE COURT: And then when you say he's been talking  
25 to Olivia, when's the most recent conversation with Olivia?

1 MS. RIFORD: I can look on my -- if I can just take  
2 a look on my phone, because I actually have the dates of the  
3 recordings on here, just to give you an exact. The last one  
4 would have been on this past Friday. So looking at my  
5 calendar, that would have been on January 11th.

6 THE COURT: Okay. So that was the last. And when  
7 does he call? Is there a specific time?

8 MS. RIFORD: Yes. 6:30 p.m. he calls four days a  
9 week. It's Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday.

10 THE COURT: Wednesday is today, and Friday. Okay.  
11 Is there anything else that you'd like to say on the record  
12 before I decide what I'm going to do?

13 MS. RIFORD: Oh, and just for the record, too, I  
14 want to add that I actually have tried to reach out and talk  
15 to the children's attorney, Jason Cafarella, regarding phone  
16 calls in the past, and, you know, he's not been very  
17 receptive to those, to my concerns, so I just want to put  
18 that on the record, as well.

19 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Is there anything  
20 else that you'd like to say?

21 MS. RIFORD: No. I'm just very scared for my  
22 children and I. I wouldn't be here. And this is like --  
23 obviously no mother wants to come in front of a judge  
24 without someone sitting -- an attorney or someone sitting  
25 next to them. So the fact that I'm here, in front of you, I

1 just want you to know that I wouldn't just do it just  
2 because.

3 THE COURT: I understand.

4 MS. RIFORD: Yeah.

5 THE COURT: And Ms. Riford, I -- that is not where  
6 I thought about this whole case to begin with.

7 MS. RIFORD: Right.

8 THE COURT: I -- you know, I haven't made any  
9 decisions about what's going on. I've just been hearing  
10 testimony right now in the custody and visitation.

11 MS. RIFORD: Uh-huh.

12 THE COURT: And I understand that -- you know, I  
13 understand what you feel is going on here, and I know it's  
14 stressful and it's frustrating. I do understand that, as  
15 well. I want you to understand that I do understand that.  
16 I find what your concerns are and what you've put on the  
17 record, they have validation. They're valid. With respect  
18 to a family offense petition, though, a family offense  
19 petition, again, it's to put into place an order that can be  
20 -- it's a very powerful thing, and it is to be put in place  
21 if and when there is such imminent danger or risk or  
22 anything to the parties, that a court would put that in  
23 place because they feel as though there's some imminent  
24 danger going on at the moment. At this point, at this time,  
25 today, knowing that you're coming in on Friday --

1 MS. RIFORD: Right.

2 THE COURT: -- I'm not -- I'm not willing to issue  
3 anything today.

4 MS. RIFORD: Okay.

5 THE COURT: What I will do is I will direct you and  
6 not find you in any contempt of anything, is that I'm going  
7 to direct you to not allow any phone calls today, because I  
8 know there's supposed to be a 6 o'clock phone call today  
9 with Mr. Diarbakerly. I'm going to instruct you -- I'm not  
10 going to do an order of protection, but I'm going to  
11 instruct you to not allow that phone call to occur today  
12 with the children until I see everybody on Friday and figure  
13 out what's going on, okay?

14 MS. RIFORD: Uh-huh.

15 THE COURT: What I will do is I will have a  
16 conversation in the courtroom and direct that Mr.  
17 Diarbakerly not -- when he's contacting the children, he is  
18 not to be asking them information about things about what --  
19 where they are and what they're doing. It's just supposed  
20 to be a plain conversation between him and the children so  
21 that he can talk to them and say hello. So I will direct  
22 him in that respect, and what I'll do is, I will warn him  
23 that if he continues to do -- make conversations like that,  
24 that I will issue an order that will -- that will make the  
25 communication very strict, and that you will be able to

1 monitor the conversation, and if you find it inappropriate,  
2 you can sever the conversation. Right now I'm not going to  
3 do that.

4 MS. RIFORD: Uh-huh.

5 THE COURT: But I am telling you do not allow the  
6 conversation today. When he brings it up in court on  
7 Friday, I -- actually, I'll bring it up in court on Friday  
8 that I have instructed you in this courtroom today to not  
9 allow it to happen. It's not going to disadvantage him for  
10 two more days to not talk to the kids. And we'll figure it  
11 out on Friday, okay?

12 MS. RIFORD: Okay.

13 THE COURT: A lot of things that you also -- so I  
14 can explain it to you that you talked about, they are kind  
15 of in the past, so it's hard to render an order of  
16 protection based on the fact that these are kind of so  
17 remote, and they're -- they're information -- it's  
18 information I've already known about that has been coming up  
19 as an issue with respect to why you guys are at trial today  
20 or now. And you have continued proceedings, okay?

21 MS. RIFORD: Uh-huh.

22 THE COURT: With respect to the FBI, Vito stuff,  
23 again, I will bring it up as information that was disclosed  
24 at this proceeding today, and I will give my warnings that  
25 if something like this is so inappropriate and happening,

1 that it should -- it better not be, and it could have some  
2 ill effect on the outcome of your hearing, okay?

3 MS. RIFORD: Okay.

4 THE COURT: All right. So this proceeding will  
5 continue. I will -- Mr. -- we'll just basically give Mr.  
6 Diarbakerly and Mr. Margolis all this information and a copy  
7 of this petition on Friday. Again, I'm going to have you  
8 fill out that order -- the family offense petition or -- my  
9 bad. The public defender referral, and then we'll have --  
10 so that -- and I'm not sure if this public defender will  
11 represent you in the family offense petition, but at least I  
12 have you working on possibly at least having an attorney  
13 representing you here, because you can separate these  
14 proceedings, as well, just so you're clear.

15 MS. RIFORD: Okay.

16 THE COURT: Okay. So if Mr. Cervi won't represent  
17 you on this or you don't want him to, you can see if the  
18 public defender will, and then the other proceeding we'll  
19 work on Friday, I need to hear what's going on here, because  
20 now it's going to really delay your proceedings, okay?

21 MS. RIFORD: Okay.

22 THE COURT: All right. So you're all set. We're  
23 going to -- well, we're going to put this on for Friday, and  
24 then we'll address a new date for this on Friday, as well.

25 MS. RIFORD: Okay, thank you.

1 THE COURT: And you said you had a victim advocate.  
2 Did you -- do you want a -- I do have referrals here for  
3 victim advocates, as well. Are you working with somebody?

4 MS. RIFORD: I'm supposed to have somebody here on  
5 Friday, but they were double checking. I don't know.

6 THE COURT: Is it somebody from Niagara County?

7 MS. RIFORD: Yes.

8 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Because I was going  
9 to say, I can give you a referral. I just want to make sure  
10 you have your advocate with you, as well.

11 MS. RIFORD: All right. Thank you.

12 THE COURT: Have a good day.

13 MS. RIFORD: You, too.

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17 correct transcription of the proceedings recorded by me in this  
18 matter.

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