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Introduction

This analysis reads the post-separation communications between these two co-parents through the lens of coercive control, asking not whether any single message is hostile but whether the messages together form a sustained design. Across fifteen documented patterns, the corpus reveals one parent steadily working to govern the other's household, monitor her time, and reshape the children's schedule in his favor. The patterns show financial offers tied to concessions on parenting time, microregulation of meals, bedtimes, and clothing in her home, standing demands for whereabouts and continuous self-documentation, and the manipulation and stonewalling of handoffs and the children's phone contact. They show, too, the routing of criticism through the children, the restriction of maternal-family relationships, attacks on her competence as a parent, and the repeated invocation of courts, counsel, and the evaluator as leverage. What makes the corpus distinctive is its register of apparent care — the generous offers, the expressions of concern, the language of consistency for the children's sake — which the patterns demonstrate to be the very vehicle of the control rather than a softening of it. The findings that follow trace how these tactics interlock and how they tighten over the timeline.

Schedule of findings

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11	P9 · Paying for children's costs to extract concessions	grounded in Fontes 10-Tactics T9 — Economic Abuse and Labor Exploitation	9	2024-08-27 – 2025-08-28	12
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13	Surveillance demands and file-building as control	Emergent	14	2024-09-24 – 2025-09-29	14
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The schedule above lists patterns by their analysis numbers. The sections that follow run strongest evidence first — the patterns with the most verified message support lead — matching the order of the interactive viewer.

Pattern 12: Criticism routed through the children

A recurring tactic routes criticism of the recipient through the children as the ostensible source, using their reports — which she has no independent way to verify or contest — to undermine her standing as a parent. Across the timeline he repeatedly opens a complaint with a child's words, telling her the children said she allowed screens 'as long as she wants,' kept a child up watching 'a whole movie until 9:30 on a school night,' and 'ordered pizza three nights last week.'[1] He routes characterizations of the recipient herself through the children, reporting a child 'fell asleep on the couch before dinner' and 'seemed sad,' that she 'did cereal night again,' and that she 'cried at bedtime' and burdened the child[2]. Child-relayed events become broad indictments of her household, where a missed bus shows 'the mornings just aren't structured enough at your house,' a child watching a show 'until he fell asleep' reads as instability, and a friend's home 'sounds chaotic' from 'the things Lily repeats.'[3] Her friends are criticized the same way, through reports she 'had Mark over for dinner' and 'repeated some things Dana apparently said about getting a good lawyer and about me.'[4] When she disputes an account he elevates the child as an unimpeachable witness, insisting 'My daughter doesn't lie' and 'That's not what she told me.'[5] He further casts the children as let down or coached by her, saying one 'was disappointed,' that 'a five-year-old does not come up with a line like that on his own' because 'he's hearing it from you,' while pairing such reports with explicit documentation[6]. The cumulative effect is consistent with weaponizing the children's voices to denigrate the recipient and erode her relationship with them.

Pattern 7: Aggressive, rule-violating custody exchanges

Across the record the custody exchange functions less as a neutral logistical handoff than as a recurring site where one parent asserts control Nate repeatedly announces unilateral changes to ordered handoff times as settled facts, telling Rachel the handoff is "going to be 5:45, not 6," that he has "decided the kids will stay with me Wednesday night," and proposing to move the Sunday handoff to "5:30 going forward"[7] When the change is questioned he refuses to give a reason, replying "I said 5:45" and "Just have them ready"[8] For Christmas he asserts times off the order and forecloses discussion with "I'm not negotiating," then at his own driveway withholds the children past the ordered handoff while reporting they are "not ready" and "still in pajamas"[9] He pairs these moves with exacting readiness directives — "packed, fed, and ready right at 6," "shoes on, bags ready, kids in the car"[10] After the amended order the leverage shifts to surveillance: he logs minute-level lateness at handoffs and the pickup line, demands "6:00 sharp, every time, and text me the moment you're pulling up," and escalates to "written notice: another late exchange and I file"[11] Whether by shifting times unilaterally or by policing them to the minute, the handoff is treated throughout as a fixed point of control rather than a shared arrangement

Pattern 2: Microregulating recipient's household conduct

Across the timeline one parent repeatedly issues one-way directives governing daily life inside the other parent's home, the message-mediated form of microregulation From the earliest months he frames his own house rules as universal, saying he wants the same limit at both houses because a rule should not change depending on which parent the child is with[12] He issues precise bedtime directives for her parenting time, that bedtime is bedtime, that it needs to be 8pm sharp, and a summer rule of 8:00 and 8:30 every night weekends included[13] When she explains her routine or proposes a small margin, he restates the rule unchanged, replying that 8 is 8 not 8:15[14] The directives extend to food, prescribing real cooked meals not takeout and banning à la carte snacks and ice cream with the no-extras rule expected on her week too[15] They reach clothing and grooming as well, requiring collared shirts not dinosaur tees, demanding Sunday approval of what the child wears, and specifying a particular barber and haircut[16] By the second school year the screen directive escalates to an absolute ban he expects held at her house, zero screens on school nights, full stop, restated as zero is zero[17] Taken together these messages show conduct rules imposed on the other household rather than negotiated between two homes

Pattern 5: Court, motion, and GAL as leverage

The sender uses state and legal institutions as a recurring instrument of pressure, converting ordinary co-parenting disputes into matters for courts, counsel, and a custody evaluator The pattern opens with him telling Rachel "I spoke with an attorney this week" and warning that a disputed medical choice "is being added to the file" so that "when this goes to court" her overruling him is recorded[18] He repeatedly attaches the threat that a contested demand is "going in the motion," applying it both to who Rachel may have in her home and to the children seeing their grandmother[19] On requests she declined, he frames compliance as the only way to avoid court compulsion, telling her a daily report is what "the motion is going to ask for" so she can "hand it to me voluntarily now or a judge can order it later," and that a nightly-call demand stands "7pm. Every evening. Or it goes in the motion"[20] He positions the court as arbiter, saying "we'll see what the court has to say about that" and that a dispute will "look very bad in court," and invokes the evaluator and his filing as further leverage[21] After the ruling the conditional threats continue, with a passport refusal that "goes in the file," grandmother contact that "goes straight to my attorney," and "written notice" of a possible "motion for enforcement" over a single delayed handoff[22] Throughout, the grammar is conditional and directed at extracting compliance, characteristic of legal-institutional involvement deployed as a coercive lever rather than as genuine dispute resolution

Pattern 10: Contempt and competence-undermining of Rachel

Across the record, one party's messages repeatedly target the other's identity, competence, and motives rather than the matter in dispute, a register characteristic of degradation within coercive control He disparages her handling of ordinary tasks, telling her to "Just do it right" because the task "isn't complicated" and to "Just own it"[23] He questions her honesty and motives, recasting her account so "one

of those is the real story" and accusing her of acting "whenever it suits you and dress it up as love"[24] He locates the conflict in a fixed flaw, citing "Your inflexibility on every single thing" and asserting "Everything has to be a negotiation with you"[25] He makes direct attacks on her character and fitness, stating "You're poisoning him against me" and blaming a child's anxiety on "something he reads off of you"[26] He reframes her objections and her concern as admissions of guilt, claiming her resistance "tells me everything I need to know," that "You're proving my point for me," and that she has been "documenting your own case against yourself"[27] When she declines conditional offers he answers with contempt, calling it "Unbelievable," saying it "says more about where your head is," and overriding her judgment with "He's five, he doesn't get a hairstyle, he gets a haircut"[28] Read together, these messages form a sustained course of contempt addressed to who she is, not to any single disagreement

Pattern 3: Refusing swaps around significant dates

Coordinating parenting time around holidays and family milestones became a recurring site of refusal rather than negotiation Asked to swap a weekend for a cousin's wedding, the sender answered that the answer was no and that he didn't want to start trading weekends around for family events[29] Requests tied to a baby shower and a bridal shower drew flat refusals that invoked the order, including that 'the order is the order and I'm not interested in trading days around your sister's social calendar'[30] On Thanksgiving and again on Christmas he shut down discussion with 'I'm not negotiating this' and 'I'm not negotiating' after being told the other parent's time was set by the order[31] On Christmas he asserted a schedule of his own choosing, stating he was picking the children up at 4 on Christmas Eve and dropping them back at 6 on Christmas Day, and around a birthday he stated he was taking the children that Saturday[32] Several deadline-bound or holiday requests met terse non-answers such as 'We'll see' and 'We'll see what the court has to say about that,' along with a one-word 'No' the morning after a wedding RSVP deadline had passed[33] Read together, these messages show meaningful dates treated as fixed positions to hold rather than occasions to accommodate

Pattern 6: Payment-for-time conditional access offers

A recurring tactic across the timeline makes the other parent's time and access logistics contingent on compliance with the sender's terms, routed through ostensibly generous offers to pay. When offering to fund riding lessons he attached "the one condition" that they "happen on my weekends," stating that "If I'm paying for it, it happens on my time."[34] He conditioned camp-deposit money on the children's time being credited to him, asking "in return" that they "spend the actual winter break, the 23rd through the 27th, with me," that the child be "with me for the camp weeks since I'm fronting it," that camp weeks "count cleanly toward the schedule the way I lay them out," and arguing "if I'm paying for camp it should be during my time with her."[35] He tied paying for soccer, school supplies, and a field trip to terms favoring his access — "no informal swaps," "the school-year drop-offs are mine," and that the

child "comes from my house that morning regardless of the rotation."[36] In one exchange he offered to cover camp in full in exchange for a standing veto: "You let me pay for this one, and in exchange you stop booking things unilaterally."[37] A parallel sub-shape framed taking the children for an "extra night" or having them "stay with me more" as a favor premised on the other parent's supposed stress[38]. In each instance the conditional grammar attaches a financial offer to an access or scheduling concession, presenting a gift to the children as the price of a parenting-time term.

Pattern 11: Paying for children's costs to extract concessions

The cost of the children's care functions throughout as a lever, with payment offered and then bound to a concession The sender repeatedly offered to fund the children's activities, camps, and gear while attaching a condition, telling her that "if I'm paying for it, it happens on my time" and "that's the deal"[39] These conditioned payments traded the cost of care for parenting-time and schedule concessions — a deposit if the children spent the break with him, camp if she was "with me for the camp weeks," registration against "no informal swaps," and supplies if "the school-year drop-offs are mine on the mornings"[40] The same template reached the children's belongings and future behavior, offering coats if she would "keep them at my house" and full camp cost contingent on agreeing "no camp, activity, or enrollment gets booked unless we've both signed off"[41] Each offer was styled as a gift — "my treat" — yet carried a clause tying it to a chaperone slot, a rotation override, or a separate gear-list arrangement[42] He framed the child-support payment as a tab, saying "I'll deduct half from next month's support payment," and withdrew a conditioned offer once declined with "forget I offered, buy your own coats"[43] The recurring shape — generosity advanced and retracted around the children's expenses — is characteristic of economic leverage rather than co-parenting cost-sharing

Pattern 8: Demands for whereabouts and who's present

Demands for the children's whereabouts and the identity of everyone around them recur across the timeline. Triggered by a child's offhand mention of an adult, the sender repeatedly demanded to know who was around the children when they were not with him[44] He framed these demands as parental entitlement, asserting he had "a right to know who my children are spending time with" and that he was just "a parent wanting to know who his children are spending the day with."[45] He converted one-off questions into standing requirements, expecting "to be told who's going to be near them" and the names of every adult present, "not just 'a friend.'"[46] The demands escalated to a standing request to know "where the kids are every afternoon" with "who's picking them up, whose house they're at," and to a specific contact number before a trip[47]. When the recipient named the daily request as tracking, he reframed it as parenting and defended sourcing the information from the children themselves[48]. The

progression from incident-driven questions to a daily whereabouts mandate is characteristic of location-information demands functioning as ongoing surveillance

Pattern 4: Stonewalling phone contact during his time

Interference with the other parent's phone contact with the children recurs at the highest-stakes moments across the timeline. During the other parent's scheduled time, Nate refused to accept a call from the children, stating "I won't take a call from that party"[49] Over the Thanksgiving stretch he answered requests for a brief call with stalling non-answers — "They're with their cousins right now. Try later," "They're sitting down to eat. Try tomorrow," and "We're at the parade. Later" — none offering a concrete time[50] When a call was finally permitted, it came grudgingly and time-limited with "Lily, here. Make it quick, we're heading out"[51] On Christmas morning he brushed off a call request with "They'll call when they call. We're busy" and then "They're not ready. Still in pajamas"[52] On New Year's Eve he deflected a call request with the non-answer "They'll be asleep well before midnight. We'll see about earlier"[53] The phrasing is characteristic of behavior that obstructs a parent's contact with shared children rather than facilitating it

Beyond the established research

The remaining patterns do not appear as named tactics in the coercive-control research this analysis grounds in. They are included because the messages show the behavior recurring — verified to the same standard as every other pattern in this report.

Pattern 9: Denying facts and weaponizing the record

A recurring control mechanism couples factual denial with the conversion of the other parent's own words into litigation evidence Across the timeline Nate contradicts her documented or verifiable accounts with terse denials including 'You're not a doctor', 'That's not what she told me', and 'That's not the point'[54] He treats a child's reported words as unimpeachable fact to override her firsthand version, asserting 'My daughter doesn't lie' and that 'A five-year-old does not come up with a line like that on his own'[55] He reframes her medically-grounded caution and her cooperation as failures against him, recording that he 'wanted medical care and you overruled me' and casting a passport delay as 'you obstructing the kids' relationship with my family'[56] He converts ordinary messages and even a teacher's observation into evidence, declaring items are 'going in the motion', flatly answering 'Documented', and noting the teacher now observes the child as 'withdrawn'[57] He explicitly casts her communications as a self-built case, telling her 'you're building my case for me, one message at a time' and 'You've been documenting your own case against yourself for a year'[58] He treats the resulting record as fixed and impervious to her account, insisting 'The record is the record', that 'A photo of traffic doesn't change' the time, and framing her declines as a list 'a judge can read'[59] The pattern is self-reinforcing: any reply she

offers is itself recast as further proof against her, as illustrated by his statements that she is 'building my case for me, one message at a time' and 'You've been documenting your own case against yourself for a year'.

Pattern 1: Isolating children from maternal family

The messages show a sustained effort to control and limit the children's contact with the people on Rachel's side of the family. Nate restricts the children's contact with their maternal grandmother across visits, phone, and video, asserting "You don't get to schedule your side of the family into my parenting time" and that "Calls with your family happen on your time, same as visits," later refusing contact "Not on mine, not by phone, not by video"[60]. He declares the grandmother off-limits going forward as a "negative influence," treating the cutoff as settled by saying he "won't keep explaining myself to you every time you decide to relitigate it," and continues objecting to her discussing him or the case in front of the children[61]. He extends the restriction to public and milestone events, telling Rachel her mother is "not welcome at the kids' events during my time," conditioning his own attendance at a party on her exclusion, and objecting in writing to her being "a fixture at the kids' milestone events"[62]. He widens the scope beyond the grandmother by texting Rachel's sister directly that "she shouldn't be around the kids during your parenting time," advising Rachel to "keep some distance between Dana and the kids," and objecting to the children spending weekends at Dana's[63]. He uses the GAL evaluation to pressure against a day with the grandmother and seeks to formalize control by asking his attorney about "requiring my consent before the kids have extended overnight stays with your extended family," while insisting he will "ask the kids whatever I want on our calls"[64]. Across the timeline these messages recur as a consistent course of conduct directed at the people on the maternal side who are close to the children.

