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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF FRANKLIN

In re the Marriage of:

JANELL ADRIANE GORDON,

Petitioner,

And

JERRY LEWIS GORDON,

Respondent

NO. 05 3 50185 1  
DECLARATION

This declaration is made by: JANELL GORDON

I DECLARE THAT: Jerry and I have been married for 20 years. We have six children together. Our oldest child is 19 but she is still living in the home. Our youngest child is 5 years old. I have always been a stay at home mother. I have never worked outside the home and I do not have any sort of higher education or special training other than being a mother.

The past few years Jerry has become increasingly controlling and verbally and psychologically abusive. He is like this to both the kids and me. Jerry has these terrible mood swings; they are hurting the entire family. Sometimes he hits the walls when he's

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1 angry. I don't know how Jerry is going to react to being served papers because he is so  
2 unpredictable.

3 Jerry has had most of the control of our finances. He is a self-employed builder and  
4 I have no idea how much money he earns per month. I'm not even on any bank accounts  
5 except for the account that he deposits household money into. He controls the money and I  
6 have to ask for money to buy groceries and other things for the children. It's degrading.

7 When the bills are due I let my husband know what bills need to be paid and he  
8 deposits that money into an account, but only if he wants that bill paid. He controls all the  
9 money.

10 Because I don't know where he deposits his income I am at great risk for him to  
11 withdraw all of our assets without me even knowing about it. Jerry is very capable of hiding  
12 money from me. I do know that Jerry is finishing up three homes that he is building so he  
13 should be collecting a lot of income on those soon. We also live in a house worth  
14 approximately two hundred thirty thousand dollars and we support six children.

15 I know that I need to get some training and find a job so that I can support my  
16 children. This will take some time. I need financial help to keep me afloat until I can do so.

17 I declare under penalty under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing  
18 is true and correct.

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20 SIGNED at Richland, Washington, on 7-15-05.

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23 JANELL GORDON  
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