

The following reflects the information available and understood to be accurate as of April 1, 2022.

Family

At the time of Navin Jones' death, he lived with his father and mother, and his older sibling. Prior to living with their mother and father, both children resided with their Paternal Grandmother, who the judicial circuit court appointed as their legal guardian in April of 2017.

- Navin Jones, age 8 at the time of death
- Older Sibling, age 12
- Stephanie Jones, mother
- Brandon Walker, father

Overview

The household is made up of two parents, Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker. The two children are Older Sibling (age 12) and the deceased, Navin Jones (DOB 02/07/2013, age 8 at time of death). Older Sibling was in the care of DCFS from 2010-2012, until a court entered an order returning Older Sibling to Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker. Both Navin and Older Sibling were in the care of DCFS from 2014-2017, until a court granted legal guardianship of the children to Paternal Grandmother.

The mother of both children is Stephanie Jones. Ms. Jones also gave birth to a child in 2006, who died at 3 months of age. The cause of death was ruled SIDS, although the DCFS report was determined to be indicated due to the circumstances surrounding evidence of unsafe sleep. Brandon Walker was not the father of this child.

In January of 2010, Stephanie Jones gave birth to Older Sibling who was premature. The father is Brandon Walker. Due to noted concerns of prior child death and that the mother may be living with individuals who were found unfit, the court granted custody of Older Sibling to DCFS at that time. In January of 2012, the court entered an order returning Older Sibling to Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker.

Navin was born in December of 2013, testing positive for narcotics. The court granted custody of both children to DCFS at that time, and the children were ultimately placed with their Paternal Grandmother. The court granted legal guardianship of both children to Paternal Grandmother in April of 2017, and the juvenile court case was closed.



There were several reports to the DCFS hotline in 2017 and one report to the DCFS hotline in 2020. One of these reports was indicated in December of 2017 after Stephanie Jones "spanked" Navin (age 4), causing bruises to his buttocks.

There were no other investigations until August of 2021, when Paternal Grandmother left the children with Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker while traveling to Florida for a family emergency. When Paternal Grandmother returned home, Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker refused to return Older Sibling and Navin to Paternal Grandmother. At that point, Paternal Grandmother contacted the Peoria police department to assist her with the return of the children. Paternal Grandmother also called the DCFS hotline to report concerns about the home environment at Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker's home.

<u>8/17/21:</u> DCFS received a report and opened an investigation into Allegation #82 Environmental Neglect. The alleged perpetrators are Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker; alleged victims are Navin and Older Sibling. This investigation was unfounded on 11/3/21.

Overview of the 8/17/2021 Investigation

Paternal Grandmother is the legal guardian of both Navin and Older Sibling. Paternal Grandmother contacted DCFS advising that she had allowed Navin to stay with Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker starting 7/10/2021 while Paternal Grandmother needed to address a family emergency in Florida. When Paternal Grandmother returned home, on or about August 1, Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker refused to return Navin and Older Sibling to Paternal Grandmother.

Paternal Grandmother contacted the Peoria police department to assist her with the return of the children, and the Peoria police department assigned a detective to the case. During the ongoing DCFS investigation, the Peoria police department and state's attorney's office were involved in addressing Paternal Grandmother's criminal complaint regarding Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker's refusal to return the children to Paternal Grandmother.

Paternal Grandmother stated that she was worried that Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker would flee to Florida with Navin and Older Sibling. Paternal Grandmother reported that, on 8/17/21, she looked through the windows of the home of Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker and observed trash, clutter, and old food throughout. Paternal Grandmother further reported that Stephanie Jones has a history of drug use and physical aggression toward Navin and Older Sibling.

After numerous unsuccessful attempts to locate the children, the DCFS investigator spoke to Brandon Walker on October 14, 2021. During that conversation, Brandon Walker stated that the family had moved to Florida and was not returning to Illinois. Given that the children remained in Florida and law enforcement did not return the children to Illinois, the DCFS investigator was unable to locate or see the children. Accordingly, on November 3, 2021, the investigation was closed and determined to be unfounded.

