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**Attention: Statsforvaltningen**

I write to express my serious concern regarding the whereabouts of my two children, Tatjana and Sophia. Their mother, Maria Svane, has informed me (in the attached email) that she has taken the girls out of Denmark for a six month "holiday", that they will be in America and South America, and will only return to Denmark at the end of April 2014.

I was not informed about this trip until the children had already left Denmark. Maria has had Tatjana and Sophia at Disneyland for this past week, but will not disclose where they will be after that.

I will have no visitation with my children over New Year and Spring, or over weekends. I understand this to be against several rulings made by Statsforvaltningen, and against the interests of Tatjana and Sophia. I am concerned that Maria repeatedly overrides the decisions made regarding access.

Further, she has not enabled telephone access to my daughters. I was contacted by Tatjana from America on Skype and attach part of the texted conversation below. Tatjana has not been able to contact me since, and I have not been able to contact them. Maria has not answered her phone, despite agreeing a time I could call, and keeps rescheduling my call.

As well as being denied my visitations with Tatjana and Sophia, I am very worried that the children will not be returned to Denmark for the following reasons:

- Maria no longer has a place of permanent abode in Denmark
- She is unable to provide an address where they will be staying for the next six months, only saying that they will be in "South America"
- According to Tatjana, Maria will be teaching the children. Does this mean that she won't be working, and that she does not have a job to return to?
- The trip was undertaken in a very secretive and devious manner. I was not informed about it beforehand, and the children were told to lie about where they would be, and for how long

I will describe the circumstances leading up to this situation.

Maria moved out of her permanent residence in Valby, Copenhagen in May 2013. Since then, she and the girls have been living in a summer house in Glostrup. She therefore has no fixed address to return to in Denmark.

I was only informed about this situation once the girls had been in the USA for four days. I was informed via an email from Maria on the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2013:

I am going on a 6 months trip with the girls which means we will be in South America in December and back in DK by the end of April. If you those to come to South America for Christmas I can let you know in the beginning of December where we will be otherwise you are entitled to replacement visitation with the girls which can be arranged after our return.

Tatjana had told me, when they were on their autumn holiday with us in France, that she and Sophia were going to Disneyland for two weeks at the end of October. However, when I had a skype conversation with her once she had arrived in the USA, she told me that she was told to lie to me and not to say anything about them staying for longer, and that she was told only to tell me about the Disneyland trip:

Friday, November 1, 2013

[12:51:11 PM] Jason Armstrong: how long have you been in the USA?

[12:51:23 PM] Tatjana Svane: 4 days

(Here I ask verbally whether she knows they will be away for six months)

[12:51:47 PM] Tatjana Svane: Njah

[12:52:00 PM] Tatjana Svane: Not really

[12:52:00 PM] Jason Armstrong: what do you feel about that?

[12:52:18 PM] Tatjana Svane: I want too se you

[12:52:44 PM] Jason Armstrong: We want to see you too.

[12:53:04 PM] Tatjana Svane: And kayla and Christine

[12:53:54 PM] Tatjana Svane: Yes

[12:54:20 PM] Tatjana Svane: But can i still se you for new year

[12:54:48 PM] Tatjana Svane: And yes i am in disneyland

[12:55:07 PM] Tatjana Svane: Cool

[12:55:17 PM] Tatjana Svane: Yes

[12:55:27 PM] Tatjana Svane: Yes

[12:56:01 PM] Jason Armstrong: Is your mom going to be working there?

[12:56:18 PM] Tatjana Svane: Can i then get some extra time with you

[12:56:23 PM] Tatjana Svane: After

[12:56:34 PM] Jason Armstrong: We hope so.

[12:56:53 PM] Tatjana Svane: And i dont know if shes working

[12:58:11 PM] Tatjana Svane: Im are going too mexico

[12:58:28 PM] Tatjana Svane: No

[12:58:30 PM] Jason Armstrong: Do you know why?

[12:58:34 PM] Tatjana Svane: No

[12:58:43 PM] Tatjana Svane: Kind off

[12:58:53 PM] Jason Armstrong: what kind of holiday?

[12:59:02 PM] Tatjana Svane: My mom is going too teach us

[12:59:49 PM] Jason Armstrong: Does your school know about it?

[12:59:54 PM] Tatjana Svane: Yes  
[1:00:31 PM] Jason Armstrong: Do they know if you will be back next year?  
[1:00:52 PM] Tatjana Svane: I will be back for april  
[1:01:11 PM] Jason Armstrong: Do you know why this is happening?  
[1:01:15 PM] Tatjana Svane: No  
[1:01:47 PM] Tatjana Svane: I think its a kind off holiday  
[1:02:13 PM] Tatjana Svane: Yes  
[1:02:29 PM] Jason Armstrong: did you knowbefore you left that you wiuold only be back in april?  
[1:02:54 PM] Tatjana Svane: A little bit  
[1:03:10 PM] Jason Armstrong: were you told not to tell us?  
[1:03:19 PM] Tatjana Svane: What  
[1:03:38 PM] Jason Armstrong: You told us you were only going for two weeks to disneyland.  
[1:03:47 PM] Tatjana Svane: Yes  
[1:03:54 PM] Jason Armstrong: we didn't know you would be gone for six months.  
[1:04:45 PM] Tatjana Svane: I was only aloud too tell that i was going too Disneyland  
[1:05:17 PM] Tatjana Svane: Indidnt know what too do  
[1:05:25 PM] Tatjana Svane: I didnt\*  
[1:06:10 PM] Jason Armstrong: Sorry sweetheart, that wasn't the right thing for your mom to ask you to do  
[1:06:32 PM] Tatjana Svane: I know

I don't believe that the children have been fully informed of the circumstances of their trip. The first thing that Tatjana asked me was whether she would still see us for New Year. I believe that this has created a great deal of uncertainty for the girls, as they have not been fully informed about why they are making this trip, only that it is a "kind of holiday". They are also uncertain when they will see me again, and they believed that the next visit with us would be over New Year.

Tatjana and Sophia have been removed from their school. Tatjana has told me that her mother is going to be teaching them for the next six months. I believe that this is very disruptive for their schooling, especially for Tatjana, who is in year 4. Does this mean that Maria is not employed? If she is not, then this is additionally concerning, as she will have no job to return to. If she is going to be working, then how will the children be cared for?

Yours sincerely,



Jason Armstrong