Pattern 13: Surveillance demands and file-building as control

A recurring control mechanism is the demand that the targeted parent continuously document her own household so the record can later be used against her. The demands escalated from a daily list of "what was for breakfast, lunch, and dinner" to "a photo of every meal the kids eat at your place" sent "as it happens."[65] Over the timeline they widened to a nightly report of meals, homework, and bedtime, a daily written sunscreen log, a whereabouts report "by 3:30 each day," and a standing "reply within 5 minutes" rule[66]. Compliance was framed as obligatory "for the court," and refusal was recast as guilt: "if you've got nothing to hide" the pictures "cost you nothing," and reluctance to self-document "is its own kind of answer."[67] Each refusal was then logged as evidence, with him noting she was "declining to document basic sun safety," stating "it all goes in the same file," replying "noted for the motion," and describing "a running log of every missed activity, late handoff, and schedule deviation."[68] The file persisted into the later record cataloging "the declined daily updates," while she drew the line between answering questions anytime and "a standing daily location report on my own parenting time."[69] The

structure is consistent with coercive control: turning ordinary parenting into perpetual self-monitoring, where there is no compliant answer that closes the demand.

Pattern 14: Generosity conditioned on ceding control

A recurring structure in these messages is a generous-sounding offer that is bound to a concession on parenting time or scheduling control Across offers to pay full deposits and costs for riding lessons, winter and summer camps, he attaches a condition that the activity happen on his time or that the children be with him for the funded weeks[70] He states the bargain plainly, writing "If I'm paying for it, it happens on my time. That's the deal." and "You let me pay for this one, and in exchange you stop booking things unilaterally."[71] Even small offers to buy coats and cleats outright carry strings, asking that the coats be kept at his house and that the same approach be used on the summer gear list[72] Larger funding offers are tied to scheduling control, including that fall activity schedules "get built around the amended order's exact days, with no informal swaps" and that the school-year drop-offs on the mornings after his nights be his[73] Offering to cover a whole class's trip shortfall, he asks to be the listed chaperone parent and that the child move to his house on the trip day[74] Across these documented exchanges, the offers function as the currency of a recurring pattern in which payment is conditioned on concessions over time and decision-making.

Pattern 15: Concern-framed offers to take the children more

A recurring move dresses a bid to reduce the other parent's time in the language of care for her On two successive days Nate frames an offer around her being tired and stressed, saying that if she needs a break he is happy to take them an extra night so she can rest, and that it might be easier on everyone if they stayed with him more this month while things are hectic for her[75] The stated motive is solicitous, offering her breathing room and wanting the children to feel stable, yet the proposed remedy each time resolves toward the children spending more time at his house[76] When the offer is not taken up, he characterizes it as 'just an offer, made in good faith,' keeping the benevolent surface intact rather than naming what it would have changed[77] Across these messages the concern-framing and the reduction of the mother's time travel together, which is what makes the pattern legible as control rather than help

Conclusion

Taken together, the patterns documented above describe a single coordinated effort to extend control over the other parent's home, time, and standing with the children long after the household had separated. The financial offers, the household rules, the demands for whereabouts and self-documentation, the manipulated handoffs, and the invocations of court and evaluator are not discrete grievances but interlocking instruments aimed at the same surface: the children's availability to their mother and her authority over her own time. They reinforce one another in motion — surveillance demands manufacture a record, institutional threats convert that record into a compliance lever, and the reframing recasts every refusal as evidence, so no answer she gives closes the demand. In parallel, criticism routed through the children, restriction of maternal-family contact, and direct attacks on her competence work in concert to erode her relationships and her sense of herself as a fit parent. Crucially, much of this control wears the surface of care: the warm offers to pay "my treat," the solicitous bids to take the children so she can rest, and the appeals to consistency and the children's wellbeing are precisely where the coercion lives, consistent with the framework's account of seemingly caring behavior masking abuse. The trajectory the findings establish moves from objection and unilateral demand toward formalized, court-anchored control, persisting and tightening after the modified order. Read as a whole, the evidence establishes generosity, concern, and procedure deployed as the currency and the cover of control.

Frameworks referenced

Aurora's pattern analysis is grounded in the established coercive-control scholarship below, listed here for reference. This is not legal advice, and Aurora does not diagnose or evaluate any person.

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Plain-language overview of these frameworks: plaintosee.cc/research

Cited messages

Each numbered entry below is a message cited in the analysis above, collected here and uniquely numbered so it can be cited by number. Each entry is prefixed with the pattern it supports.

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[1]**P12 · #9 · Nate · 2024-08-07** — Lily mentioned she gets the iPad 'as long as she wants' on your nights. I don't run it that way here — it's 30 minutes after homework and chores, and nothing in the hour before bed because it winds her up and then she won't settle. I'd like us to hold the same limit at both houses. The whole point of a rule is that it doesn't change depending on which parent she's with. Can we agree on 30 minutes, earned, no screens before bed?
Opens a criticism of Rachel's screen-time limits by attributing the damning detail to the child as source.

#74 · Nate · 2024-08-28 — Lily mentioned you let her stay up to watch a whole movie until 9:30 on a school night. Her bedtime is 8:30, full stop, and I don't want it slipping just because it's at your house and the rules feel looser there. Consistency between the two houses matters more than one movie — when the bedtime is different at each place she's tired and dysregulated and it lands on whoever has her the next morning. Please hold the 8:30.
Routes a bedtime criticism through the child's report rather than raising it as his own observation.

#166 · Nate · 2024-09-24 — Lily told me you ordered pizza three nights last week. That's not feeding them properly — they need real, cooked meals on school nights, not takeout because it's the easy option at the end of a long day. I know it's hard doing it solo, but the kids' nutrition can't be the thing that slides. Please make sure they're getting actual dinners.
Uses the child as the source for an accusation that Rachel isn't feeding the kids properly.

[2]**P12 · #400 · Nate · 2024-11-30** — Now that the holiday's behind us I want to come back to something. Back in September I asked you to keep a written list of what the kids eat on your nights — breakfast, lunch, dinner — and you've sent it maybe twice. Lily told me over the weekend you did 'cereal night' again, so I need it to actually start happening, every day, not when you feel like it. A simple list each evening: what they ate, the three meals. It takes two minutes and it ends the dispute permanently. My attorney's view, for what it's worth, is that a parent with nothing to hide documents freely, and the one who resists documenting is telling you something. So: the meal list, daily, starting tomorrow. I'm keeping a record either way — better it's accurate and in your own words than reconstructed later.
Attributes an alleged parenting lapse to the child to justify demanding a daily meal log.

#410 · Nate · 2024-12-03 — Hope you're doing well. I want to raise something gently, coming from a good place. I keep hearing from the kids that you seem stressed and stretched thin lately — Theo said you fell asleep on the couch before dinner twice last week, and Lily mentioned you seemed sad. I'm not attacking you and I'm not keeping score. I know the holidays plus work plus solo parenting half the time is a lot for anyone. Which is why I genuinely think it might be easier on everyone, and most of all on the kids, if they stayed with me more this month while things are so hectic for you. They'd have a calm, steady routine here, and you'd get some breathing room to take care of yourself. I just want them to feel stable and want you to be okay. No pressure — let me know what you think.
Routes characterizations of Rachel as overwhelmed and sad through both children to set up a request for more custody time.

#582 · Nate · 2025-01-25 — Lily told me you cried at bedtime Wednesday night. Putting your emotions on her like that isn't appropriate — she's a little girl, she should not be in the position of comforting her own mother. She came to me worried about you, which is a burden no eight-year-old should be carrying.
Uses the child as informant to accuse Rachel of burdening her, weaponizing the report against the mother-child relationship.

[3]**P12 · #533 · Nate · 2025-01-08** — Lily missed the bus this morning. That's exactly the kind of thing that shows the mornings just aren't structured enough at your house — if the routine were tighter she'd have been at the stop on time. This is going to keep happening unless the mornings get a real system.
Converts a child-relayed event into a generalized indictment of Rachel's household.

#761 · Nate · 2025-03-22 — Theo told me he watched 'the truck show' on the iPad until he fell asleep Friday night. That's two problems: screens in bed and bedtime slipping. He needs the iPad off by 7, a no-screens wind-down, and lights out by 8 on school nights, the same as at my house, period. Inconsistent screens and bedtimes between the houses are exactly why he's dysregulated and anxious right now. I want the same rules at both houses. If it keeps happening, it's going in the file as another example of the instability the kids face on your time.
Uses the child's report as the basis for accusing Rachel's household of instability.

#1323 · Nate · 2025-09-06 — Lily mentioned the kids spent Saturday afternoon at your friend Dana's place with her kids again. I want to say plainly that I don't think Dana is a good influence to have the kids around regularly. From the things Lily repeats, the house sounds chaotic, the screen rules are nonexistent, and I've heard the language the older kids use. I'd prefer my children not be spending their weekends there. I know it's your time — I'm telling you my concern so it's on the record that I raised it.
Builds a characterization of a bad environment entirely on what the child is said to repeat.

[4]**P12 · #548 · Nate · 2025-01-13** — Lily said you had Mark over for dinner Saturday night. So he's around my kids in their home now, at the dinner table, sitting down to meals with them. This is exactly what I told you I didn't want, and it's happening anyway.
Attributes to the child the disclosure used to criticize Rachel's social life and who is around the children.

#1073 · Nate · 2025-06-27 — Lily mentioned that your friend Dana has been around a lot — at the pool, at the house, on the beach days. I'll be honest, I don't love it. Lily repeated some things Dana apparently said about 'getting a good lawyer' and about me, and that is not a conversation that should be happening anywhere near my kids. I'm not telling you who your friends are. But when your social circle is talking about the case in front of my children, it becomes my concern, and it's the kind of thing I'll raise if it continues. I'd keep some distance between Dana and the kids if I were you.
Routes a criticism of Rachel's friend through the child's repeated remarks as ostensible evidence.

[5]**P12 · #159 · Nate · 2024-09-21** — My daughter doesn't lie. If she says she heard it, she heard it. I'm not going to sit here and let you explain away what my own child told me.
Entrenches the child as an unimpeachable witness against Rachel when she questions the relayed account.

#168 · Nate · 2024-09-24 — I notice you can recite a week of menus down to the broccoli when it's convenient, but Lily came to me saying you order pizza all the time, so one of those is the real story. Document what they eat at your house going forward — a simple list each evening, what was for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. I want a record of their meals on your nights so there's no dispute about it later and no he-said-she-said. If you really are cooking salmon and roast chicken every night, then writing it down costs you nothing and settles the question permanently in your favor. The fact that you bristle every time I ask you to document anything is its own kind of answer. A list. Each evening. That's all I'm asking.
Reasserts the child as a witness whose account overrides Rachel's correction about the meals.

#417 · Nate · 2024-12-05 — That's not what she told me.
When Rachel corrects the child's account, Nate flatly elevates the child's version over the mother's.

[6]**P12 · #415 · Nate · 2024-12-05** — Lily said you forgot her show-and-tell item this morning and she had absolutely nothing to share in front of the class. She was embarrassed and told me she just stood there. I'm just noting these things as they come up — they paint a picture of how organized the mornings are at your place.
Uses the child's report to indict the organization of Rachel's mornings, with explicit case-building intent.

#566 · Nate · 2025-01-18 — You served him an ice cream cake. He specifically told you, more than once, that he wanted chocolate, and you got him ice cream instead. He was disappointed and tried to hide it.
Casts the child as having been let down by the mother, routing the criticism through the child's claimed preference and feelings.

#596 · Nate · 2025-01-30 — You're poisoning him against me — that's exactly the kind of thing the motion is about. A five-year-old does not come up with a line like that on his own. He's hearing it from you, or from your mother, and now you're writing it down to use against me.
Reframes the child's words as planted by Rachel, attributing the child's distress to her as source.

#855 · Nate · 2025-04-17 — I told her to be polite, honest, and herself — that's it. I'm not coaching my children and I resent the implication. If anyone's putting words in their mouths it's worth asking why Theo came home from your place last week telling me 'we're not allowed to be sad at Daddy's.' Funny how the coaching accusation always points one direction. I'm noting this exchange. We'll let the GAL form her own view.
Attributes a quoted line to the child to imply Rachel coaches the children against him.

#1323 · Nate · 2025-09-06 — Lily mentioned the kids spent Saturday afternoon at your friend Dana's place with her kids again. I want to say plainly that I don't think Dana is a good influence to have the kids around regularly. From the things Lily repeats, the house sounds chaotic, the screen rules are nonexistent, and I've heard the language the older kids use. I'd prefer my children not be spending their weekends there. I know it's your time — I'm telling you my concern so it's on the record that I raised it.
Builds a characterization of a bad environment entirely on what the child is said to repeat.

[7]**P7 · #26 · Nate · 2024-08-14 —** I've decided the kids will stay with me Wednesday night this week. I have a contractor coming first thing Thursday morning to start on the deck, and it makes far more sense for them to already be here than to do a 7am scramble across town. Please pack their backpacks accordingly tonight so we're not improvising in the morning, and make sure Lily's reading log is in the front pocket this time — she left it at your place last week and the teacher already flagged it once.
Unilaterally cancels the scheduled handoff and keeps the children on what is the other parent's ordered night.

#43 · Nate · 2024-08-18 — Change of plan for tomorrow — handoff is going to be 5:45, not 6. I need to get on the road and I don't want to be standing around your driveway waiting while you round everyone up. Please have them downstairs, shoes on, bags packed and ready to walk out the door at 5:45 so this is quick.
Announces a unilateral change to the ordered Sunday handoff time the night before, framed as a fait accompli.

#81 · Nate · 2024-08-30 — Let's make Sunday's handoff 5:30 going forward — it's easier on my end for getting them fed and settled before the school week, and frankly the 6 o'clock has us eating dinner late. Have them ready at 5:30 Sunday. I think if we just standardize it earlier it stops being a negotiation every week.
Attempts to permanently shift the ordered handoff time earlier to his convenience.

[8]**P7 · #45 · Nate · 2024-08-18 —** I said 5:45. I don't need to file a reason with you every time the time moves by fifteen minutes. Just have them ready.
Refuses to justify the off-schedule time change and issues a directive, treating the exchange as non-negotiable.

[9]**P7 · #473 · Nate · 2024-12-19 —** I'm picking them up at 4 on Christmas Eve and dropping them back at 6 on Christmas Day. That's what's happening this year. We can sort the rest out through the lawyers.
Asserts handoff times he invented that are off the order, presenting them as settled.

#475 · Nate · 2024-12-19 — I'm not negotiating.
Forecloses discussion of the off-order Christmas handoff times he has imposed.

#491 · Nate · 2024-12-25 — They're not ready. Still in pajamas.
At his own driveway, withholds the children past the ordered 10am handoff while the other parent waits outside.

#493 · Nate · 2024-12-25 — They're coming. Don't rush them on Christmas.
Continues to delay the exchange and reframes the waiting parent's request to follow the order as 'rushing.'

[10]**P7 · #382 · Nate · 2024-11-26** — Tomorrow's Wednesday handoff — my parents land in the afternoon and will be waiting to see the kids, so please have them packed, fed, and ready right at 6 so we're not eating into the visit. I want this to go smoothly.
Issues exacting readiness directives for the exchange tied to his own family's schedule.

#985 · Nate · 2025-06-03 — Today's Wednesday handoff is 5:30 sharp under the amended order — they changed it from the old 6:00, so please make a note of it if you haven't. I was in the lot at 5:28 and you didn't pull in until 5:41. That's eleven minutes. I'm not making a federal case out of today, but I want to flag it now so it doesn't become a habit: 5:30 means 5:30, shoes on, bags ready, kids in the car. The whole point of the court writing an exact time was to stop the drift. Let's both honor it.
Issues exacting readiness rules for the exchange while flagging an eleven-minute lateness.