Detailed Timeline of the 8/17/2021 Investigation

On 08/17/2021 at 07:16 p.m., Paternal Grandmother called the DCFS hotline. Paternal Grandmother is the legal guardian of Navin Jones and Older Sibling, the alleged victims of her report. The alleged perpetrators related to the report were Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker, the biological parents of the alleged victims, and their current caretakers. Paternal Grandmother reported observing the home to have trash, clutter, and old food throughout. Paternal Grandmother further reported that Stephanie Jones has a history of drug use and physical aggression toward the children.

<u>8/17/21</u>: DCFS supervisor spoke on the phone with Paternal Grandmother, who stated that she had tried to go to Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker's home on 8/17/21 and Stephanie Jones "exploded" on her. According to Paternal Grandmother, Stephanie Jones said that the kids are not coming home and Paternal Grandmother will never

see them again. Paternal Grandmother said that the police arrived at Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker's home, and Paternal Grandmother showed the police her guardianship papers and state ID. Paternal Grandmother told the police that she wanted the children back. According to Paternal Grandmother, the police officer stated that the children were fine so the police officer was going to leave. Paternal Grandmother stated to the DCFS supervisor that there is a court order for guardianship. Paternal Grandmother stated that she looked through the window and the house looked like a garbage dump. Paternal Grandmother told the police that she was calling DCFS. Paternal Grandmother stated that she saw Navin and Older Sibling after the police arrived and only saw that they had no shirts on, as she was in the car and did not get close enough to the children.

Associated Police Report #21-15484 states:

On the listed date and time, I (Officer Willis) responded to 2050 N. Gale in reference to a custody dispute. Upon arrival, I spoke to Paternal Grandmother, at her vehicle outside the residence who advised she was the legal guardian of Older Sibling and Navin Jones. Paternal Grandmother reported both children were currently at the residence with their biological parents. Paternal Grandmother reported she took custody of the children in 2017 due to the mother, Stephanie Jones, having an issue with drug addiction. Paternal Grandmother advised she has been in Florida for approx. six (6) weeks helping her father who is in poor health. Paternal Grandmother stated she allowed for both children to stay with her son, Brandon Walker, and Stephanie. Paternal Grandmother reported she wanted custody of the children due to them starting school in Washington, IL this week. Paternal Grandmother stated when she arrived at the residence, she text Stephanie to bring the kids out and she did not respond. Paternal Grandmother stated she then went to the door and was threatened by Stephanie to get off the property. Paternal Grandmother reported she returned to her vehicle and called the police. Paternal Grandmother then provided me with Tazewell County Court Order 17-P-122 that stated Paternal Grandmother was in fact the legal guardian of both children since 4/28/17. I asked Paternal Grandmother if there was anything preventing Stephanie or Brandon from having custody of Older Sibling and Navin and she said no. Paternal Grandmother stated it was her decision when Stephanie and Brandon could have custody of the children.

I then spoke to Stephanie and Brandon on the porch of the residence. Stephanie reported the following in summary:

Stephanie stated her and Brandon have had custody of Older Sibling for the past two (2) years due to Paternal Grandmother not wanting the kids together because they fight. Stephanie reported they have had custody of Navin Jones for since June 2021 when school got out. Stephanie advised her and Brandon have not been back to court to get legal custody of the children. Stephanie reported that Paternal Grandmother is trying to show her power by taking the children back due to being mad at her for not letting Navin go with her the other day when they were swimming. Stephanie stated she did not want either child to go with Paternal Grandmother due to them reporting she has been mistreating them in the past.

I again spoke to Paternal Grandmother who reported she was done dealing with this and was just going to go back to court and have the children be put into foster care. I then asked if it was ok for the children to stay with Stephanie and Brandon since she did not wish to deal with them and she stated no.

I requested a supervisor to respond and Sqt. Lawrence responded to scene.

Sgt. Lawrence was briefed and spoke to both parties.

Paternal Grandmother decided she did not want anything to do with the children or Stephanie and Brandon and left the scene in her vehicle.

I assured both children were ok staying with Stephanie and Brandon. I then provided Stephanie and Brandon with a case number and advised them to go back to court to get legal custody of the children.

Report completed for documentation purposes.

<u>8/18/21</u>: DCFS Investigator (CPS) went to the residence of Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker with law enforcement. There was no answer at the door. DCFS supervisor determined that a good-faith attempt to see the children was made.

