

CAUSE NO: 5121

**IN THE MATTER OF
Javier Diaz, CHILD**

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
Hopewood COUNTY, MOCK STATE**

AND CONCERNING

TWENTY-SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Manuel and Lisa Gomez, RESPONDENTS

EX PARTE CUSTODY ORDER

This matter came before the Court on the 16th day of September 2014. The following are named as parties:

Name: Lisa Gomez, Guardian (maternal aunt)

DOB: October 27, 1960

1234 Tulip Lane

Hopewood, Mock State 56789

Name: Manuel Gomez, Guardian (maternal uncle by marriage)

DOB: September 12, 1962

1234 Tulip Lane

Hopewood, Mock State 56789

Hopewood Department of Child and Family Services

Hopewood County, Mock State

THE COURT FINDS:

1. The court has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. The child, Javier Diaz, is currently without proper parental/guardian care and supervision, and continued placement of the child in the guardians' home is contrary to the child's welfare.
3. Hopewood Department of Child and Family Services made reasonable efforts to prevent placement of Javier Diaz into foster care by offering services to Lisa and Manuel Gomez. The Gomezes refused services and asked to have Javier removed.
4. The child is not subject to the Indian Child Welfare Act.

THE COURT ORDERS:

1. Javier Diaz remain in the custody of Hopewood Department of Child and Family Services.
2. The Department of Child and Family Services make efforts to locate blood relatives with whom Javier might be placed.
3. Curtis Samuels, Esquire, is appointed to represent Manual and Lisa Gomez, guardians.
4. John Gare, Esquire, is appointed as Guardian ad Litem for Javier Diaz.

NEXT HEARING:

The 14-day custody hearing is scheduled for September 24, 2014, at 1:00 p.m., before District Court Judge Simon Mitchell.

This is a final order for purposes of appeal.

Simon Mitchell

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District Court Judge

September 16, 2014

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