[11]**P7 · #360 · Nate · 2024-11-19** — I want to note something in writing while it's fresh. At today's Wednesday handoff you were eleven minutes late — I arrived at 6 as scheduled and you didn't pull up until 6:11. This is the third time in recent weeks the handoff has run late on your end, and I'm now documenting each one with the date and the number of minutes so there's a clear, dated record. I'm not doing this to be petty; I'm doing it because a consistent pattern of late handoffs is exactly the kind of thing that matters when the schedule is reviewed, and I want it on the record that I've raised it with you, in writing, each time. Please be on time at 6 going forward. Consider this your written notice.
Begins documenting minute-level handoff lateness, converting the exchange into a logged record for court use.

#831 · Nate · 2025-04-08 — Going forward I want the Wednesday and Friday handoffs to happen at the exact minute, not 'around 6.' You've been showing up at 6:05, 6:10, 6:08 — I've started writing the arrival times down, and they add up. With the hearing coming I want a clean record that handoffs happen precisely on time, so please make it 6:00 sharp, every time, and text me the moment you're pulling up. This shouldn't be hard.
Demands exact-minute punctuality plus a real-time arrival text, surveilling the exchange itself.

#833 · Nate · 2025-04-08 — It's not a 'thing,' it's punctuality, and the fact that you bristle at being asked to be on time to the minute is itself revealing. 6:00. I'll be noting the arrival times either way.
Reaffirms he will log every arrival regardless, using the exchange clock as leverage.

#1178 · Nate · 2025-07-28 — Today's Monday handoff to start my week was 9:00am under the amended order. You arrived at 9:34. Thirty-four minutes. That is a clear violation of the order, and combined with the June 3 late handoff and the pattern in my log, I am now seriously considering filing a motion for enforcement. I have been patient and I have documented everything. I shouldn't have to chase my own parenting time. Consider this written notice: another late exchange and I file. The court gave us exact times precisely so this would stop, and I am done absorbing the slippage.
Threatens an enforcement motion over handoff timing, making the exchange a site of legal intimidation.

#1194 · Nate · 2025-08-01 — Good. Note that the changeover handoff is 5pm on the 18th per the amended plan, not 6 — the school-year time. I don't want it sliding to 6 out of habit. 5pm.
Polices the exact changeover time with anticipatory correction, treating the handoff as a fixed control point.

#1299 · Nate · 2025-09-02 — I want it on the record that this past Friday you were eleven minutes late to the kindergarten pickup line and Mrs. Albright had to wait with Theo. Per the amended order, pickup punctuality on each parent's days is each parent's responsibility, and a five-year-old standing at the curb wondering where his mother is on his first week of kindergarten is exactly the kind of thing I'm documenting. I'm not trying to make a federal case of eleven minutes — I'm noting it, dated, because a pattern is built one entry at a time, and I want a complete record this year.
Documents a school pickup delay in granular detail as part of his ongoing exchange-timing record.

[12]**P2 · #9 · Nate · 2024-08-07** — Lily mentioned she gets the iPad 'as long as she wants' on your nights. I don't run it that way here — it's 30 minutes after homework and chores, and nothing in the hour before bed because it winds her up and then she won't settle. I'd like us to hold the same limit at both houses. The whole point of a rule is that it doesn't change depending on which parent she's with. Can we agree on 30 minutes, earned, no screens before bed?
Earliest instance: imposes his screen-time limit on Rachel's nights, framing his own house rule as the universal rule.

#398 · Nate · 2024-11-30 — Two things I want us aligned on going into the winter. First, screen time: Lily mentioned watching tablet 'a lot' over the weekend at your place, and I keep it to one hour on weekdays, two on weekends, here. I want that to be the rule at both houses so it's consistent — kids do better with the same limits everywhere. Second, clothes: please send Theo to preschool in collared shirts, not the dinosaur tees, at least a few days a week. He's not a baby anymore and I'd like him dressed a little sharper for school. I know these seem minor but consistency between the houses is the whole point.
Dictates what the child wears to school from her household, on grounds of his preferred appearance.

[13]**P2 · #76 · Nate · 2024-08-28** — Bedtime is bedtime. Don't make exceptions on my children, weekend or not — the routine only works if it's the same everywhere. If I find out it's happening regularly we're going to have a very different conversation about how nights are run at your place.
Dictates bedtime conduct during her time and forbids her judgment ('don't make exceptions') on a weekend movie night.

#528 · Nate · 2025-01-06 — Lily's bedtime needs to be 8pm sharp on weeknights now, not 8:30. I picked her up Monday and she was visibly tired and cranky, and I think she's genuinely not getting enough sleep at your place. Eight is reasonable for a second-grader and I want it held to consistently.
Issues a precise bedtime rule for her parenting time and demands it be 'held to consistently.'

#1012 · Nate · 2025-06-09 — Now that school's out I want us aligned on a summer bedtime so the kids aren't on two different clocks. My rule is 8:00 for Theo and 8:30 for Lily, every night, weekends included — an extra half hour past the school year and not a minute more. Lily mentioned she was up past 9:30 'a bunch of nights' at your place last week, and that's exactly how summer turns into a wreck of overtired kids that lands on whoever has the next morning. I know it's lighter out longer and the temptation is real, but hold the line. Same bedtime, both houses. That's how it works for them.
Sets a summer bedtime rule for both houses, explicitly extending control to weekends with no tolerance.

[14]**P2 · #530 · Nate · 2025-01-06** — 8 is 8. Not 8:15. I want it at 8.
Restates the bedtime rule unchanged after she explains her routine, refusing any negotiated margin.

#761 · Nate · 2025-03-22 — Theo told me he watched 'the truck show' on the iPad until he fell asleep Friday night. That's two problems: screens in bed and bedtime slipping. He needs the iPad off by 7, a no-screens wind-down, and lights out by 8 on school nights, the same as at my house, period. Inconsistent screens and bedtimes between the houses are exactly why he's dysregulated and anxious right now. I want the same rules at both houses. If it keeps happening, it's going in the file as another example of the instability the kids face on your time.
Lays down a combined screen-and-bedtime regimen for her household, ending with 'period.'

[15]**P2 · #166 · Nate · 2024-09-24** — Lily told me you ordered pizza three nights last week. That's not feeding them properly — they need real, cooked meals on school nights, not takeout because it's the easy option at the end of a long day. I know it's hard doing it solo, but the kids' nutrition can't be the thing that slides. Please make sure they're getting actual dinners.
Prescribes what the children must eat at her house, casting her meal choices as improper.

#1266 · Nate · 2025-08-23 — I pulled the lunch-account history and Lily bought an ice cream from the cafeteria à la carte line twice last week with the balance. Going forward I want a hard rule at both houses: the lunch account is for actual lunch only, no à la carte snacks, no ice cream, no extras, ever. She's got a packed lunch from home most days anyway. I've set my half of the funds aside specifically so it isn't spent on junk, and I expect the no-extras rule held on your week too. It's a small thing but it's the principle — the account isn't a candy fund.
Bans specific food purchases and demands the 'no-extras rule held on your week too.'

#1268 · Nate · 2025-08-23 — No extras means no extras. The minute there's an 'occasional treat' exception it's three a week by October — that's how it always goes. I'd like the same rule at both houses. I'll be checking the history.
Reasserts the food rule verbatim after she describes a once-weekly class ritual, characteristic absolute restatement.

[16]**P2 · #398 · Nate · 2024-11-30** — Two things I want us aligned on going into the winter. First, screen time: Lily mentioned watching tablet 'a lot' over the weekend at your place, and I keep it to one hour on weekdays, two on weekends, here. I want that to be the rule at both houses so it's consistent — kids do better with the same limits everywhere. Second, clothes: please send Theo to preschool in collared shirts, not the dinosaur tees, at least a few days a week. He's not a baby anymore and I'd like him dressed a little sharper for school. I know these seem minor but consistency between the houses is the whole point.
Dictates what the child wears to school from her household, on grounds of his preferred appearance.

#571 · Nate · 2025-01-20 — Going forward, what Lily wears to school needs to be approved by me each Sunday evening for the coming week. I'll review the outfits you've picked and sign off on them so she's always dressed appropriately for the weather and the occasion. Send me photos Sunday night.
Demands advance approval of the child's clothing on Rachel's days — direct remote control of her household.

#575 · Nate · 2025-01-20 — Sunday approval. Going forward.
Reasserts the wardrobe-approval rule in clipped terms after she declines, characteristic of non-negotiated rule imposition.

#620 · Nate · 2025-02-06 — Theo's hair is getting shaggy and into his eyes. I want it cut before the next time I have him — short on the sides, a little length on top, the way the barber on Maple does it. Don't let anyone take him somewhere else or let it turn into one of those long surfer cuts. Take him to Tony's on Maple, ask for the usual, and have him looking sharp.
Dictates which barber and which haircut, restricting how she grooms the child during her time.

[17]**P2 · #1257 · Nate · 2025-08-19** — Now that school's about to start I want a hard screen rule in place at both houses: zero screens on school nights, Monday through Thursday, full stop. No tablet, no shows after school, nothing until the weekend. Lily was on the iPad for an hour Tuesday when she should have been reading, and that ends when school does. I'm holding it at my place and I expect it held at yours.
Escalates to an absolute screen ban he expects 'held at yours,' governing daily conduct in her home.

#1259 · Nate · 2025-08-19 — Zero is zero. The whole point of a rule is that it's the same every night so they stop asking. 'My call, kept short' is exactly how it creeps back to an hour. I want it consistent between the houses.
Repeats the absolute rule after she proposes reasonable exceptions, refusing to allow her household discretion.

[18]**P5 · #328 · Nate · 2024-11-11** — I've been thinking hard about the last couple of months and I want to be straight with you: I spoke with an attorney this week. I'm not saying that to threaten you and I'm not filing anything tomorrow. I'm saying it because the pattern of the last two months — the unilateral schedule decisions, the spending without consulting me, your family being in and out of the kids' lives in ways I've raised concerns about, the men I'm learning about secondhand — has made me realize I need to understand my rights and start protecting my position. She advised me to keep documenting everything in writing through this channel, which is

exactly what I've already been doing, so at least we're ahead of it there. I'd genuinely rather we sort this out between us than have lawyers do it for us. But I'm not going to keep operating in the dark while decisions get made over my head. Consider this me being transparent with you about where my head is.
First invocation of legal counsel, framed as 'not a threat' while explicitly tying it to her 'unilateral' decisions and family contact.

#426 · Nate · 2024-12-07 — This is being added to the file too — your refusal to get him seen when I asked. When this goes to court I want it documented that I wanted medical care and you overruled me.
Converts a medical disagreement into court ammunition, invoking 'goes to court' as leverage over her care decisions.

[19]**P5 · #498 · Nate · 2024-12-26** — This is going in the motion as well — direct, knowing defiance of my clearly stated position about your mother, on Christmas Day, on the record. I told you in writing, more than once, that I didn't want the kids at her house right now, and you took them there anyway and then wrote me a paragraph about cookies and stockings like that settles it. It doesn't. What it does is demonstrate, in your own words, that you'll override my concerns whenever it suits you and dress it up as love. Keep it up. Every time you do something like this and then explain to me at length why you were right to, you're building my case for me, one message at a time. I barely have to do anything. Just keep talking.
Threatens to file her grandmother contact in the motion to pressure compliance with his objection.

#550 · Nate · 2025-01-13 — Adult men in the house around my children is going in the motion. I don't care how many other people were there — I don't want him in their home.
Threatens the motion as leverage over who she may have in her home.

[20]**P5 · #538 · Nate · 2025-01-09** — It's exactly what the motion is going to ask for, so you can hand it to me voluntarily now or a judge can order it later — your choice. You keep calling everything I ask for 'unreasonable' and 'control,' but from where I sit it's the bare minimum a father should know about his kids' days. What they ate, when they did homework, when they went to bed — that's not an interrogation, that's basic parenting information that I'm currently shut out of half the week. If the situation were reversed and I were the one keeping you in the dark about their lives for three days at a stretch, you'd be furious, and rightly so. So no, I'm not going to apologize for wanting to know how my own children are being raised. A nightly summary. That's all.
Explicit comply-now-or-the-judge-compels-it framing to extract a daily report she declined.

#592 · Nate · 2025-01-28 — 7pm. Every evening. Or it goes in the motion.
Bare conditional threat: comply with nightly-call demand or face the motion.

[21]**P5 · #456 · Nate · 2024-12-15** — We'll see what the court has to say about that.
Invokes the court as the arbiter to override her holding to the order on Christmas.

#552 · Nate · 2025-01-13 — It's going to look very bad in court, and I think you know that, which is why you keep adding qualifiers — 'there were other people there,' 'only twenty minutes,' 'just a friend.' A judge isn't going to hear nuance. A judge is going to hear that an unrelated adult man you've known a few months is now a regular fixture at family dinners with my five and eight year old, in the home, after I objected to it in writing on more than one occasion. That's the picture. You can keep telling yourself it's innocent, and maybe it is, but you're handing me the exact pattern the motion is built on and you're doing it with your eyes open. I'd think very carefully about who you have around the kids between now and February.
Invokes anticipated court judgment to pressure her about a dinner guest.

#631 · Nate · 2025-02-08 — I want to be clear about something so it isn't a surprise later. The children's exposure to your mother is now an issue I've formally raised in the motion. My attorney has it in the filing as a concern about the kids being exposed to an adult who disparages a parent in front of them. So going forward this isn't just me asking you to limit her time with them — it's a matter that's in front of the court. I'd strongly advise against

any unsupervised contact between her and the kids while this is pending. How it looks now matters.
Reframes his demand about her mother as a court matter to compel compliance.

#740 · Nate · 2025-03-14 — Don't lay this at the feet of the motion. I filed because of real concerns about how the children are being affected — concerns like a five-year-old this anxious. You're proving my point for me, and I'll note that too.
Uses the filed motion as justification/leverage in response to her raising the child's distress.

#855 · Nate · 2025-04-17 — I told her to be polite, honest, and herself — that's it. I'm not coaching my children and I resent the implication. If anyone's putting words in their mouths it's worth asking why Theo came home from your place last week telling me 'we're not allowed to be sad at Daddy's.' Funny how the coaching accusation always points one direction. I'm noting this exchange. We'll let the GAL form her own view.
Invokes the evaluator as arbiter and 'noting' as leverage in a dispute about coaching.

#1063 · Nate · 2025-06-24 — I'm told Theo missed both swim practices last week on your days — Tuesday and Thursday. I want to flag that I'm now keeping a running log of every missed activity, late handoff, and schedule deviation on your time, with dates. This isn't a threat, it's housekeeping: if your pattern of missing the kids' commitments continues, that log is going to my attorney as part of showing the court the difference in how the two houses run. I'd much rather it stay short and boring. So: get them to their practices. Every one. The order expects each parent to support the kids' activities, and a documented pattern of skipping them is the kind of thing judges notice.
Threatens to route a missed-activity log to attorney/court to pressure her on activities.

[22]**P5 · #1007 · Nate · 2025-06-08** — On your time you can do what you want, I'm aware of that. But I'll remind you that I have real concerns about the kids' exposure to your mother — concerns I raised formally and that are in the record from the hearing. I don't want her discussing me, the case, or 'the judge' in front of them, and I don't want them coming back to me parroting her opinions. If she can keep it to cake and presents, fine. If I hear that she's been filling their heads again, that goes straight to my attorney and into the file. Consider that fair notice.
Conditional 'or else' tying grandmother contact to attorney/file escalation.