<u>8/18/21</u>: CPS made additional child victim contact attempt at a residence in Peoria Heights, which was determined to be a business. CPS spoke with four men who advised they know Brandon Walker, but had not heard from him and stated he was not present.

<u>8/19/21</u>: CPS made another attempt to see the children at the home of Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker. The air conditioning was noted to be running but the blinds were closed and CPS could not see inside the home. DCFS supervisor determined that a good-faith attempt to see the children was made.

8/19/21: CPS spoke with Peoria Public Schools and verified that neither child is registered to attend classes.

8/19/21: Paternal Grandmother filed a police report with the Washington Police Department - Report (21-008787). The police report is below with activities past the 8-19-2021 date:

Unlawful Visitation or Parenting Time Interference

Victim: Paternal Grandmother/Older Sibling/Navin Jones

Paternal Grandmother contacted WPD to report she is the legal guardian of Older Sibling and Navin and that her son Brandon Walker and his girlfriend Stephanie Jones were refusing to return the children. Paternal Grandmother reported she had allowed Older Sibling to stay with Brandon and Stephanie for extended periods of time and they would transport him to and from school. Paternal Grandmother traveled to Florida to assist her elderly mother from 7/10/21 to 8/1/21, leaving both children with Brandon and Stephanie. Upon her return, she attempted to get the children back and had been unable to get them. She drove to the home on 8/17/21 and Stephanie advised she would not be returning the children. Paternal Grandmother reported her concerns to DCFS. On 8/19/21, she requested Peoria PD complete a welfare check but was told no one was at home. WPD spoke with Brandon via phone and he reported he would take the children back to his mother's home that evening.

On 8/21/21, WPD followed up with Paternal Grandmother who advised Brandon had not returned the children. WPD called Brandon who reported Stephanie had taken the children to the Chicago area; he reported he would return the children on Monday and denied knowing an address for the mother/children in Chicago.

On 8/24/21, WPD called Brandon again regarding the status of the children and left a message. Paternal Grandmother contacted WPD the same day requesting to make an official report designating both children as missing. WPD called Brandon from a recorded line. Brandon stated he did not care what the paperwork said and he was not returning the children to Paternal Grandmother. Brandon reported he had left the state. WPD spoke with Paternal Grandmother again; she signed the WPD missing person information for both Navin and Older Sibling and both children were entered into LEADS as missing. DCFS investigator Angela Kramer was notified.

On 8/25/21, Det. Hinken (WPD) was assigned the missing persons case. WPD searched for Walker Acquaintance in Kissimmee, FL as Paternal Grandmother believed the family to be with this individual. Det. Hinken spoke with Walker Acquaintance who said the family is in Kissimmee, FL but not living with him; he stated he works with Brandon. Det. Hinken contacted the State's Attorney (Anna Peters) to advise the family is in Florida and Ms. Peters reported wanting to wait to obtain a search warrant for Brandon's cell phone and review documents from the Fulton County court case before moving forward with the investigation.

On 8/31/21, Det. Hinken contacted Anna Peters for a case update. She reported she was still waiting for Fulton County case and would contact Det. Hinken with an updated after speaking with Angela Kramer (DCFS).

On 11/4/21, Det. Hinken requested Older Sibling and Navin be removed from LEADS as missing juveniles.

8/23/21: CPS emailed Peoria assistant state's attorney advising of concerns and inquiring about the court issuing a protective warrant or next steps in engaging the court's involvement.

8/23/21: Peoria assistant state's attorney emailed CPS requesting court orders from the Fulton County juvenile court case that closed in 2017.

8/23/21: CPS again attempted in-person contact with the children at the home of Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker. DCFS supervisor determined that a good-faith attempt to see the children was made.

<u>8/24/21</u>: CPS met with Peoria police officer at the home of Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker, and the police officer knocked on the door and rang doorbell with no answer. DCFS supervisor determined that a good-faith attempt to see the children was made.

8/24/21: CPS spoke with Peoria police officer and asked if law enforcement could track the mother's or father's phones to determine where they are. Police officer stated that he will call his sergeant and will call CPS back.

