

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
Springfield Division

LUKE A. THOMAS,

Plaintiff,

-against-

HOLLY J. HENZE, in her official capacity only;
JERRY J. HOOKER, in his official capacity only;
DEVRON OHRN, in his official and individual
capacities;
JUSTIN OLIVER, in his official and individual
capacities;
GWENDOLYN M. THOMAS, in her official and
Individual capacities;
GEORGEANNE OSMER, individually;
JOHN D. OSMER, individually;
CASS COUNTY, ILLINOIS;
MENARD COUNTY, ILLINOIS;
THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS;
JOHN DOES 1–10, individually and in their official
capacities (as applicable)

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 26-CV-0319

NOTICE OF FILING -
SUPPLEMENTAL EXHIBIT (4)

NOTICE OF FILING-SUPPLEMENTAL EXHIBIT (4)

NOW COMES the Plaintiff, Luke Thomas, pro se, and hereby files the following
supplemental exhibits in support of his pending Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and his
Complaint:

1. Exhibit D4- Electronic Correspondence to/from GAL in 2022DC15—Due Process—
Financial and Evidence of Disability effect(s) on Self-Representation

Plaintiff submits this Exhibit as evidence of the financial deprivation and lack of reasonable accommodation/disability effect on due process/self-representation. First appearance before Judge Holly Henze in 2022DC15.

The document document(s) which comprise this exhibit are true and correct copies of the originals.

Each exhibit has been redacted in accordance with Local Rule 5.11 and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5.2.

Dated: July10, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/Luke A. Thomas

LUKE A. THOMAS

PLAINTIFF, pro se

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 10th day of July, 2026, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court for the United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois using the CM/ECF system.

I further certify that I have served the following parties with the foregoing document via email as indicated below:

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RE: Hearing

1 message

Alison Vawter <alison@alisonvawterlaw.com>
To: Luke Thomas <thomaslitigation2022@gmail.com>

Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 1:54 PM

Luke,

I'm sorry for what you are going through. No divorce is easy, but this one has been very tough on you, I know.

You did seem distracted and reaching for more focus today. It concerned me, and while I'm glad there isn't something new going on in your life, I'm sorry for the existing stressors.

Alison

Alison Vawter

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From: Luke Thomas <thomaslitigation2022@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2023 1:42 PM

To: Alison Vawter <alison@alisonvawterlaw.com>
Subject: Re: Hearing

Alison,

Quite honestly, I was still upset (not angry) after receiving Judge Henze's email eliminating the evidentiary hearing and Gwen's unexpected absence at the hearing. I thought I was going to finally have an opportunity to obtain help and upon receiving the email, the writing was already on the wall. I was trying to keep from crying and was very disappointed that I came across as simply trying to gain some sort of advantage financially or keep Gwen away from the kids just to obtain possession of the home.

I cannot begin to explain the humiliating and demeaning way I have been treated by Gwen and the numerous times I have helped or tried to help diffuse situations between her and the kids. I have been nothing but polite and cordial to Gwen which is met with insults and ridicule.

My children have been told I am a thief, I am purposefully not working and don't care to support them, I panhandle, I'm a drug addict, I've taken Grant's medication (after she accused him of selling it), and that I do nothing productive at the home or when I am away. All of this is completely false and I cannot fathom why it is being done. Each of these types of allegations follows court or the filing of pleadings-basically anytime Gwen is pressured. The credit card issue raised by my letter is the latest example because of the public aid issue coming to a head.

I have been forced to leave the home with the threat Gwen would call the cops one week, to then be ridiculed for not staying past the time to clean even more than I have done since returning. I have spent countless hours cleaning the house without any help or acknowledgment, many all-day projects. I spent over 10 hours last week alone cleaning the girls' room because it was beyond their ability.

There have been multiple occasions I have had no money other than change available and asked Gwen for as little as five dollars to be told no, just to later receive messages of shopping trips, dog groomings, restaurant outings, and the like. On the day of Lucy's program, the kids were running behind and I had to reluctantly text Gwen to see if she would pick [REDACTED] up to go to school. My tank was virtually empty. Gwen refused until I told her [REDACTED] would have to remain at home. I had virtually no gas and had to borrow two dollars from [REDACTED] to combine with the remaining 2 dollar collector coins my dad left me to meet Gwen in Virginia. I asked her if she could please bring ten dollars with her when we met so I would have enough fuel to return to Springfield and attend Lucy's program that evening. She not only refused, but told me I was irresponsible and worthless for not getting [REDACTED] to the bus on time. This was particularly hurtful because I made numerous trips the year prior taking [REDACTED] to school because Gwen and the kids were always running late.

I know this is going beyond your question. In a nutshell, I am and will be fine. I am unable to evidence what has truly transpired with such limited time afforded at the hearings thus far. In these scenarios, Gwen does a good job of portraying herself and the situation in a favorable light. I could go on and on (again), but I will refrain from doing so and try to be more succinct and focused.

Thank you for asking. I appreciate it.

Luke

On Tue, Mar 28, 2023, 12:54 PM Alison Vawter <alison@alisonvawterlaw.com> wrote:

| Luke,

Don't worry one bit about that. I would never take any concerns along those lines personally. I understand that you want what's best for your children.

I was worried about you today during our hearing. You did not seem yourself. Are you doing all right?

Alison

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Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2023 12:47 PM
To: Alison Vawter <alison@alisonvawterlaw.com>
Subject: Hearing

Alison,

I want to apologize for coming across (at least the impression I left with Judge Henze) as being critical of your work on our case. It was not my intent whatsoever. I apologize for not being more clear. On the contrary, given my inability to properly present what has taken place without coming across as the typical, high-conflict divorce participants, my children and I desperately need your help.

If there is any information, specific instances or questions you would want me to pose for you to ask/investigate, or anything at all you think may be helpful whatsoever, please let me know. Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have, on several occasions, asked why they have to participate in court because they would not ever be "dumb enough" to say anything negative knowing both parents will learn of it.

I hope your renewed involvement and my attempt to obtain the EOP will at least keep the spotlight on my biggest concern---treatment of the children when no one other than my children are present to corroborate.

Thank you again for your time and help.

Luke