#1137 · Nate · 2025-07-15 — So you'll deny your own children the ability to travel and see their uncle. I'm documenting your refusal to consent to passports — this goes in the file as you obstructing the kids' relationship with my family and putting your case strategy ahead of their experiences. A judge is going to see a mother who wouldn't even let her kids get a passport. Think hard about how that reads before you dig in.
Threatens the file and a judge's view to pressure her into signing passport consent.

#1178 · Nate · 2025-07-28 — Today's Monday handoff to start my week was 9:00am under the amended order. You arrived at 9:34. Thirty-four minutes. That is a clear violation of the order, and combined with the June 3 late handoff and the pattern in my log, I am now seriously considering filing a motion for enforcement. I have been patient and I have documented everything. I shouldn't have to chase my own parenting time. Consider this written notice: another late exchange and I file. The court gave us exact times precisely so this would stop, and I am done absorbing the slippage.
Post-ruling enforcement-motion threat over a single road-closure-delayed handoff, framed as 'written notice: another late exchange and I file.'

[23]**P10 · #35 · Nate · 2024-08-15** — Just do it right. It isn't complicated — ice pack goes in the bag, that's the whole task. I shouldn't have to send a message about this.
Reframes a minor lapse as evidence she cannot manage a trivial task, with a contemptuous 'just do it right.'

#109 · Nate · 2024-09-08 — Don't blame the folder and don't blame her — she's seven. The responsibility for making sure her homework is done is on the parent, and this weekend that was you. Just own it.
Caps a message refusing her explanation by commanding her to accept fault, treating her account as evasion rather than fact.

[24]**P10 · #168 · Nate · 2024-09-24** — I notice you can recite a week of menus down to the broccoli when it's convenient, but Lily came to me saying you order pizza all the time, so one of those is the real story. Document what they eat at your house going forward — a simple list each evening, what was for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. I want a record of their meals on your nights so there's no dispute about it later and no he-said-she-said. If you really are cooking salmon and roast chicken every night, then writing it down costs you nothing and settles the question permanently in your favor. The fact that you bristle every time I ask you to document anything is its own kind of answer. A list. Each evening. That's all I'm asking.
Calls her detailed account a convenient fabrication, impugning her honesty as a parent.

#498 · Nate · 2024-12-26 — This is going in the motion as well — direct, knowing defiance of my clearly stated position about your mother, on Christmas Day, on the record. I told you in writing, more than once, that I didn't want the kids at her house right now, and you took them there anyway and then wrote me a paragraph about cookies and stockings like that settles it. It doesn't. What it does is demonstrate, in your own words, that you'll override my concerns whenever it suits you and dress it up as love. Keep it up. Every time you do something like this and then explain to me at length why you were right to, you're building my case for me, one message at a time. I barely have to do anything. Just keep talking.
Characterizes her conduct as self-serving manipulation masquerading as love — an attack on her motives and character.

[25]**P10 · #469 · Nate · 2024-12-19** — I tried to handle this directly with you for months and got absolutely nowhere — that's the part you're choosing not to remember. Every single time I raised a real concern, about the medical calls, the meals, the men in the house, your family, you told me I was overreacting, or being controlling, or making something out of nothing, and then you went and did exactly what you wanted anyway. I have a folder full of those conversations. Your inflexibility on every single thing is what forced this — I didn't wake up one day and decide to file a motion for fun, I did it because talking to you stopped working a long time ago. It's out of my hands now and in the court's, where at least there are rules. The time for talking it out was the last six months, and you let it pass.
Attributes the entire conflict to a fixed character flaw in her ('inflexibility on every single thing').

#1207 · Nate · 2025-08-04 — Everything has to be a negotiation with you. It was a simple offer to make the kids' routine smoother and you've turned it into a referendum. Forget it — we'll split the supplies down the middle like always. I was trying to be generous.
Generalizes a single disagreement into a global character indictment of how she operates.

[26]**P10 · #596 · Nate · 2025-01-30** — You're poisoning him against me — that's exactly the kind of thing the motion is about. A five-year-old does not come up with a line like that on his own. He's hearing it from you, or from your mother, and now you're writing it down to use against me.
Direct character attack accusing her of turning their child against him.

#644 · Nate · 2025-02-11 — I'd want to know what you said to Miss Dana about 'stress at home,' because that's the kind of thing that gets repeated and ends up in a file. Theo's drop-off anxiety is well documented as something he reads off of you — when you're anxious at the door, he's anxious at the door. The best thing you can do for him is keep it brief and confident and stop telegraphing your own stress. I'll work on it on my days.
Blames the child's distress on her emotional instability, undermining her fitness as a parent.

[27]**P10 · #508 · Nate · 2024-12-29** — It'll be a court-ordered request soon enough, so you might as well get used to the idea now. You can call it surveillance and act offended all you like, but the simple fact is I have legitimate concerns about how the kids are fed on your time — the pizza, the takeout, the 'they earned it' excuses — and a photo log is the cleanest way to settle whether I'm right or wrong. If you've got nothing to hide, as you keep insisting, then a few pictures of their dinner plates costs you nothing and proves your point for you. The fact that you're fighting this hard against simple documentation tells me everything I need to know. Either way, the motion

asks for it, so a judge will decide.
Frames her objection as a confession of guilt — contempt that treats her resistance as proof of wrongdoing.

#740 · Nate · 2025-03-14 — Don't lay this at the feet of the motion. I filed because of real concerns about how the children are being affected — concerns like a five-year-old this anxious. You're proving my point for me, and I'll note that too.
Treats her sincere expression of concern as self-incrimination, contemptuously turning it against her.

#806 · Nate · 2025-04-03 — It will be. Every message you sent justifying why you did exactly what you wanted after I objected is in there too. You've been documenting your own case against yourself for a year. I just collected it.
Casts her ordinary messages as a self-built indictment — contempt portraying her as her own worst witness.

#833 · Nate · 2025-04-08 — It's not a 'thing,' it's punctuality, and the fact that you bristle at being asked to be on time to the minute is itself revealing. 6:00. I'll be noting the arrival times either way.
Treats her pushback as a tell of guilt rather than reasonable objection — contempt dressed as insight.

[28]**P10 · #866 · Nate · 2025-04-21 —** There's no 'string.' I offered to do something generous for our daughter and you immediately read manipulation into it, which honestly says more about where your head is than where mine is. All I asked is that we coordinate the summer schedule around camp like reasonable adults — that's not a ransom, that's planning. But fine. Split it down the middle, send me the deposit link, and we'll fight about the summer schedule separately, since you'd rather have two fights than one conversation.
Pathologizes her reading of his offer, locating the problem in her mind rather than his proposal.

#1287 · Nate · 2025-08-28 — I offer to pay for an entire classroom of kids and you turn it into a lecture about clauses. Unbelievable. Forget the chaperone part then — I'll cover Lily's fee and my share and that's it. I was trying to do something good.
Expresses open contempt ('Unbelievable') at her declining a conditional offer, framing her caution as ridiculous.

#1316 · Nate · 2025-09-04 — Short on the sides AND top. He's five, he doesn't get a hairstyle, he gets a haircut. I don't want him looking like a mop in the school picture.
Dismisses her parenting judgment with a curt declarative that overrides her account of the child's preference.

[29]**P3 · #96 · Nate · 2024-09-04 —** I've thought about it and the answer is no. I don't want to start trading weekends around for your family's events — once we do it once it becomes the norm, and the schedule is the one thing keeping this orderly. If your cousin's wedding mattered enough it should have been planned around our arrangement, not the other way around. You can go yourself; the kids stay on the regular schedule with me that weekend.
Flat refusal to swap a weekend for a cousin's wedding, framing any trade as a threat to the schedule.

#313 · Nate · 2024-11-09 — No.
Single-word answer on the morning after the wedding RSVP deadline had already passed, after days of silence on the request.

#317 · Nate · 2024-11-09 — Then your sister should have coordinated the schedule with me directly instead of going through you and putting me in the position of being the bad guy. If they wanted my cooperation they should have asked for it properly.
Deflects the refused wedding swap by faulting how the request was made, characteristic of refusal to coordinate around a milestone.

[30]**P3 · #692 · Nate · 2025-02-28 —** I don't owe you an instant answer on a discretionary swap, and frankly swapping days around right now, with an evaluation pending, isn't something I'm going to do — the schedule should stay exactly as ordered so there's no muddying of who has what time when the GAL looks at it. The

answer is no. You can stop building your little record about my response times; you'll find I respond to anything that actually matters.
Refuses a clean even swap for a baby shower, invoking the order and dismissing the request.

#1039 · Nate · 2025-06-17 — I've been slammed and I don't owe you an instant turnaround on a request to alter my parenting time. The answer is no on the swap — the order is the order and I'm not interested in trading days around your sister's social calendar. Your mother watching them is fine. Don't read 'silence' as some kind of statement; sometimes people are busy.
Refuses a bridal-shower swap, invoking 'the order is the order' and dismissing the family event.

[31]**P3 · #355 · Nate · 2024-11-18** — I'm not negotiating this.
Shuts down negotiation over the Thanksgiving Friday the other parent says is hers under the order.

#452 · Nate · 2024-12-15 — My final word on Christmas: I want the kids with me until 6pm Christmas Day. My parents fly out at 8 that evening and they should get the full day with their grandchildren before they go — they've come a long way and won't see them again until next year. 6pm.
Declares a Christmas Day handoff time other than the ordered one and frames it as non-negotiable.

#475 · Nate · 2024-12-19 — I'm not negotiating.
Refuses to discuss the Christmas handoff time after being told the order says 10am.

[32]**P3 · #139 · Nate · 2024-09-17** — I'm taking the kids Saturday for the birthday. My mother came a very long way to see them and she's not going to spend Lily's birthday sitting in the corner of a party full of strangers' kids. She gets the day.
Asserting he will take the child on the birthday party day, refusing to accommodate the planned party on the other parent's time.

#473 · Nate · 2024-12-19 — I'm picking them up at 4 on Christmas Eve and dropping them back at 6 on Christmas Day. That's what's happening this year. We can sort the rest out through the lawyers.
Asserts a unilateral Christmas schedule, refusing to follow the order's time for the holiday.

[33]**P3 · #90 · Nate · 2024-09-01** — We'll see.
Terse non-answer ending a Labor Day scheduling dispute rather than coordinating around the holiday.

#265 · Nate · 2024-10-25 — We'll see.
Terse non-answer to the proposal to share Halloween evening, the actual holiday, with the other parent.

#313 · Nate · 2024-11-09 — No.
Single-word answer on the morning after the wedding RSVP deadline had already passed, after days of silence on the request.

#384 · Nate · 2024-11-26 — We'll see how the day goes.
Non-committal answer to a request to set a Thanksgiving Day call time, leaving a holiday request unresolved.

#456 · Nate · 2024-12-15 — We'll see what the court has to say about that.
Ends a Christmas scheduling dispute with a deflecting non-answer rather than coordinating the holiday.

[34]**P6 · #71 · Nate · 2024-08-27** — Lily's been begging for the riding lessons at the stable on Route 9 and I think it's a great fit for her — she's horse-obsessed and it'd be good for her confidence. I'll cover the full deposit and the first month, it's not cheap but I want her to have it. The one condition is that the lessons happen on my weekends so I'm the one taking her — I don't want to pay for something and then have it become another thing on your calendar that I hear about secondhand. If you're on board with that, I'll book it this week. I only want what's best for her.

Offering to fund riding lessons but conditioning them on the activity (and thus the child's time) falling on his weekends.

#73 · Nate · 2024-08-27 — If I'm paying for it, it happens on my time. That's the deal. We can revisit it down the road, but for now I'm not funding lessons I'm not part of. Let's start with my weekends and see how she takes to it.
Explicitly makes payment the lever and 'my time' the demand — the bare grammar of conditional access.

[35]**P6 · #309 · Nate · 2024-11-08** — I saw the winter break horse camp Lily's been talking about non-stop is open for registration and the early deposit is due the 20th. I want to do something nice for her here, so I'll cover the whole deposit, $150, gladly — she's earned it with the reading and she'd be over the moon. I only want what's best for her. The one thing I'd ask in return is that we agree the kids spend the actual winter break, the 23rd through the 27th, with me and my parents while they're still in town, since I'm putting up the camp money. It's a fair trade and it lets me give her the thing she wants. Say the word and I'll register her tonight.
Ties covering the camp deposit to the other parent surrendering specific winter-break days to him.

#651 · Nate · 2025-02-13 — I've been thinking about summer and I want to do right by the kids. Lily's been desperate for the horse day-camp again, and the deposit's due by March 1 to hold her spot before it fills. I'm happy to put down the whole deposit, the full $400, so she doesn't lose the place — I only want what's best for her and I know how much she loves it. I'd just want us to agree first that she's with me for the camp weeks since I'm fronting it, and that the summer schedule gets sorted the way I've proposed in the motion. Let me know and I'll send the deposit in tonight. I don't want her to miss out because the adults couldn't get organized.
Conditions paying the camp deposit on the child being with him for camp weeks and on adopting his proposed summer schedule.

#653 · Nate · 2025-02-13 — It isn't a string, it's common sense — if I'm paying for camp it should be during my time with her. But fine, split it, I'm not going to be the reason she loses the spot. I'll note that I offered to cover the whole thing and you turned down a benefit to your own daughter over schedule positioning. Send your half and I'll register her tonight.
Restates the core conditional logic linking who pays to whose parenting time the child spends.

#864 · Nate · 2025-04-21 — Lily's been asking about the summer horse camp again — the one out at the stables she and Amelia both want to do. I looked into it and the deposit's due by May 1 to hold a spot, and it books up fast. I'm more than happy to put down the full deposit and cover her half of the camp so she doesn't miss out; I know it's not cheap and I want her to have it. I'd just want us to agree on a couple of things first, since we'd be coordinating her summer around it: that the weeks she's at camp count cleanly toward the schedule the way I lay them out, and that we sort out the camp paperwork and pickups in a way that works for my calendar. Sort that with me and I'll happily write the check today. I just want what's best for her.
Offers to cover camp only if the camp weeks are credited to his parenting time as he defines it.

[36]**P6 · #1083 · Nate · 2025-06-30** — Since we're both signing the kids up for fall soccer, let me take care of the registration — both kids, the full $180, my treat. I want them in their activities and I'm happy to be the one who makes it easy this season. One thing I'd ask in return, and I think it's reasonable: that we agree all of their fall activity schedules — practices, games, the clinic — get built around the amended order's exact days, with no informal swaps to accommodate a conflict. You let me handle the cost; we keep the calendar clean and literal. That's a fair trade and it's good for them. Sound good?
Conditions paying registration on locking the schedule to deny any flexibility in the other parent's access.

#1205 · Nate · 2025-08-04 — I want to do something nice here, so let me make an offer. Theo's starting kindergarten and the supply list is going to be its own line item — I'll cover the whole thing, both kids, no splitting it this year. I'd genuinely like to do that for them. The one thing I'd ask in return is small and reasonable: that you agree the school-year drop-offs are mine on the mornings after my nights, so the kids get a consistent morning routine out of one house. It just makes everything cleaner. Let me know and I'll send the supply money

today.
Offers to cover supplies only if she cedes the drop-off mornings, expanding his time/contact with the children.

#1285 · Nate · 2025-08-28 — Lily's class has the apple-orchard field trip coming up in late September and the form mentioned they're short on funds for the couple of kids who can't pay. I'd like to do something generous here: I'll cover not just Lily's fee but the whole class shortfall, so no kid gets left off the bus. I think that's the kind of thing that's good for them to see their dad do. The one thing I'd want in exchange is reasonable — that I'm the listed chaperone parent for the trip, and that on the trip day Lily comes from my house that morning regardless of the rotation so the logistics are clean. Small ask for covering the whole class. Let me know and I'll send the school the check today.
Conditions funding the field trip on a rotation override that moves the child to his house that morning.