<u>8/24/21</u>: Brandon Walker called CPS and stated that he is out of town and has no plans to return to Illinois. Brandon Walker stated that he was aware that DCFS was looking for him and that he has no plans of turning the children over to DCFS.

<u>8/24/21</u>: CPS spoke with a school official at Lincoln School in Washington, IL, who stated that both children are enrolled but have not shown up for school. The official stated the school plans to see if their truancy officers can help locate the children.

<u>8/24/21</u>: CPS attempted in-person contact with the children at the father's business in Peoria Heights. CPS spoke with a man who identified himself as Brandon Walker's brother. This man advised that he has not seen Brandon Walker since the previous week. DCFS supervisor determined that a good-faith attempt to see the children was made.

<u>8/24/21</u>: CPS spoke with Paternal Grandmother. Paternal Grandmother advised that she was going to file a missing person's report on both Navin and Older Sibling.

8/25/21: Washington police detective notified CPS that they have reason to believe Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker are in Kissimmee, Florida.

<u>10/14/21:</u> CPS spoke with Paternal Grandmother. Paternal Grandmother reported that she has not seen or heard from Brandon Walker or the children.

10/14/21: CPS attempted to make in-person contact with the children at an address in Peoria. DCFS supervisor determined that a good-faith attempt to see the children was made.

<u>10/14/21</u>: CPS spoke with Brandon Walker who reported that he resides in Florida with Stephanie Jones, Navin, and Older Sibling. Brandon Walker refused to provide an address. Brandon Walker reported planning to return to Illinois on 10/21/21 due to the children having an appointment with their doctor, and he agreed to allow CPS to see the children on that date.

<u>10/15/21</u>: CPS spoke with staff at the doctor's office who stated that there is no appointment scheduled for either child for 10/21/21. The office staff reported Older Sibling was last seen for a well-child visit on 6/30/21. Navin was last seen for a well-child exam on 12/30/19. No concerns were noted for either child and both were up to date on their immunizations.

10/20/21: CPS contacted Florida child protection and submitted a request for Florida records involving the family.

10/21/21: Diligent search (as defined below) for Navin and Older Sibling was completed.

10/26/21: CPS received confirmation from Florida child protection that the family has no history of child abuse or neglect in Florida.

11/3/21: The investigation was closed and determined to be unfounded.

Detailed Timeline of the 2/14/2022 Investigation

2/14/22: DCFS received an anonymous report to the hotline and opened an investigation. The report alleged that the children are not attending school, they are often dirty, and that Older Sibling goes to work with Brandon Walker every day. The reporter stated that a few days ago he was told that Navin had fallen down the stairs and that his eyes were black and blue. The reporter also stated that they were told Navin got in trouble for getting up in the middle of the night and eating chicken that Stephanie cooks for their dogs. The reporter also stated that Brandon talks down to the Older Sibling and calls him names. The Older Sibling allegedly told the reporter that when his mother, who cares for Navin during the day, wants to take a nap or doesn't want to deal with him she will lock him in the basement with a physical lock.

Based on the report, DCFS opened an investigation including allegations #61-Cuts Bruises Welts Abrasions and Oral Injuries by Neglect; #82-Environmental Neglect; #90-Human Trafficking of Children by Neglect; #40-Human Trafficking of Children. The alleged perpetrators were Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker; alleged victims are Navin Jones and Older Sibling. This investigation is ongoing.

2/14/22: DCFS Supervisor contacted local schools and verified that Navin and Older Sibling do not attend any school in the Peoria District.

2/15/22: CPS requested police records and spoke with CPS who was assigned to August 2021 investigation regarding DCFS's prior contact with the family.

<u>2/15/22</u>: CPS attempted in-person contact with Navin and Older Sibling at the home of Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker. There was no answer at the door and no sounds coming from the home. CPS left a business card. A goodfaith attempt to see the children was made. Brandon Walker called CPS back the same day. Brandon Walker denied any harm to the children. Brandon Walker reported that Navin and Older Sibling do not attend school because Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker do not have legal guardianship of the children. Brandon Walker stated that the family returned from Florida about a month ago (in January of 2022) and has not been able to re-establish guardianship. Brandon Walker reported that he takes Older Sibling with him to work because Older Sibling likes it and it gives Older Sibling something to do during the day. Brandon Walker admitted that Older Sibling did hurt his finger while at work. CPS made an appointment to see the family and children for 2/18/22.

