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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,) NO. 05-3-50185-1
Petitioner,) DECLARATION OF
and) RESPONDENT
JERRY LEWIS GORDON)
Respondent.)

COMES NOW Respondent, Jerry Lewis Gordon and makes the following declaration
under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington.

I declare that the following is true and correct:

Janell and I have been married for 19 years. We have 6 children together, our youngest
being 6 years of age.

I do not have any college or higher education. My only training has come from the
School of Hard Knocks and the sheer determination to support my family of eight no matter what
it takes.

20 years of physical heavy construction work has had a devastating effect on my body.
My right shoulder socket is completely work out and needs to be surgically rebuilt; my back is so
bad both arms fall asleep and I wake up numb. Because I have pain at night, I don't get enough
sleep; I have degenerative joint disease in my left knee and it locks up frequently causing me
constant pain. I have calcium deposits on the left shoulder; I have carpel tunnel in both wrists,
making my hands go numb every day.

I have been blessed with a wonderful family and I love them dearly. It has been my
privilege to support them and I will continue to do so to the best of my ability. I have always

1 been a good provider and have worked hard. Not once in 20 years has anyone in the family gone
2 hungry or without shelter or modern conveniences. We have never been on assistance.

3 Since 1988 my family has always lived in a custom built home. They are now in the
4 third new home. Each one was built entirely by myself.

5 I owned my own small construction company and did well until four years ago when I
6 had four new homes built and none of them was selling. We had to take out a second mortgage
7 on our home, and max the credit cards to keep afloat. The homes eventually sold, but not before
8 much damage to our credit was done. We got so behind on things that we couldn't make the
9 payments, but I did not want to file for bankruptcy - I don't believe. I worked longer hours (60-
10 80) per week to try to dig my way out.

11 At that point, my wife began to lose confidence in me and we began to have problems.
12 She refused at that time to help with the running of my business. She kept threatening to divorce
13 me if I couldn't make the payments. She refused to make my lunches, and I was even lucky to
14 get 2-3 dinners per week. No breakfast, no lunch and no dinner, and no help.

15 Janell has a quick temper and holds grudges for a long time. She is entirely the
16 controlling figure in our relationship and since I've asked for help in our business the past few
17 years, she has decided it's easier to just give up, rather than to work with me to get through the
18 problems.

19 Her temper is so bad that the two oldest girls left home. She got into a physical
20 confrontation with our 16-year old and neither daughter has returned home since then.

21 Janell has handled our checking account and she is not good at budgeting. She never
22 balances the checkbook, and consequently checks frequently bounce. I have constantly had to
23 move money into that account, and she overruns it again.

24 With me gone, there will be no one to bail her out when she does that again.

25 Our credit is so bad I can no longer qualify for any construction loans. I've had to
liquidate my business and am still in the process of doing that.

I just obtained a job as a handyman and general maintenance worker for \$12.00 per hour
which starts today.

I would like the court to be aware that I cannot possibly make a child support and spousal
maintenance payment now. There is no way I have the money, and probably can't afford to pay
the full support required by the Washington State Child Support Schedule.

1 Dated this 12th day of August, 2005.

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4 JERRY GORDON, Respondent
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