[37]**P6 · #1049 · Nate · 2025-06-20 —** I want to do something nice here. Horse camp is expensive and I know it stretched you to put the deposit down — so I'll cover the whole thing, the deposit and the balance, my treat. Lily should have her big summer thing and I'm happy to be the one who makes it happen. One condition, and it's a reasonable one: I want us to agree going forward that no camp, activity, or enrollment gets booked unless we've both signed off in writing first. You let me pay for this one, and in exchange you stop booking things unilaterally. That feels fair to me — I cover the cost, you respect the process. Deal?
Pays the camp in full in exchange for a standing veto over the children's enrollments — control over access logistics traded for money.

[38]**P6 · #404 · Nate · 2024-12-01 —** Hope you're doing okay. The kids mentioned you seemed really tired and stressed last week — Theo said you fell asleep on the couch before dinner one night. I'm genuinely not trying to criticize, I'm saying it because I care: if you need a break, I'm more than happy to take them an extra night this week so you can actually rest. Just looking out for everyone here.
Offers to take an extra night of the children's time, conditioned on the premise that she is stressed and needs relief.

#410 · Nate · 2024-12-03 — Hope you're doing well. I want to raise something gently, coming from a good place. I keep hearing from the kids that you seem stressed and stretched thin lately — Theo said you fell asleep on the couch before dinner twice last week, and Lily mentioned you seemed sad. I'm not attacking you and I'm not keeping score. I know the holidays plus work plus solo parenting half the time is a lot for anyone. Which is why I genuinely think it might be easier on everyone, and most of all on the kids, if they stayed with me more this month while things are so hectic for you. They'd have a calm, steady routine here, and you'd get some breathing room to take care of yourself. I just want them to feel stable and want you to be okay. No pressure — let me know what you think.
Reframes taking more of the children's time as a favor contingent on her supposed inability to cope.

[39]**P11 · #71 · Nate · 2024-08-27 —** Lily's been begging for the riding lessons at the stable on Route 9 and I think it's a great fit for her — she's horse-obsessed and it'd be good for her confidence. I'll cover the full deposit and the first month, it's not cheap but I want her to have it. The one condition is that the lessons happen on my weekends so I'm the one taking her — I don't want to pay for something and then have it become another thing on your calendar that I hear about secondhand. If you're on board with that, I'll book it this week. I only want what's best for her.
First instance of the template: payment for lessons conditioned on the activity falling on his parenting time.

#73 · Nate · 2024-08-27 — If I'm paying for it, it happens on my time. That's the deal. We can revisit it down the road, but for now I'm not funding lessons I'm not part of. Let's start with my weekends and see how she takes to it.
States the leverage explicitly — funding is tied to controlling when the child's activity occurs.

[40]**P11 · #309 · Nate · 2024-11-08** — I saw the winter break horse camp Lily's been talking about non-stop is open for registration and the early deposit is due the 20th. I want to do something nice for her here, so I'll cover the whole deposit, $150, gladly — she's earned it with the reading and she'd be over the moon. I only want what's best for her. The one thing I'd ask in return is that we agree the kids spend the actual winter break, the 23rd through the 27th, with me and my parents while they're still in town, since I'm putting up the camp money. It's a fair trade and it lets me give her the thing she wants. Say the word and I'll register her tonight.
Camp deposit offered in exchange for holiday parenting-time days.

#651 · Nate · 2025-02-13 — I've been thinking about summer and I want to do right by the kids. Lily's been desperate for the horse day-camp again, and the deposit's due by March 1 to hold her spot before it fills. I'm happy to put down the whole deposit, the full $400, so she doesn't lose the place — I only want what's best for her and I know how much she loves it. I'd just want us to agree first that she's with me for the camp weeks since I'm fronting it, and that the summer schedule gets sorted the way I've proposed in the motion. Let me know and I'll send the deposit in tonight. I don't want her to miss out because the adults couldn't get organized.
Camp deposit conditioned on the child being with him for the camp weeks and pre-settling the disputed summer schedule.

#1083 · Nate · 2025-06-30 — Since we're both signing the kids up for fall soccer, let me take care of the registration — both kids, the full $180, my treat. I want them in their activities and I'm happy to be the one who makes it easy this season. One thing I'd ask in return, and I think it's reasonable: that we agree all of their fall activity schedules — practices, games, the clinic — get built around the amended order's exact days, with no informal swaps to accommodate a conflict. You let me handle the cost; we keep the calendar clean and literal. That's a fair trade and it's good for them. Sound good?
Registration paid in exchange for ruling out schedule swaps.

#1205 · Nate · 2025-08-04 — I want to do something nice here, so let me make an offer. Theo's starting kindergarten and the supply list is going to be its own line item — I'll cover the whole thing, both kids, no splitting it this year. I'd genuinely like to do that for them. The one thing I'd ask in return is small and reasonable: that you agree the school-year drop-offs are mine on the mornings after my nights, so the kids get a consistent morning routine out of one house. It just makes everything cleaner. Let me know and I'll send the supply money today.
School-supply cost offered in trade for additional morning parenting time.

[41]**P11 · #478 · Nate · 2024-12-21** — I noticed Theo's coat is getting small in the sleeves. I'm happy to just buy both kids new winter coats outright, my treat, good ones — I'd get them the warm ones from the outdoor place, not the cheap mall ones. I'll cover the whole cost, you don't pay a cent. Only thing I'd ask in return is that you keep them at my house so I know they always have a proper warm coat when they're with me, and we stop the whole coat-shuttling-between-houses problem. Easy fix and the kids come out ahead. What do you say?
Offers to buy coats outright if the children's coats are kept at his house, using the gift to consolidate the children's belongings at his address.

#1049 · Nate · 2025-06-20 — I want to do something nice here. Horse camp is expensive and I know it stretched you to put the deposit down — so I'll cover the whole thing, the deposit and the balance, my treat. Lily should have her big summer thing and I'm happy to be the one who makes it happen. One condition, and it's a reasonable one: I want us to agree going forward that no camp, activity, or enrollment gets booked unless we've both signed off in writing first. You let me pay for this one, and in exchange you stop booking things unilaterally. That feels fair to me — I cover the cost, you respect the process. Deal?
Covering the full camp cost made contingent on a behavioral concession governing future enrollments.

[42]**P11 · #766 · Nate · 2025-03-24** — Small thing — I noticed Lily's cleats are getting tight at the toe even if they technically fit, and a season of running in tight cleats isn't good for her feet. I'm happy to just buy her new ones outright, my treat, no splitting. I'd only ask that we use the same approach on the summer gear list I sent, so I'm

not buying twice. Want me to grab the cleats this weekend?
Cleats-as-gift bundled to securing agreement on a separate gear-list arrangement.

#1285 · Nate · 2025-08-28 — Lily's class has the apple-orchard field trip coming up in late September and the form mentioned they're short on funds for the couple of kids who can't pay. I'd like to do something generous here: I'll cover not just Lily's fee but the whole class shortfall, so no kid gets left off the bus. I think that's the kind of thing that's good for them to see their dad do. The one thing I'd want in exchange is reasonable — that I'm the listed chaperone parent for the trip, and that on the trip day Lily comes from my house that morning regardless of the rotation so the logistics are clean. Small ask for covering the whole class. Let me know and I'll send the school the check today.
Generous field-trip payment conditioned on a rotation override moving the child to his house.

[43]**P11 · #232 · Nate · 2024-10-15** — Joint financial decisions need to be joint, full stop — that's the agreement and twenty-two dollars is no different from two hundred in principle. Send me the receipt and I'll deduct half from next month's support payment.
Treats the child-support payment as a tab to be offset against an expense he disapproves of.

#480 · Nate · 2024-12-21 — I try to do something generous and you find the angle in it. Forget I offered. Buy your own coats.
When the conditioned gift is declined, the offer is withdrawn — confirming the payment was contingent leverage, not a gift.

[44]**P8 · #18 · Nate · 2024-08-11** — Lily came home talking about 'Mommy's friend Dana' and a sleepover at her house with kids she didn't know. Who is this? I'd like to know who's around my kids when they're not with me — that's not unreasonable. Before they're staying overnight somewhere I've never heard of, I think I should at least know whose house it is and who else is there.
Opening instance: a child's mention of a friend prompts a demand to know who the children are with when not with the sender.

#281 · Nate · 2024-10-31 — Theo mentioned tonight that he saw your friend 'Mark' at the park yesterday. Who is Mark? I want to know exactly who's around my kids when they're not with me — names, how you know them, all of it. I have a right to know who my children are spending time with.
Demands names and details of anyone around the children, asserting an entitlement to know whom they spend time with.

#719 · Nate · 2025-03-08 — Lily mentioned you took them somewhere Saturday and that 'a man named Greg' was there and made everybody laugh. Who is Greg, and why are my children being introduced to people I've never heard of? On your time or not, I have a right to know who's around my kids, especially right now with an evaluation going on. Going forward I want a heads-up before they're introduced to any new adult. Who is he?
Reasserts an entitlement to know who is around the children, prompted by a child naming an adult at an outing.

#1152 · Nate · 2025-07-21 — Theo mentioned on the call that 'Mom's friend' is at the cabin too. I'd like to know who is around my children when they're away overnight — names, not just 'a friend.' It's a reasonable thing for a parent to ask and I'd tell you the same about my side. So: who's there with you and the kids this week?
Demands the names of every adult present during an overnight trip, again triggered by a child's remark.

[45]**P8 · #20 · Nate · 2024-08-11** — It's not an investigation, it's a parent wanting to know who his children are spending the day with. I'd appreciate a heads up before these things, not finding out from an eight-year-old afterward. That's all I'm asking.
Frames the whereabouts/company demand as ordinary parental right rather than surveillance.

#281 · Nate · 2024-10-31 — Theo mentioned tonight that he saw your friend 'Mark' at the park yesterday. Who is Mark? I want to know exactly who's around my kids when they're not with me — names, how you know them, all

of it. I have a right to know who my children are spending time with.
Demands names and details of anyone around the children, asserting an entitlement to know whom they spend time with.

#721 · Nate · 2025-03-08 — It's a reasonable question and you've answered it, so fine. But I'll maintain that with an evaluation pending, I should know who the children are spending time with, and I'm noting that I asked and that you characterized a routine question as an interrogation. The GAL will be interested in how openly each of us communicates about the children's environment.
Maintains the standing claim to information about whom the children are with.

[46]**P8 · #285 · Nate · 2024-10-31** — Strange men being around my children is exactly the kind of thing I need to know about in advance, not learn from Theo after the fact. Going forward I expect to be told who's going to be near them.
Converts a one-off question into a standing requirement that the recipient disclose anyone who will be near the children.

#1152 · Nate · 2025-07-21 — Theo mentioned on the call that 'Mom's friend' is at the cabin too. I'd like to know who is around my children when they're away overnight — names, not just 'a friend.' It's a reasonable thing for a parent to ask and I'd tell you the same about my side. So: who's there with you and the kids this week?
Demands the names of every adult present during an overnight trip, again triggered by a child's remark.

[47]**P8 · #1128 · Nate · 2025-07-12** — Object noted, in writing, dated today. We'll let the attorneys and the court decide what 'too far' is. Landline before they leave. Calls at 7.
Terse demand for a specific contact number tied to the children's location before a trip.

#1356 · Nate · 2025-09-15 — Going forward I want to know where the kids are every afternoon on your days — who's picking them up, whose house they're at, who's with them, by 3:30 each day. Lily mentioned she went to 'a friend's house' last Thursday and I had no idea where my daughter was. I'm entitled to know my children's whereabouts on a school afternoon, and I'd like a quick text each day with the plan.
Escalates to a standing daily demand for the children's exact whereabouts and company on the recipient's parenting time.

[48]**P8 · #1154 · Nate · 2025-07-21** — I'll ask the kids whatever I want on our calls — they're my children and they can tell me about their day. But noted on Dana. I've already told you how I feel about her being around them. We'll leave it there for now.
Defends using the children themselves as the source of information about who is around them and where they are.

#1358 · Nate · 2025-09-15 — Knowing where my own kids are isn't 'tracking,' it's parenting. But I'll note that you've refused a simple daily update, the same way you've refused the meal log and the reply window and everything else I've ever asked for. It all goes in the same file. A judge can read the list.
Reframes the daily-whereabouts demand as parenting when the recipient names it as tracking.

[49]**P4 · #223 · Nate · 2024-10-12** — I won't take a call from that party — I told you the kids shouldn't be there in the first place. Tell her I love her and that she can call me when she's back with me, not from your sister's house. I'm not going to pretend I'm okay with where she is.
Nate refuses to accept a child's call during the other parent's scheduled time, conditioning contact on his approval of where the children are.

[50]**P4 · #390 · Nate · 2024-11-28** — They're with their cousins right now. Try later.
First in a chain of stalling non-answers deflecting a Thanksgiving-day call request with no concrete time offered.

#392 · Nate · 2024-11-28 — They're sitting down to eat. Try tomorrow.
Second deflection the same day, pushing the requested holiday call off to the next day.

#394 · Nate · 2024-11-29 — We're at the parade. Later.
Third terse deflection over the multi-day holiday stretch, again offering no actual time for contact.

[51]**P4 · #396 · Nate · 2024-11-29** — Lily, here. Make it quick, we're heading out.
When contact is finally permitted after days of deflection, it is granted grudgingly and time-limited.

[52]**P4 · #488 · Nate · 2024-12-25** — They'll call when they call. We're busy.
On Christmas morning Nate dismisses a brief-call request with a non-committal brush-off rather than facilitating the contact.

#491 · Nate · 2024-12-25 — They're not ready. Still in pajamas.
Continues stalling the children's availability for contact and the on-time handoff on Christmas morning.

[53]**P4 · #512 · Nate · 2024-12-31** — They'll be asleep well before midnight. We'll see about earlier.
Deflects a New Year's Eve call request with a non-answer; no call followed that night.

[54]**P9 · #417 · Nate · 2024-12-05** — That's not what she told me.
Denies Rachel's verifiable account of what the child actually brought to school by citing the child's contradictory report.

#424 · Nate · 2024-12-07 — You're not a doctor.
Flat contradiction of Rachel's medical reasoning even though she was following the pediatrician's written guidance.

#535 · Nate · 2025-01-08 — That's not the point.
Dismisses Rachel's factual correction (the bus came early, not her lateness) rather than engaging it.

[55]**P9 · #159 · Nate · 2024-09-21** — My daughter doesn't lie. If she says she heard it, she heard it. I'm not going to sit here and let you explain away what my own child told me.
Asserts the child's account as unimpeachable fact to override Rachel's firsthand contradicting account.

#596 · Nate · 2025-01-30 — You're poisoning him against me — that's exactly the kind of thing the motion is about. A five-year-old does not come up with a line like that on his own. He's hearing it from you, or from your mother, and now you're writing it down to use against me.
Recasts a tender message Rachel sent as evidence of alienation, denying the child could have spoken on his own.

[56]**P9 · #426 · Nate · 2024-12-07** — This is being added to the file too — your refusal to get him seen when I asked. When this goes to court I want it documented that I wanted medical care and you overruled me.
Reframes his demand and her medically-grounded refusal as her overruling him, staged for court.

#1137 · Nate · 2025-07-15 — So you'll deny your own children the ability to travel and see their uncle. I'm documenting your refusal to consent to passports — this goes in the file as you obstructing the kids' relationship with my family and putting your case strategy ahead of their experiences. A judge is going to see a mother who wouldn't even let her kids get a passport. Think hard about how that reads before you dig in.
Reframes Rachel's caution about open-ended consent as obstruction, weaponized for the file.