<u>2/16/22</u>: Information related to the current investigation was received by the DCFS hotline. The DCFS supervisor assigned to the investigation returned the call and made a note that, according to the reporter, Brandon Walker stated that DCFS had come to the door, but they didn't let DCFS see Navin because Navin was all banged up after falling down the stairs and reportedly having two black eyes. The reporter stated that he had never seen Navin and couldn't say if the child had black eyes or not.

<u>2/17/22</u>: DCFS Supervisor attempted in-person contact at the home of Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker, knocked on the door of the home, and waited approximately five minutes but there was no answer. DCFS supervisor determined that a good-faith attempt to see the children was made.

<u>2/18/22</u>: CPS attempted to see the child victims for a scheduled appointment at the home of Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker. There was no answer to repeated knocking, and no sounds coming from within the home. CPS contacted Brandon Walker by phone, who stated that they forgot about the appointment and asked if he could reschedule for Tuesday (2/22/22) at 4:45 p.m. CPS agreed to the appointment. DCFS supervisor determined that a good-faith attempt to see the children was made.

Because of the prior attempts to see the children and a pending appointment to see the family scheduled for 2/22/22, Supervisor approved waiver of additional daily attempts to see the family until 2/22/22.

2/22/22: Navin and Older Sibling were observed and interviewed at the home of Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker. The children reported feeling safe at the home and denied anyone was hurting them. Older Sibling denied that anyone locks up or hurts Navin or Older Sibling. Navin was observed to be "sickly" in appearance; CPS noted he was thin and small in stature. Navin reported he eats regularly but does not gain weight. CPS observed snacks on the shelves in Navin's room, including a bag of popcorn he was eating in CPS's presence. CPS noted what appeared to be "pick marks" on Navin's hands, and he said he picks his skin because it itches. CPS photographed these marks, which were not previously mentioned in the narrative of the hotline report. CPS further discussed with her supervisor that she did not observe Navin to have black eyes. Per DCFS procedure, CPS also photographed Navin to document that Navin did not have black eyes. Navin reported feeling safe at home and said he wants to stay with his parents rather than go to Paternal Grandmother's home.

CPS also observed the home and interviewed Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker. Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker denied forcing Older Sibling to work.

CPS told Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker of her concerns regarding Navin being very thin and not appearing healthy. Stephanie Jones reported that Navin eats all the time but does not gain weight. Brandon Walker stated that Navin can eat a whole pizza on his own. CPS suggested Navin may have a medical issue. Brandon Walker said that they would like to take Navin to the doctor, but they do not have legal guardianship of Navin. Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker declined to provide collateral contacts.

Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker asked for help getting legal guardianship of Navin and Older Sibling so they could bring the children to a doctor and enroll them in school. In order to remove any barriers to having the children assessed by a medical professional, CPS stated she would assist Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker with obtaining short-term guardianship of Navin and Older Sibling.

While Navin was noted to appear very thin and unhealthy, Navin, Older Sibling, Stephanie Jones, and Brandon Walker all stated that Navin has access to food and eats a lot but does not gain weight. CPS expressed concern that there may be a medical issue and will work with the family to have Navin assessed by a medical professional.

Navin and Older Sibling were assessed as safe by CPS pursuant to the Child Endangerment Risk Assessment Protocol. This critical decision was discussed with the investigation supervisor following the visit.

<u>2/23/22</u>: CPS spoke with the Lutheran Social Services of Illinois case worker (LSSI Case Worker) who received a Child Welfare Services referral for the family. LSSI Case Worker called CPS because she became aware of the family's pending investigation. LSSI Case Worker stated to CPS that she was allowed into the home of Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker today and observed Navin and Older Sibling in the home. LSSI Case Worker spoke with Stephanie about her concerns regarding Navin. According to LSSI Case Worker, Stephanie Jones stated that Navin had issues playing with feces and that she had not fully disclosed issues concerning Navin to CPS during their visit because she did not want to embarrass Navin. LSSI Case Worker reported that she had spoken with Stephanie Jones about intact family services and Stephanie Jones appeared interested.

