

was going to come and kill her and her brother, and that they were going to go to Hell as a result. She denied any other times when the police had gone to her home.

When asked if she ever saw her parents hit each other, Karen expressed the belief that her father has hit her mother previously and that he also put a gun to her head. She was not clear, however, she was also present when these incident occurred, or if she only knew about them because someone had told her about it.

Karen denied that she has ever seen her father and stepmother physically hitting each other. She readily indicated that they do say bad words, but it was not clear if this was only in the context of them talking negatively about her mother, or if it was also during arguments. Finally, Karen denied ever witnessing any violence between her mother and Marcello.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Mr. Mario Jimenez and Ms. Karen Wizel were referred for psychological evaluations pursuant to a Court Order. Their children were also interviewed. It was requested that the evaluations address recommendations regarding their parenting abilities.

Based on the reviewed documentation, there is ample indication that Mr. Jimenez's inappropriate actions - and possibly abusive behaviors - are well documented to have transpired over the course of time dating back to 2003. The documented allegations are consistent over time, and appear to indicate that Mr. Jimenez had several incidents in which he was physically violent both towards Ms. Wizel and towards their son, Mario. Of particular concern is his own emails in which he justifies his actions and blames Ms. Wizel for repeatedly antagonizing him and causing him to lash out, and his more recent denials of these past actions.

With respect to his treatment of the children, the undersigned is not convinced that Mr. Jimenez's treatment of the children rises to the extent of physical abuse - although she also can not rule it out. What is apparent, however, is that his style of parenting - which clearly does include corporal punishment (and of particular concern may be being used by him with respect to his infant daughter) - is drastically different from that of the mother's where she does not use any physical means of disciplining the children.

That said, however, is the emotional harm that is of most concern to the undersigned. Mr. Jimenez's repeated religious references are extremely scary for the children - and his inability to recognize this raises significant concerns with respect to his ability to provide an emotionally supportive and nurturing environment for the children. The undersigned references, in particular, statements made by the children that reflect their fear given what the father has said to them in the past. In addition, the undersigned notes that the recorded

telephone conversations depict Mr. Jimenez continuing to make religious references over the children's protests to such an extent that no meaningful conversation was able to occur.

The undersigned notes that Mr. Jimenez's religious beliefs - which interestingly are not as pronounced in conversation that the undersigned has had with him - are excessive and intrusive, and likely do approach a fanatic level. Until he is able to recognize this, and the effect it has on his ability to parent his children, the undersigned remains extremely concerned about the emotional safety of the children if left unsupervised in his care. Towards this end, therapeutic supervision during his contact with the children is strongly suggested. It is further recommended that Mr. Jimenez participate in individual therapist - and that the therapist who supervises the visits maintain regular communication with the treating individual therapist. Psychological re-evaluation is strongly recommended prior to allowing Mr. Jimenez any unsupervised contact.

No concerns are raised with respect to Ms. Wize's parenting abilities. She should, however, continue to participate in individual therapy for purposes of helping address her needs for attention and dependency.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of assistance. This report has been produced following psychological evaluation of the referred party and is intended only as a summary of those findings and recommendations of relevance to the current legal proceedings. Should the Court require additional information, please contact the undersigned.



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