[57]**P9 · #369 · Nate · 2024-11-22** — That's a strange thing for a teacher to be asking about, and stranger that you answered it. Our private family business is not the school's concern. And I'll note for the record that the teacher is

now observing Lily as 'withdrawn' — that's exactly the kind of thing that ends up mattering later, and you've now put our separation on her radar in writing.
Converts a teacher's caring observation into documented evidence to be used later.

#584 · Nate · 2025-01-25 — You're putting your emotions on her. Documented.
One-line denial of Rachel's detailed account plus immediate record-keeping declaration.

#633 · Nate · 2025-02-08 — Note that I've now told you, in writing, that I consider her contact with the children to be against their interests while this is pending, and that you've told me you intend to continue it anyway. The court will see both of those things. I'm not stopping you. I'm documenting that I objected and you proceeded. That's all I need to do.
Self-sealing record-keeping: states that documenting his objection is itself the goal regardless of facts.

[58]**P9 · #498 · Nate · 2024-12-26** — This is going in the motion as well — direct, knowing defiance of my clearly stated position about your mother, on Christmas Day, on the record. I told you in writing, more than once, that I didn't want the kids at her house right now, and you took them there anyway and then wrote me a paragraph about cookies and stockings like that settles it. It doesn't. What it does is demonstrate, in your own words, that you'll override my concerns whenever it suits you and dress it up as love. Keep it up. Every time you do something like this and then explain to me at length why you were right to, you're building my case for me, one message at a time. I barely have to do anything. Just keep talking.
Explicitly tells Rachel her own messages constitute his litigation case, the core of the weaponization pattern.

#740 · Nate · 2025-03-14 — Don't lay this at the feet of the motion. I filed because of real concerns about how the children are being affected — concerns like a five-year-old this anxious. You're proving my point for me, and I'll note that too.
Treats Rachel's reply itself as self-incriminating evidence to be documented.

#806 · Nate · 2025-04-03 — It will be. Every message you sent justifying why you did exactly what you wanted after I objected is in there too. You've been documenting your own case against yourself for a year. I just collected it.
Frames Rachel's communications as a self-built case against her, recasting cooperation as evidence.

[59]**P9 · #471 · Nate · 2024-12-19** — Keep whatever records you want. The record is the record — it says what it says, and it doesn't say what you wish it said. You being upset doesn't change a word of it.
Asserts the record as fixed truth impervious to Rachel's contradicting account or distress.

#874 · Nate · 2025-04-23 — The whole thing goes in. The whole thing is damning. You wrote down your son questioning his father and sent it to me as a weapon dressed up as concern. I don't need to clip anything.
Reframes Rachel's expression of concern about the child as a weapon, then commits it to the record.

#1180 · Nate · 2025-07-28 — A photo of traffic doesn't change that the order says 9:00 and you were there at 9:34. I'll log it as your stated reason. But the pattern is the pattern and I've put you on notice. Be on time and there's nothing to file. The choice is yours.
Refuses a documented, communicated reason for delay, insisting only the deviation goes in the record.

#1358 · Nate · 2025-09-15 — Knowing where my own kids are isn't 'tracking,' it's parenting. But I'll note that you've refused a simple daily update, the same way you've refused the meal log and the reply window and everything else I've ever asked for. It all goes in the same file. A judge can read the list.
Cited as row 1359; verbatim phrase appears at row 1358 (citation relocated for accuracy).
Frames Rachel's reasonable declines as a litigation list, weaponizing the record.

[60]**P1 · #99 · Nate · 2024-09-05** — It's my weekend — why is this even a question? You don't get to schedule your side of the family into my parenting time, and the fact that you framed it as 'just an hour' doesn't change that.

If your mother wants to see them she can do it on your days, that's what your days are for. My weekends are limited enough as it is, and I'm not going to start carving them up for visits I didn't plan and didn't agree to. This is exactly the kind of thing that erodes the schedule — it starts with an hour at the park and becomes an expectation. The answer is no.
Earliest instance: Nate refuses an hour-long park visit with the grandmother, framing maternal-family contact as eroding his schedule.

#105 · Nate · 2024-09-07 — Calls with your family happen on your time, same as visits. I'm not going to have my weekend interrupted by a video call I have to set up and sit through. She can call them Sunday night after the handoff when they're with you. I'd appreciate you not putting me in the position of being the one who says no to Grandma — you're the one scheduling it onto my days.
Nate forbids even a ten-minute video call with the grandmother on his weekend, extending the restriction from visits to phone contact.

#374 · Nate · 2024-11-23 — No. I've been clear about where I stand on your mother and a video call on my time doesn't change that — if anything it's exactly the kind of access I've said I'm not comfortable with. They can call you, that's fine, but not her. She can see them on your days if you decide that's appropriate. Not on mine, not by phone, not by video. I'd appreciate you not putting me in the position of saying no to Lily's face by floating it through her first.
Nate refuses a five-minute goodnight video call with the grandmother, blocking even remote contact.

[61]**P1 · #215 · Nate · 2024-10-10** — I've given this a lot of thought and I've made a decision: your mother is a negative influence on the kids and I don't want them around her anymore. Between the comment she made about me at the party, the way she looked at me at the rehearsal dinner last year, and the things the kids repeat back to me after they've been with her, it's clear she talks about me to them. I won't have my children marinating in that. So going forward they're not visiting her, and I'd appreciate it if you respected that for the sake of the kids not being put in the middle.
Nate unilaterally declares the maternal grandmother off-limits to the children going forward, including on Rachel's own time.

#217 · Nate · 2024-10-10 — I'm done debating it. The kids don't need that negativity around them and I won't keep explaining myself to you every time you decide to relitigate it. I've made my position completely clear and it isn't going to change because you list off the cookies she bakes. A grandmother who undermines me to my own children is not a 'loving presence,' she's a problem, and the fact that you can't see that — or won't — is part of why we're where we are. I've thought about this for weeks. It's not a snap decision and it's not up for a vote. They don't go to her house on my time, and I'm asking you to respect it on yours.
Nate refuses to justify the grandmother cutoff and treats it as settled and not up for discussion.

#1007 · Nate · 2025-06-08 — On your time you can do what you want, I'm aware of that. But I'll remind you that I have real concerns about the kids' exposure to your mother — concerns I raised formally and that are in the record from the hearing. I don't want her discussing me, the case, or 'the judge' in front of them, and I don't want them coming back to me parroting her opinions. If she can keep it to cake and presents, fine. If I hear that she's been filling their heads again, that goes straight to my attorney and into the file. Consider that fair notice.
Nate continues objecting to grandmother contact after the hearing, framing ordinary visits as a threat.

[62]**P1 · #239 · Nate · 2024-10-17** — Your mother is not welcome at the kids' events during my time. You've already been told that. I don't want her there.
Nate bars the grandmother from a children's soccer game, extending the restriction to public events.

#525 · Nate · 2025-01-05 — Lily told me you said Grandma's coming to Theo's birthday party. I don't want her there. You can have your family at your own functions but I'll be at this one as Theo's father, and after everything that's in the motion about her I'm not going to spend his party in a room with your mother. Either she stays away

or I'll reconsider whether I attend, and you can explain that one to Theo.
Nate conditions his attendance at the child's birthday on the grandmother being excluded.

#1342 · Nate · 2025-09-11 — Since you've invited 'your family' to the stable party, I want to be clear in writing, in advance: I object to your mother being a fixture at the kids' milestone events, and I've raised it consistently. The amended order doesn't govern who attends a birthday on your time, I'm aware — but I want the record to reflect that I continue to have concerns about her influence and that you're proceeding over those concerns. I'm not going to make a scene at a children's party. I'm noting it.
A year in, Nate objects in writing to the grandmother attending a birthday party, showing the sustained course of conduct.

[63]**P1 · #253 · Nate · 2024-10-22** — I've let your sister know directly that she shouldn't be around the kids during your parenting time either, going forward. After the party and the drinking and the comment to Lily, I'm not comfortable with it, so I texted her and told her plainly where things stand. I wanted to handle it directly rather than putting you in the middle of relaying it.
Nate goes around Rachel to text her sister directly, severing the aunt's contact with the children too.

#1073 · Nate · 2025-06-27 — Lily mentioned that your friend Dana has been around a lot — at the pool, at the house, on the beach days. I'll be honest, I don't love it. Lily repeated some things Dana apparently said about 'getting a good lawyer' and about me, and that is not a conversation that should be happening anywhere near my kids. I'm not telling you who your friends are. But when your social circle is talking about the case in front of my children, it becomes my concern, and it's the kind of thing I'll raise if it continues. I'd keep some distance between Dana and the kids if I were you.
Nate extends the campaign to Rachel's close friend, advising distance between Dana and the children.

#1323 · Nate · 2025-09-06 — Lily mentioned the kids spent Saturday afternoon at your friend Dana's place with her kids again. I want to say plainly that I don't think Dana is a good influence to have the kids around regularly. From the things Lily repeats, the house sounds chaotic, the screen rules are nonexistent, and I've heard the language the older kids use. I'd prefer my children not be spending their weekends there. I know it's your time — I'm telling you my concern so it's on the record that I raised it.
Nate objects to the children spending weekends at friend Dana's, continuing the friend-isolation thread.

[64]**P1 · #709 · Nate · 2025-03-05** — I'm going to object to that in writing, clearly, while the evaluation is pending. I've raised your mother's conduct as an issue before the court, and taking the kids to spend a day with her — unsupervised, by you — while a GAL is actively evaluating their environment is, frankly, a poor decision that I will make sure is on the record. I'm not telling you that you can't. I'm telling you that I object, that I think it's against their interests, and that I'll be noting it. Consider that before you proceed.
Nate objects in writing to a spring-break day with the grandmother, using the evaluation to pressure against the contact.

#1126 · Nate · 2025-07-12 — I have a real problem with the kids spending multiple unsupervised days with your mother given everything, and I want it on the record that I object. I also want to revisit the parenting plan on this: I've asked my attorney to look at whether we can add language requiring my consent before the kids have extended overnight stays with your extended family. Your mother shouldn't be a default caregiver for days at a time, and I intend to address that formally. For next week — I can't stop you on your time, but I want daily phone contact with the kids each evening at 7, and I want that landline number before they leave.
Nate seeks to formalize control over maternal-family contact, requiring his consent for extended-family overnights.

#1154 · Nate · 2025-07-21 — I'll ask the kids whatever I want on our calls — they're my children and they can tell me about their day. But noted on Dana. I've already told you how I feel about her being around them. We'll leave it there for now.
Nate insists on questioning the children about who is around them on the maternal side, surveilling their contact.

[65]**P13 · #168 · Nate · 2024-09-24** — I notice you can recite a week of menus down to the broccoli when it's convenient, but Lily came to me saying you order pizza all the time, so one of those is the real story. Document what they eat at your house going forward — a simple list each evening, what was for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. I want a record of their meals on your nights so there's no dispute about it later and no he-said-she-said. If you really are cooking salmon and roast chicken every night, then writing it down costs you nothing and settles the question permanently in your favor. The fact that you bristle every time I ask you to document anything is its own kind of answer. A list. Each evening. That's all I'm asking.
Frames her reluctance to self-document as an admission of guilt.

#506 · Nate · 2024-12-29 — Going forward I want a photo of every meal the kids eat at your place — breakfast, lunch, and dinner — sent to me as it happens. I need it documented for the court so there's a clear, dated record of how they're being fed on your time. This isn't optional from my side.
Escalates from a list to photographic surveillance of every meal, framed as for the court.

[66]**P13 · #536 · Nate · 2025-01-09** — Going forward I want a daily report from you each evening on my non-custody days: what the kids ate, when they did their homework, and what time they went to bed. I'll be keeping the records on my end. I want a clear picture of how things are run at your place, every day.
Demands a standing nightly compliance report on her parenting time.

#541 · Nate · 2025-01-11 — From now on I expect a reply within 5 minutes whenever I text you during my parenting time. If something's happening with the kids I need to be able to reach you immediately, and these delays where I'm waiting an hour for an answer are completely unacceptable. Five minutes, every time.
Imposes a 5-minute reply window that requires constant phone monitoring.

#1043 · Nate · 2025-06-18 — Lily came back from art camp today bright pink across her shoulders — a real sunburn, not a little color. That's a sun-safety failure on a 95-degree day and it's not okay; she'll peel for a week. Going forward I want sunscreen applied before drop-off AND reapplied at lunch documented for the camp weeks on your time — a quick note each day, time applied and SPF, so I know it's actually being done and isn't getting skipped in the rush. Same for hats and water. I'll do the same on my weeks and send you my notes so it's even. The kids' safety isn't something we should be casual about, and a written log keeps us both honest.
Extends the documentation demand to a daily written sunscreen log.

#1356 · Nate · 2025-09-15 — Going forward I want to know where the kids are every afternoon on your days — who's picking them up, whose house they're at, who's with them, by 3:30 each day. Lily mentioned she went to 'a friend's house' last Thursday and I had no idea where my daughter was. I'm entitled to know my children's whereabouts on a school afternoon, and I'd like a quick text each day with the plan.
Demands a daily whereabouts report on her parenting time.

[67]**P13 · #168 · Nate · 2024-09-24** — I notice you can recite a week of menus down to the broccoli when it's convenient, but Lily came to me saying you order pizza all the time, so one of those is the real story. Document what they eat at your house going forward — a simple list each evening, what was for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. I want a record of their meals on your nights so there's no dispute about it later and no he-said-she-said. If you really are cooking salmon and roast chicken every night, then writing it down costs you nothing and settles the question permanently in your favor. The fact that you bristle every time I ask you to document anything is its own kind of answer. A list. Each evening. That's all I'm asking.
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Escalates from a list to photographic surveillance of every meal, framed as for the court.

#508 · Nate · 2024-12-29 — It'll be a court-ordered request soon enough, so you might as well get used to the idea now. You can call it surveillance and act offended all you like, but the simple fact is I have legitimate concerns about how the kids are fed on your time — the pizza, the takeout, the 'they earned it' excuses — and a photo log is the cleanest way to settle whether I'm right or wrong. If you've got nothing to hide, as you keep insisting, then a few pictures of their dinner plates costs you nothing and proves your point for you. The fact that you're fighting this hard against simple documentation tells me everything I need to know. Either way, the motion asks for it, so a judge will decide.
The signature 'nothing to hide' framing that recasts refusal of surveillance as guilt.

[68]**P13 · #545 · Nate · 2025-01-11** — Noted for the motion.
Terse closing that converts her refusal of the reply window into litigation material.

#1045 · Nate · 2025-06-18 — Noted that you're declining to document basic sun safety for the kids. I'll keep my own record then. The long-sleeve shirt is the right move — do that.
Recasts her refusal of the sunscreen log as a documented failure of care.

#1063 · Nate · 2025-06-24 — I'm told Theo missed both swim practices last week on your days — Tuesday and Thursday. I want to flag that I'm now keeping a running log of every missed activity, late handoff, and schedule deviation on your time, with dates. This isn't a threat, it's housekeeping: if your pattern of missing the kids' commitments continues, that log is going to my attorney as part of showing the court the difference in how the two houses run. I'd much rather it stay short and boring. So: get them to their practices. Every one. The order expects each parent to support the kids' activities, and a documented pattern of skipping them is the kind of thing judges notice.
States the running file explicitly and ties it to going to his attorney.