<u>2/24/22</u>: CPS spoke with Peoria police detective regarding the allegations of human trafficking related to the report that the Older Sibling was performing work for Brandon Walker at his job site. CPS explained prior history, issues concerning guardianship, and advised that Navin and Older Sibling denied any abuse by Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker.

<u>3/2/22</u>: CPS spoke with Paternal Grandmother. Paternal Grandmother expressed frustration that the police did not assist her in getting the children back from the parents when she tried in the fall of 2021. Paternal Grandmother reported that she does not want any relationship with her son (Brandon Walker) and stated that she wants nothing more to do with the family. Paternal Grandmother stated that Brandon Walker is not stable and curses at Navin and Older Sibling. CPS asked Paternal Grandmother to sign short-term guardianship paperwork, which is a form DCFS investigators use when short-term guardianship will be helpful in accessing services for a child(ren). Short-term guardianship is temporary, does not involve the court, is driven by the guardian, and can be terminated at any time by the guardian. Paternal Grandmother stated that she would sign the paperwork and then wanted no further contact from DCFS.

<u>3/3/22</u>: CPS spoke with Brandon Walker regarding the short-term guardianship paperwork. Brandon Walker reported that Navin and Older Sibling were doing well. CPS asked Brandon Walker if they would participate in Intact Family Services and explained the benefits of the program, including that counseling services could be arranged for the children and they could receive help with Brandon Walker re-establishing permanent legal guardianship with the court. Brandon Walker stated that he would speak to Stephanie Jones and let CPS know if they are interested.

<u>3/14/22</u>: Supervisory staffing with CPS and Supervisor – Paternal Grandmother signed short-term guardianship paperwork and DCFS is waiting for paperwork to arrive.

<u>3/29/22</u>: Supervisory staffing with CPS and Supervisor – Paternal Grandmother signed short-term guardianship form and sent paperwork to DCFS. CPS intends to have Stephanie Jones and Brandon Walker sign the form.

<u>3/29/22</u>: DCFS receives a report that Navin has been found unresponsive by Stephanie Jones in their home. After calling 911, Navin was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced dead shortly before 8PM. Police noted the deceased had ligature marks. He had bed sores on his back and there were piles of urine-soaked sheets in his room. Deceased weighed 38 pounds and was 72 degrees when he arrived at the hospital.

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Relevant Definitions Used in the Timeline

Good faith attempt

DCFS Procedure 300.15 provides that a "good faith attempt" to see a child is a "diligent and honest effort to make inperson contact with an alleged child victim and all subjects of a report."

Diligent search

"Diligent search" is a term defined in DCFS Administrative Procedure 22. A "diligent search" involves completion of specified steps in an effort to obtain the location of a given person. In a child protection investigation, a DCFS investigator conducts a diligent search when they are unable to locate the involved subjects of a child abuse or neglect report (or the subjects' whereabouts are unknown). The diligent search may be conducted for the purpose of conducting an investigation and/or informing a subject of the results of an investigation.

Child Endangerment Risk Assessment Protocol

DCFS currently assesses safety using the Child Endangerment Risk Assessment Protocol (CERAP). The protocol is designed to provide workers with a mechanism for quickly assessing the potential for moderate to severe harm immediately or in the near future and for taking action to protect children. Workers utilize the protocol to help focus their decision-making to determine whether a child is safe in their home environment and, if unsafe, deciding what measures or actions must be taken to ensure the safety of the child (DCFS Procedure 300, Appendix G).

Short term guardianship

Per Illinois law, short-term guardianship extends no longer than 365 days, and the legal guardian can amend or revoke the short-term guardianship at any time. Significantly, short-term guardianship can be obtained through a relatively quick process involving minimal paperwork; the court is not involved in the process. (755 ILCS 5/11-5.4; CFS 444-2 Appointment of Short-Term Guardian.)

Human Trafficking Allegation (as relates to this case)

The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing or soliciting of a person for labor or services for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery." [22 U.S.C. §7102(8)] (Procedure 300, Appendix B, Allegation 40).