

26 April 2017

Any Mayer Victor Ages Vallance LLP 112 Lisgar Street Ottawa, Ontario K2P 0C2

VIA EMAIL

Dear Ms. Mayer:

RE: Ross v. Holmes – Parenting Schedule

I refer to your correspondence dated April 24, 2017.

It is clear that your client is not providing you an accurate state of affairs. First, the "medication mix up" your client refers to was actually your client being involved in a car accident while driving to pick up the children when he was impaired by **both** alcohol and a drug. Further, your client failed to stop and fled the scene. Additionally, your client refused to cooperate with the police and refused to comply with their requests without reasonable excuse.

Still further, your client is facing criminal court proceedings related to the incident. Neither the police nor the prosecutors are treating this as a "medication mix up" as your client alleges. The consequences of your client's actions could have been much worse had the accident happened after your client picked up the children while driving under the influence of both alcohol and a drug. I am forwarding your client's Information Sheet which shows all of the above.

As previously noted, I understand your client was also involved in a car accident in November 2016. Our prior requests for a copy of the police reports and accident reports related to both incidents remain unanswered. I also note that your client has refused to sign the release/authorization allowing the Children's Aid Society to provide information directly to both counsel.

Secondly, my client has not been withholding the children during your client's parenting time without any justification as he alleges. As previously noted, your client appeared drunk and, given your client's recent history with alcohol and drugs and vehicular accidents, my client was concerned about the children's safety. My client requested your client to undertake to refrain from the use and consumption

of non-medically prescribed drugs or alcohol during any parenting period and for the period of 24 hours preceding any parenting period. He refused.

You should also be aware that members of Mr. Ross's family have contacted Ms. Holmes stating that they have concerns about Mr. Ross's well being and mental health. Further they have advised that his family is attempting to convince him to go to a treatment centre for his alcohol abuse.

On April 22nd, Mr. Ross showed up to pick up the children at my client's home. My client unequivocally smelled alcohol on his breath and he was slurring his speech. The incident was immediately reported to the Society. He does not have the authority to place the children at risk citing the parenting schedule. My client was not prepared to knowingly allow the children in Mr. Ross's care while he was clearly intoxicated. In case you were not aware, my client has continued to encourage and facilitate the relationship between Mr. Ross and the children by dropping them off and picking them up from his home. Given all of the above, my client is not willing to place the children in a potentially dangerous situation when Mr. Ross appears for his parenting time while he is drunk.

Therefore, kindly have your client provide the following information all of which are relevant to the issues at hand.

- 1. A copy of the police report and accident report from your client's accident on or about March 1, 2017;
- 2. A copy of the police report and accident report from your client's accident in or about November 2016;
- A copy of the bills and work orders, including any photographs, related to the car body repairs as a result of each of the above-noted accidents of November 2016 and March 2017;
- 4. The Signed Disclosure Release Form allowing the Children's Aid Society to liaise with and provide information to both counsel.

Ms. Holmes has informed me that your client is currently on medical leave from his employment at Algonquin College. Kindly provide me with all details and supporting documents related to the medical leave including the reason for the leave and the expected duration.

My client has a right to know the status of your client's mental ability to care for the children and she has the right to know if there are any alcohol abuse or substance abuse issues which affect the safety of the children. Clearly, my client cannot rely on your client's version of events. If your client is not forthcoming with the above, I will be seeking instructions to obtain a disclosure Order.

Based on your client's recent conduct, at this time, Ms. Holmes is seeking a change in the access schedule so she may remain the primary caregiver of the children. Please rest assured that it is not my client's intention to frustrate access but she is concerned about the safety and well-being of the children. As such, my client suggests that Mr. Ross has access supervised by a mutually agreed member of his family. Ms. Holmes would propose Mr. Ross's step father, Tod and his wife Cindy.

Kindly have your office contact me so that I may obtain your availability to book a Case Conference. Should you choose to proceed with an urgent motion before the Case Conference, I will raise all the issues outlined above, among others, as well as seek full indemnity of costs.

I look forward to receiving your disclosure.

Sincerely,

Alison Boyce

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COUNT 1

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on or about the 1st day of March in the year 2017 at the City of Ottawa in the East/De L'Est Region did, having the care, charge or control of a vehicle on 120 Riocan Drive that was involved in an accident with a vehicle, and with intent to escape civil or criminal liability, fail to stop the vehicle and give his name and address, contrary to Section 252, subsection (1.1) of the Criminal Code of Canada.

COUNT 2 AND FURTHER THAT

Darryl J,M ROSS

on or about the 1st day of March in the year 2017 at the City of Ottawa in the East/De L'Est Region did, while his ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and a drug, operate a motor vehicle and thereby commit an offence under Section 253, subsection (1), clause (a) of the Criminal Code, contrary to Section 255, subsection (1) of the Criminal Code of Canada.

COUNT 3 AND FURTHER THAT

Darryl J,M ROSS

on or about the 1st day of March in the year 2017 at the City of Ottawa in the East/De L'Est Region did, without reasonable excuse, refuse to comply with a demand made to him by an evaluating officer to provide urine to enable a proper analysis to be made to determine if a drug was in his body and thereby commit an offence under Section 254, subsection (5) of the Criminal Code, contrary to Section 255, subsection (1) of the Criminal Code of Canada.

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DESIGNATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNSEL OF RECORD

(Pursuant to section 650.01 of the Criminal Code)

DESIGNATION

- I, Darryl Ross hereby known as the accused in the matter of
- R. v. Ross before the Ontario Court of Justice at Ottawa, Ontario designate

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to represent me for any proceedings under the Criminal code in relation to this offence(s).

, dated MM 21)17

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I, Will Murray, acknowledge the accused's designation of me as counsel of record for the above-noted matter.

(Signature of Designated Counsel)

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