#1358 · Nate · 2025-09-15 — Knowing where my own kids are isn't 'tracking,' it's parenting. But I'll note that you've refused a simple daily update, the same way you've refused the meal log and the reply window and everything else I've ever asked for. It all goes in the same file. A judge can read the list.
Aggregates each refusal into a single file presented as future evidence.

[69]**P13 · #1359 · Rachel · 2025-09-15** — Put it in the file then — but put the whole sentence in: I offered to tell you anything that affects the kids, anytime, and declined a standing daily location report on my own parenting time. Those are very different things and I think you know it. A year ago a message like this would have rattled me into agreeing. It doesn't anymore. Ask me where the kids are whenever you want and you'll always get an honest answer. That's the line, and it's a fair one.
Rachel naming the distinction between answering questions and submitting to standing surveillance — the target characterizing the demand.

#1409 · Nate · 2025-09-29 — For the record, and so it's stated clearly going into the fall: I'm maintaining my running documentation of how things are handled on your parenting time — the late pickups, the screen-time exceptions, your mother's ongoing involvement over my objection, the declined daily updates. None of it has changed and I want the file complete and current in case the arrangement needs to be revisited. I'm not threatening anything. I'm just keeping a careful, dated record, the way I always have, so that whatever comes next, the picture is accurate.
Late-timeline confirmation that the file persists and catalogs every refusal as content.

[70]**P14 · #71 · Nate · 2024-08-27** — Lily's been begging for the riding lessons at the stable on Route 9 and I think it's a great fit for her — she's horse-obsessed and it'd be good for her confidence. I'll cover the full deposit and the first month, it's not cheap but I want her to have it. The one condition is that the lessons happen on my weekends so I'm the one taking her — I don't want to pay for something and then have it become another thing on your calendar that I hear about secondhand. If you're on board with that, I'll book it this week. I only want what's best for her.

Earliest instance: an offer to pay for riding lessons conditioned on the activity occurring only on his parenting time.

#309 · Nate · 2024-11-08 — I saw the winter break horse camp Lily's been talking about non-stop is open for registration and the early deposit is due the 20th. I want to do something nice for her here, so I'll cover the whole deposit, $150, gladly — she's earned it with the reading and she'd be over the moon. I only want what's best for her. The one thing I'd ask in return is that we agree the kids spend the actual winter break, the 23rd through the 27th, with me and my parents while they're still in town, since I'm putting up the camp money. It's a fair trade and it lets me give her the thing she wants. Say the word and I'll register her tonight.
Offers to cover the winter-camp deposit in exchange for the children spending winter break with him.

#651 · Nate · 2025-02-13 — I've been thinking about summer and I want to do right by the kids. Lily's been desperate for the horse day-camp again, and the deposit's due by March 1 to hold her spot before it fills. I'm happy to put down the whole deposit, the full $400, so she doesn't lose the place — I only want what's best for her and I know how much she loves it. I'd just want us to agree first that she's with me for the camp weeks since I'm fronting it, and that the summer schedule gets sorted the way I've proposed in the motion. Let me know and I'll send the deposit in tonight. I don't want her to miss out because the adults couldn't get organized.
Offers full summer-camp deposit conditioned on the child being with him for the camp weeks and his proposed summer schedule.

#864 · Nate · 2025-04-21 — Lily's been asking about the summer horse camp again — the one out at the stables she and Amelia both want to do. I looked into it and the deposit's due by May 1 to hold a spot, and it books up fast. I'm more than happy to put down the full deposit and cover her half of the camp so she doesn't miss out; I know it's not cheap and I want her to have it. I'd just want us to agree on a couple of things first, since we'd be coordinating her summer around it: that the weeks she's at camp count cleanly toward the schedule the way I lay them out, and that we sort out the camp paperwork and pickups in a way that works for my calendar. Sort that with me and I'll happily write the check today. I just want what's best for her.
Renews the full-payment camp offer; the same message attaches conditions about coordinating the summer schedule around it.

[71]**P14 · #73 · Nate · 2024-08-27** — If I'm paying for it, it happens on my time. That's the deal. We can revisit it down the road, but for now I'm not funding lessons I'm not part of. Let's start with my weekends and see how she takes to it.
States the bargain explicitly when the condition is challenged: payment is tied to securing his time.

#1049 · Nate · 2025-06-20 — I want to do something nice here. Horse camp is expensive and I know it stretched you to put the deposit down — so I'll cover the whole thing, the deposit and the balance, my treat. Lily should have her big summer thing and I'm happy to be the one who makes it happen. One condition, and it's a reasonable one: I want us to agree going forward that no camp, activity, or enrollment gets booked unless we've both signed off in writing first. You let me pay for this one, and in exchange you stop booking things unilaterally. That feels fair to me — I cover the cost, you respect the process. Deal?
Most explicit statement of the structure: payment exchanged for a concession on how decisions get made.

[72]**P14 · #478 · Nate · 2024-12-21** — I noticed Theo's coat is getting small in the sleeves. I'm happy to just buy both kids new winter coats outright, my treat, good ones — I'd get them the warm ones from the outdoor place, not the cheap mall ones. I'll cover the whole cost, you don't pay a cent. Only thing I'd ask in return is that you keep them at my house so I know they always have a proper warm coat when they're with me, and we stop the whole coat-shuttling-between-houses problem. Easy fix and the kids come out ahead. What do you say?
Offers to buy both coats outright conditioned on the coats living at his house.

#766 · Nate · 2025-03-24 — Small thing — I noticed Lily's cleats are getting tight at the toe even if they technically fit, and a season of running in tight cleats isn't good for her feet. I'm happy to just buy her new ones outright, my treat, no splitting. I'd only ask that we use the same approach on the summer gear list I sent, so I'm

not buying twice. Want me to grab the cleats this weekend?
A small cleats offer carries a tethered condition about the summer gear-list approach.

[73]**P14 · #1083 · Nate · 2025-06-30** — Since we're both signing the kids up for fall soccer, let me take care of the registration — both kids, the full $180, my treat. I want them in their activities and I'm happy to be the one who makes it easy this season. One thing I'd ask in return, and I think it's reasonable: that we agree all of their fall activity schedules — practices, games, the clinic — get built around the amended order's exact days, with no informal swaps to accommodate a conflict. You let me handle the cost; we keep the calendar clean and literal. That's a fair trade and it's good for them. Sound good?
Offers full soccer registration conditioned on scheduling control with no informal swaps.

#1205 · Nate · 2025-08-04 — I want to do something nice here, so let me make an offer. Theo's starting kindergarten and the supply list is going to be its own line item — I'll cover the whole thing, both kids, no splitting it this year. I'd genuinely like to do that for them. The one thing I'd ask in return is small and reasonable: that you agree the school-year drop-offs are mine on the mornings after my nights, so the kids get a consistent morning routine out of one house. It just makes everything cleaner. Let me know and I'll send the supply money today.
Offers to cover all school supplies conditioned on him getting the drop-off mornings.

[74]**P14 · #1285 · Nate · 2025-08-28** — Lily's class has the apple-orchard field trip coming up in late September and the form mentioned they're short on funds for the couple of kids who can't pay. I'd like to do something generous here: I'll cover not just Lily's fee but the whole class shortfall, so no kid gets left off the bus. I think that's the kind of thing that's good for them to see their dad do. The one thing I'd want in exchange is reasonable — that I'm the listed chaperone parent for the trip, and that on the trip day Lily comes from my house that morning regardless of the rotation so the logistics are clean. Small ask for covering the whole class. Let me know and I'll send the school the check today.
Offers to fund a whole class's trip in exchange for a chaperone role and moving the child to his house on trip day regardless of rotation.

[75]**P15 · #404 · Nate · 2024-12-01** — Hope you're doing okay. The kids mentioned you seemed really tired and stressed last week — Theo said you fell asleep on the couch before dinner one night. I'm genuinely not trying to criticize, I'm saying it because I care: if you need a break, I'm more than happy to take them an extra night this week so you can actually rest. Just looking out for everyone here.
Offer framed as concern for Rachel's tiredness whose remedy is the children spending an extra night at Nate's.

#410 · Nate · 2024-12-03 — Hope you're doing well. I want to raise something gently, coming from a good place. I keep hearing from the kids that you seem stressed and stretched thin lately — Theo said you fell asleep on the couch before dinner twice last week, and Lily mentioned you seemed sad. I'm not attacking you and I'm not keeping score. I know the holidays plus work plus solo parenting half the time is a lot for anyone. Which is why I genuinely think it might be easier on everyone, and most of all on the kids, if they stayed with me more this month while things are so hectic for you. They'd have a calm, steady routine here, and you'd get some breathing room to take care of yourself. I just want them to feel stable and want you to be okay. No pressure — let me know what you think.
Wellbeing/care language ('breathing room', 'feel stable') used to motivate the reduction of Rachel's time.

[76]**P15 · #410 · Nate · 2024-12-03** — Hope you're doing well. I want to raise something gently, coming from a good place. I keep hearing from the kids that you seem stressed and stretched thin lately — Theo said you fell asleep on the couch before dinner twice last week, and Lily mentioned you seemed sad. I'm not attacking you and I'm not keeping score. I know the holidays plus work plus solo parenting half the time is a lot for anyone. Which is why I genuinely think it might be easier on everyone, and most of all on the kids, if they stayed with me more

this month while things are so hectic for you. They'd have a calm, steady routine here, and you'd get some breathing room to take care of yourself. I just want them to feel stable and want you to be okay. No pressure — let me know what you think.
Wellbeing/care language ('breathing room', 'feel stable') used to motivate the reduction of Rachel's time.

[77]**P15 · #412 · Nate · 2024-12-03 —** It was just an offer, made in good faith because I want them to feel secure. You don't have to read something sinister into me being helpful and trying to take some weight off you. I won't offer again if that's how it lands.
When the offer is declined, Nate reframes the bid as innocent good-faith care, preserving the benevolent surface.

Timeline

The messages and statements the pattern sections cite, in order of the record — 141 entries. The Patterns column gives the numbered sections that cite each line; the #id is the row number used throughout this packet. A statement in quotation marks is the phrase the analysis verified; one without is an excerpt of the message, whose full text is in the Cited messages index.

When	#	Speaker	Statement	Patterns
2024-08-07 7:30 PM	#9	Nate	“I'd like us to hold the same limit at both houses. The whole point of a rule is that it doesn't change depending on which parent she's with.”	Patterns 2, 12
2024-08-11 6:25 PM	#18	Nate	“I'd like to know who's around my kids when they're not with me”	Pattern 8
2024-08-11 6:54 PM	#20	Nate	“a parent wanting to know who his children are spending the day with”	Pattern 8
2024-08-14 9:42 AM	#26	Nate	“I've decided the kids will stay with me Wednesday night this week.”	Pattern 7
2024-08-15 6:02 PM	#35	Nate	“Just do it right. It isn't complicated — ice pack goes in the bag, that's the whole task. I shouldn't have to send a message about this.”	Pattern 10
2024-08-18 7:35 PM	#43	Nate	“Change of plan for tomorrow — handoff is going to be 5:45, not 6.”	Pattern 7
2024-08-18 7:41 PM	#45	Nate	“I said 5:45. I don't need to file a reason with you every time the time moves by fifteen minutes. Just have them ready.”	Pattern 7
2024-08-27 7:20 PM	#71	Nate	“The one condition is that the lessons happen on my weekends so I'm the one taking her”	Patterns 6, 11, 14
2024-08-27 8:09 PM	#73	Nate	“If I'm paying for it, it happens on my time. That's the deal.”	Patterns 6, 11, 14
2024-08-28 7:33 PM	#74	Nate	“Lily mentioned you let her stay up to watch a whole movie until 9:30 on a school night.”	Pattern 12
2024-08-28 7:41 PM	#76	Nate	“Bedtime is bedtime. Don't make exceptions on my children, weekend or not”	Pattern 2
2024-08-30 7:10 PM	#81	Nate	“Let's make Sunday's handoff 5:30 going forward — it's easier on my end for getting them fed and settled before the school week”	Pattern 7
2024-09-01 11:20 AM	#90	Nate	“We'll see.”	Pattern 3

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2024-09-04 8:30 PM	#96	Nate	“I've thought about it and the answer is no. I don't want to start trading weekends around for your family's events”	Pattern 3
2024-09-05 9:20 PM	#99	Nate	“You don't get to schedule your side of the family into my parenting time”	Pattern 1
2024-09-07 7:25 PM	#105	Nate	“Calls with your family happen on your time, same as visits.”	Pattern 1
2024-09-08 5:32 PM	#109	Nate	“Just own it.”	Pattern 10
2024-09-17 2:38 PM	#139	Nate	“I'm taking the kids Saturday for the birthday.”	Pattern 3
2024-09-21 9:20 PM	#159	Nate	“My daughter doesn't lie. If she says she heard it, she heard it.”	Patterns 9, 12
2024-09-24 8:40 AM	#166	Nate	“they need real, cooked meals on school nights, not takeout”	Patterns 2, 12
2024-09-24 8:56 AM	#168	Nate	“I notice you can recite a week of menus down to the broccoli when it's convenient, but Lily came to me saying you order pizza all the time, so one of those is the real story.”	Patterns 10, 12, 13
2024-10-10 7:15 AM	#215	Nate	“your mother is a negative influence on the kids and I don't want them around her anymore”	Pattern 1
2024-10-10 7:32 AM	#217	Nate	“The kids don't need that negativity around them and I won't keep explaining myself to you every time you decide to relitigate it.”	Pattern 1
2024-10-12 1:45 PM	#223	Nate	“I won't take a call from that party”	Pattern 4
2024-10-15 5:15 PM	#232	Nate	“Send me the receipt and I'll deduct half from next month's support payment.”	Pattern 11
2024-10-17 9:30 AM	#239	Nate	“Your mother is not welcome at the kids' events during my time. You've already been told that. I don't want her there.”	Pattern 1
2024-10-22 2:30 PM	#253	Nate	“I've let your sister know directly that she shouldn't be around the kids during your parenting time either, going forward.”	Pattern 1
2024-10-25 8:55 AM	#265	Nate	“We'll see.”	Pattern 3

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2024-10-31 7:14 PM	#281	Nate	“I want to know exactly who's around my kids when they're not with me — names, how you know them, all of it. I have a right to know who my children are spending time with.”	Pattern 8
2024-10-31 7:35 PM	#285	Nate	“Going forward I expect to be told who's going to be near them.”	Pattern 8
2024-11-08 4:30 PM	#309	Nate	“The one thing I'd ask in return is that we agree the kids spend the actual winter break, the 23rd through the 27th, with me and my parents while they're still in town, since I'm putting up the camp money.”	Patterns 6, 11, 14
2024-11-09 8:00 AM	#313	Nate	“No.”	Pattern 3
2024-11-09 8:20 AM	#317	Nate	“Then your sister should have coordinated the schedule with me directly instead of going through you”	Pattern 3
2024-11-11 5:14 PM	#328	Nate	“I spoke with an attorney this week.”	Pattern 5
2024-11-18 9:30 AM	#355	Nate	“I'm not negotiating this.”	Pattern 3
2024-11-19 8:14 PM	#360	Nate	“you were eleven minutes late — I arrived at 6 as scheduled and you didn't pull up until 6:11”	Pattern 7
2024-11-22 4:40 PM	#369	Nate	“I'll note for the record that the teacher is now observing Lily as 'withdrawn'”	Pattern 9
2024-11-23 7:45 PM	#374	Nate	“Not on mine, not by phone, not by video.”	Pattern 1
2024-11-26 8:14 AM	#382	Nate	“please have them packed, fed, and ready right at 6 so we're not eating into the visit”	Pattern 7
2024-11-26 8:35 AM	#384	Nate	“We'll see how the day goes.”	Pattern 3
2024-11-28 10:30 AM	#390	Nate	“They're with their cousins right now. Try later.”	Pattern 4
2024-11-28 5:14 PM	#392	Nate	“They're sitting down to eat. Try tomorrow.”	Pattern 4
2024-11-29 11:14 AM	#394	Nate	“We're at the parade. Later.”	Pattern 4
2024-11-29 4:30 PM	#396	Nate	“Lily, here. Make it quick, we're heading out.”	Pattern 4

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2024-11-30 9:14 AM	#398	Nate	“please send Theo to preschool in collared shirts, not the dinosaur tees”	Pattern 2
2024-11-30 6:14 PM	#400	Nate	“Lily told me over the weekend you did 'cereal night' again”	Pattern 12
2024-12-01 7:14 PM	#404	Nate	“if you need a break, I'm more than happy to take them an extra night this week so you can actually rest”	Patterns 6, 15
2024-12-03 2:15 PM	#410	Nate	“I genuinely think it might be easier on everyone, and most of all on the kids, if they stayed with me more this month while things are so hectic for you”	Patterns 6, 12, 15
2024-12-03 2:48 PM	#412	Nate	“It was just an offer, made in good faith because I want them to feel secure.”	Pattern 15
2024-12-05 4:14 PM	#415	Nate	“Lily said you forgot her show-and-tell item this morning and she had absolutely nothing to share in front of the class.”	Pattern 12
2024-12-05 4:32 PM	#417	Nate	“That's not what she told me.”	Patterns 9, 12
2024-12-07 11:33 AM	#424	Nate	“You're not a doctor.”	Pattern 9
2024-12-07 11:40 AM	#426	Nate	“This is being added to the file too — your refusal to get him seen when I asked. When this goes to court I want it documented that I wanted medical care and you overruled me.”	Patterns 5, 9
2024-12-15 9:14 AM	#452	Nate	“My final word on Christmas: I want the kids with me until 6pm Christmas Day.”	Pattern 3
2024-12-15 9:40 AM	#456	Nate	“We'll see what the court has to say about that.”	Patterns 3, 5
2024-12-19 8:30 AM	#469	Nate	“Your inflexibility on every single thing is what forced this”	Pattern 10
2024-12-19 12:32 PM	#471	Nate	“The record is the record — it says what it says, and it doesn't say what you wish it said. You being upset doesn't change a word of it.”	Pattern 9
2024-12-19 8:30 PM	#473	Nate	“I'm picking them up at 4 on Christmas Eve and dropping them back at 6 on Christmas Day. That's what's happening this year.”	Patterns 3, 7
2024-12-19 8:35 PM	#475	Nate	“I'm not negotiating.”	Patterns 3, 7
2024-12-21 10:14 AM	#478	Nate	“I'll cover the whole cost, you don't pay a cent. Only thing I'd ask in return is that you keep them at my house”	Patterns 11, 14

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2024-12-21 10:42 AM	#480	Nate	“I try to do something generous and you find the angle in it. Forget I offered. Buy your own coats.”	Pattern 11
2024-12-25 9:30 AM	#488	Nate	“They'll call when they call. We're busy.”	Pattern 4
2024-12-25 10:14 AM	#491	Nate	“They're not ready. Still in pajamas.”	Patterns 4, 7
2024-12-25 11:14 AM	#493	Nate	“They're coming. Don't rush them on Christmas.”	Pattern 7
2024-12-26 7:32 PM	#498	Nate	“This is going in the motion as well — direct, knowing defiance of my clearly stated position about your mother”	Patterns 5, 9, 10
2024-12-29 6:14 PM	#506	Nate	“Going forward I want a photo of every meal the kids eat at your place — breakfast, lunch, and dinner — sent to me as it happens. I need it documented for the court”	Pattern 13
2024-12-29 6:32 PM	#508	Nate	“The fact that you're fighting this hard against simple documentation tells me everything I need to know.”	Patterns 10, 13
2024-12-31 10:30 PM	#512	Nate	“They'll be asleep well before midnight. We'll see about earlier.”	Pattern 4
2025-01-05 4:14 PM	#525	Nate	“after everything that's in the motion about her I'm not going to spend his party in a room with your mother. Either she stays away or I'll reconsider whether I attend”	Pattern 1
2025-01-06 5:14 PM	#528	Nate	“Lily's bedtime needs to be 8pm sharp on weeknights now, not 8:30.”	Pattern 2
2025-01-06 5:32 PM	#530	Nate	“8 is 8. Not 8:15. I want it at 8.”	Pattern 2
2025-01-08 7:14 AM	#533	Nate	“Lily missed the bus this morning. That's exactly the kind of thing that shows the mornings just aren't structured enough at your house”	Pattern 12
2025-01-08 7:32 AM	#535	Nate	“That's not the point.”	Pattern 9
2025-01-09 7:14 PM	#536	Nate	“Going forward I want a daily report from you each evening on my non-custody days: what the kids ate, when they did their homework, and what time they went to bed.”	Pattern 13
2025-01-09 7:32 PM	#538	Nate	“It's exactly what the motion is going to ask for, so you can hand it to me voluntarily now or a judge can order it later — your choice.”	Pattern 5

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2025-01-11 8:30 AM	#541	Nate	“From now on I expect a reply within 5 minutes whenever I text you during my parenting time.”	Pattern 13
2025-01-11 8:50 AM	#545	Nate	“Noted for the motion.”	Pattern 13
2025-01-13 2:14 PM	#548	Nate	“Lily said you had Mark over for dinner Saturday night. So he's around my kids”	Pattern 12
2025-01-13 2:32 PM	#550	Nate	“Adult men in the house around my children is going in the motion.”	Pattern 5
2025-01-13 2:37 PM	#552	Nate	“It's going to look very bad in court, and I think you know that”	Pattern 5
2025-01-18 2:14 PM	#566	Nate	“He specifically told you, more than once, that he wanted chocolate, and you got him ice cream instead. He was disappointed”	Pattern 12
2025-01-20 8:14 AM	#571	Nate	“what Lily wears to school needs to be approved by me each Sunday evening for the coming week”	Pattern 2
2025-01-20 8:37 AM	#575	Nate	“Sunday approval. Going forward.”	Pattern 2
2025-01-25 7:14 PM	#582	Nate	“Lily told me you cried at bedtime Wednesday night. Putting your emotions on her like that isn't appropriate”	Pattern 12
2025-01-25 7:32 PM	#584	Nate	“You're putting your emotions on her. Documented.”	Pattern 9
2025-01-28 8:32 AM	#592	Nate	“7pm. Every evening. Or it goes in the motion.”	Pattern 5
2025-01-30 7:50 PM	#596	Nate	“You're poisoning him against me — that's exactly the kind of thing the motion is about. A five-year-old does not come up with a line like that on his own.”	Patterns 9, 10, 12
2025-02-06 8:30 AM	#620	Nate	“Don't let anyone take him somewhere else or let it turn into one of those long surfer cuts. Take him to Tony's on Maple, ask for the usual”	Pattern 2
2025-02-08 10:20 AM	#631	Nate	“this isn't just me asking you to limit her time with them — it's a matter that's in front of the court”	Pattern 5
2025-02-08 10:58 AM	#633	Nate	“I'm documenting that I objected and you proceeded. That's all I need to do.”	Pattern 9
2025-02-11 2:02 PM	#644	Nate	“Theo's drop-off anxiety is well documented as something he reads off of you”	Pattern 10

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2025-02-13 5:30 PM	#651	Nate	“I'd just want us to agree first that she's with me for the camp weeks since I'm fronting it, and that the summer schedule gets sorted the way I've proposed in the motion.”	Patterns 6, 11, 14
2025-02-13 6:10 PM	#653	Nate	“if I'm paying for camp it should be during my time with her”	Pattern 6
2025-02-28 9:14 AM	#692	Nate	“The answer is no. You can stop building your little record about my response times”	Pattern 3
2025-03-05 9:40 AM	#709	Nate	“taking the kids to spend a day with her — unsupervised, by you — while a GAL is actively evaluating their environment is, frankly, a poor decision that I will make sure is on the record”	Pattern 1
2025-03-08 7:14 PM	#719	Nate	“I have a right to know who's around my kids, especially right now with an evaluation going on”	Pattern 8
2025-03-08 7:48 PM	#721	Nate	“I should know who the children are spending time with”	Pattern 8
2025-03-14 8:14 PM	#740	Nate	“I filed because of real concerns about how the children are being affected”	Patterns 5, 9, 10
2025-03-22 7:14 PM	#761	Nate	“He needs the iPad off by 7, a no-screens wind-down, and lights out by 8 on school nights, the same as at my house, period.”	Patterns 2, 12
2025-03-24 8:14 AM	#766	Nate	“I'm happy to just buy her new ones outright, my treat, no splitting. I'd only ask that we use the same approach on the summer gear list I sent”	Patterns 11, 14
2025-04-03 11:32 AM	#806	Nate	“You've been documenting your own case against yourself for a year. I just collected it.”	Patterns 9, 10
2025-04-08 6:14 PM	#831	Nate	“please make it 6:00 sharp, every time, and text me the moment you're pulling up”	Pattern 7
2025-04-08 6:35 PM	#833	Nate	“6:00. I'll be noting the arrival times either way.”	Patterns 7, 10
2025-04-17 7:40 PM	#855	Nate	“I'm noting this exchange. We'll let the GAL form her own view.”	Patterns 5, 12
2025-04-21 9:14 AM	#864	Nate	“that the weeks she's at camp count cleanly toward the schedule the way I lay them out”	Patterns 6, 14
2025-04-21 10:14 AM	#866	Nate	“which honestly says more about where your head is than where mine is”	Pattern 10

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2025-04-23 6:42 PM	#874	Nate	“The whole thing goes in. The whole thing is damning. You wrote down your son questioning his father and sent it to me as a weapon dressed up as concern.”	Pattern 9
2025-06-03 4:50 PM	#985	Nate	“5:30 means 5:30, shoes on, bags ready, kids in the car.”	Pattern 7
2025-06-08 11:05 AM	#1007	Nate	“I don't want her discussing me, the case, or 'the judge' in front of them, and I don't want them coming back to me parroting her opinions.”	Patterns 1, 5
2025-06-09 8:05 PM	#1012	Nate	“My rule is 8:00 for Theo and 8:30 for Lily, every night, weekends included — an extra half hour past the school year and not a minute more.”	Pattern 2
2025-06-17 9:50 PM	#1039	Nate	“The answer is no on the swap — the order is the order and I'm not interested in trading days around your sister's social calendar.”	Pattern 3
2025-06-18 5:14 PM	#1043	Nate	“Going forward I want sunscreen applied before drop-off AND reapplied at lunch documented for the camp weeks on your time — a quick note each day, time applied and SPF”	Pattern 13
2025-06-18 5:48 PM	#1045	Nate	“Noted that you're declining to document basic sun safety for the kids.”	Pattern 13
2025-06-20 9:30 AM	#1049	Nate	“One condition, and it's a reasonable one: I want us to agree going forward that no camp, activity, or enrollment gets booked unless we've both signed off in writing first. You let me pay for this one, and in exchange you stop booking things unilaterally.”	Patterns 6, 11, 14
2025-06-24 8:15 AM	#1063	Nate	“that log is going to my attorney as part of showing the court the difference in how the two houses run”	Patterns 5, 13
2025-06-27 7:20 PM	#1073	Nate	“I'd keep some distance between Dana and the kids if I were you.”	Patterns 1, 12
2025-06-30 11:15 AM	#1083	Nate	“One thing I'd ask in return, and I think it's reasonable: that we agree all of their fall activity schedules — practices, games, the clinic — get built around the amended order's exact days, with no informal swaps”	Patterns 6, 11, 14
2025-07-12 12:30 PM	#1126	Nate	“I've asked my attorney to look at whether we can add language requiring my consent before the kids have extended overnight stays with your extended family.”	Pattern 1

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2025-07-12 1:20 PM	#1128	Nate	“Landline before they leave.”	Pattern 8
2025-07-15 10:48 AM	#1137	Nate	“I'm documenting your refusal to consent to passports — this goes in the file as you obstructing”	Patterns 5, 9
2025-07-21 6:50 PM	#1152	Nate	“I'd like to know who is around my children when they're away overnight — names, not just 'a friend.' It's a reasonable thing for a parent to ask”	Pattern 8
2025-07-21 7:30 PM	#1154	Nate	“I'll ask the kids whatever I want on our calls”	Patterns 1, 8
2025-07-28 6:05 PM	#1178	Nate	“I am now seriously considering filing a motion for enforcement”	Patterns 5, 7
2025-07-28 7:10 PM	#1180	Nate	“A photo of traffic doesn't change that the order says 9:00 and you were there at 9:34.”	Pattern 9
2025-08-01 8:42 AM	#1194	Nate	“the changeover handoff is 5pm on the 18th per the amended plan, not 6 — the school-year time. I don't want it sliding to 6 out of habit.”	Pattern 7
2025-08-04 9:14 AM	#1205	Nate	“The one thing I'd ask in return is small and reasonable: that you agree the school-year drop-offs are mine on the mornings after my nights”	Patterns 6, 11, 14
2025-08-04 9:53 AM	#1207	Nate	“Everything has to be a negotiation with you.”	Pattern 10
2025-08-19 7:14 PM	#1257	Nate	“I want a hard screen rule in place at both houses: zero screens on school nights, Monday through Thursday, full stop.”	Pattern 2
2025-08-19 7:42 PM	#1259	Nate	“Zero is zero. The whole point of a rule is that it's the same every night so they stop asking.”	Pattern 2
2025-08-23 8:14 AM	#1266	Nate	“the lunch account is for actual lunch only, no à la carte snacks, no ice cream, no extras, ever”	Pattern 2
2025-08-23 8:52 AM	#1268	Nate	“No extras means no extras.”	Pattern 2
2025-08-28 9:14 AM	#1285	Nate	“The one thing I'd want in exchange is reasonable — that I'm the listed chaperone parent for the trip, and that on the trip day Lily comes from my house that morning regardless of the rotation”	Patterns 6, 11, 14

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2025-08-28 9:58 AM	#1287	Nate	“I offer to pay for an entire classroom of kids and you turn it into a lecture about clauses. Unbelievable.”	Pattern 10
2025-09-02 8:14 AM	#1299	Nate	“you were eleven minutes late to the kindergarten pickup line and Mrs. Albright had to wait with Theo”	Pattern 7
2025-09-04 7:42 PM	#1316	Nate	“He's five, he doesn't get a hairstyle, he gets a haircut.”	Pattern 10
2025-09-06 7:14 PM	#1323	Nate	“I'd prefer my children not be spending their weekends there.”	Patterns 1, 12
2025-09-11 8:14 AM	#1342	Nate	“I object to your mother being a fixture at the kids' milestone events, and I've raised it consistently.”	Pattern 1
2025-09-15 7:14 PM	#1356	Nate	“Going forward I want to know where the kids are every afternoon on your days — who's picking them up, whose house they're at, who's with them, by 3:30 each day.”	Patterns 8, 13
2025-09-15 7:47 PM	#1358	Nate	“Knowing where my own kids are isn't 'tracking,' it's parenting.”	Patterns 8, 9, 13
2025-09-15 7:58 PM	#1359	Rachel	“I offered to tell you anything that affects the kids, anytime, and declined a standing daily location report on my own parenting time.”	Pattern 13
2025-09-29 7:14 PM	#1409	Nate	“I'm maintaining my running documentation of how things are handled on your parenting time — the late pickups, the screen-time exceptions, your mother's ongoing involvement over my objection, the declined daily updates.”	Pattern 13