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COMES NOW, Defendant, BOBBY DEE ANTEE, by and through his attorneys of record, the law firm of SHUMWAY VAN, pursuant to the Nevada Revised Statues, the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure, and the Eighth Judicial District Court Rules, and hereby files his Opposition to Plaintiff's Request for Temporary Support and Countermotion for Attorney's Fees.

Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's Request and Countermotion for Attorney's Fees is brought in good faith and based upon the attached papers and pleadings on file herein, the attached Points and Authorities, the verification attached hereto, and such further evidence and/or argument that may be requested at the hearing of this matter.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted by: SHUMWAY VAN

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# MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

#### I. INTRODUCTION

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This case is one that is fairly simple in some aspects. The parties were married in November, and less than seven (7) months later, one of the parties filed for divorce. There are few community assets beyond a home purchased in January 2018, and the community debts are believed to be minimal beyond the mortgage on the home. What complicates this case greatly, is that the Plaintiff, Lindsey Licari, aka Lindsey Antee ("Lindsey"), has made gross representations to the public, and to this Court about the nature of her relationship with the Defendant Bobby Antee ("Bobby"). Throughout her Request for Temporary Support, Lindsey flat out lies to the Court about her knowledge concerning the purchase of the home, her lack of work and/or income, and Bobby's actions during their marriage. Despite the fact that she runs a charitable foundation that has received hundreds of thousands of dollars in the last year and a half, she claims she has not worked for "a couple years." This claim is belied by her activity with the charity, and by her own social media posts. Plaintiff should not be allowed to use the death of her son, a death which has devastated Defendant as well, to make blatant misrepresentations to the Court. She should be awarded no temporary support, and should be required to pay Defendant's attorney's fees for bringing such a frivolous request backed by false statements of fact.

#### II. STATEMENT OF FACTS

Bobby and Lindsey first met in Las Vegas, Nevada in or around January 2000. At the time, Lindsey was a senior in high school and Bobby was a sophomore in college. Bobby saw Lindsey at a bowling alley and introduced himself. The parties began to date for a period of time until Lindsey left for College in or around August 2000. Though the parties separated, they remained in close contact in the years that followed.

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In or around December 2016, Lindsey was living in California and mentioned on Facebook that she would be travelling to Las Vegas. Bobby saw her post and mentioned that he would like to see her. The parties met up, continuing and renewing their long friendship. In or around February 2017, Lindsey moved to Las Vegas and brought her son, AYDEN BROWN ("Ayden") who was two (2) years old. This was when Bobby first met Ayden, and the pair connected. Bobby would go over to Lindsey's place and spend time with her and Ayden. In September of 2015, Ayden had been diagnosed with cancer and Bobby did his best to support Lindsey and Ayden during his treatments.

In May of 2015, Lindsey started a foundation for Ayden named Ayden's Army of Angels, Inc. (the "Foundation").1 Lindsey was, and continues to work as, the president of this company, in addition to serving as its registered agent.<sup>2</sup> Upon information and belief, the Foundation has received donations in excess of \$300,000.00 since its inception, and boasts a large following on social media websites such as Facebook and Instagram.3 In June 2017, Lindsey became engaged to a man named "Brandon." Bobby, a long-time friend of Lindsey, was happy for her and supported her engagement. However, less than one month later, Lindsey called of the engagement. Upon information and belief, the engagement ended in part because Brandon wished to use his savings to purchase a home, and Lindsey wanted him to use that money to fund Ayden's cancer treatments. Additionally, upon information and belief, Lindsey ended the engagement because the Foundation had begun to bring in significant sums of money, and Lindsey no longer believed that she needed to marry Brandon for financial support.

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  Exhibit 1- Ayden's Army of Angels, Inc. Information with Secretary of State.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Facebook page for "Ayden's Army of Angels Childhood Cancer & Sickle Cell Foundation" currently has 17,866 followers. The Instagram page for "aydensarmyofangelsofficial" has 356,000 followers. The YouTube page for Lindsey LiCari currently has 10,310 subscribers.

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During the entire course of their friendship, Bobby always considered himself a good friend to Lindsey and someone who would answer the call for help whenever it came. After Lindsey's engagement ended, Bobby began to spend more time with her and Ayden until Lindsey moved to Phoenix. While there, Lindsey learned that Ayden only had a few weeks to live, and she moved back to Las Vegas. During these weeks, Bobby spent a great deal of time with Ayden, and the two became very close. Sadly, Ayden passed away on November 3, 2017 with Bobby by his side. Shortly after Ayden's death, Bobby moved in with Lindsey to provide support during this time. The parties would discuss the future and the nature of their relationship. On November 25, 2017, the parties were engaged in these discussions when she expressed a desire to marry Bobby immediately. Bobby felt like it was the right decision and the parties drove down to the Wedding Chapel of Las Vegas and were married.

Shortly after the marriage, Lindsey expressed a desire to move from their current location as the thoughts of her son weighed heavily on her. After a few weeks of searching, the parties agreed that it made financial sense for them to purchase a home. The parties met with a lender who told them that Lindsey's credit prevented her from being on a loan and that Bobby would need to sell his car. Additionally, the home the parties wished to purchase was listed for \$256,000.00 but Bobby would only qualify for a \$200,000.00 loan. Bobby sold his car to try and ease some of his debt, but was still left with about \$4,000.00 left on his car loan. Additionally, Bobby had credit cards totaling \$3000.00 and student loans totaling \$8,375.00. Lindsey, using money from the Foundation, gifted Bobby the money necessary to pay off his debts, and an additional \$65,000.00 for a down-payment on their new home.4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Exhibit 2 – Multiple Gift Letters signed by Lindsey Licari.

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When the time came to close on the house, Lindsey told Bobby to take care of it himself. However, the parties' real estate agent, Linda Naw told Lindsey that she would also need to sign, since the parties were married.<sup>5</sup> Lindsey acknowledged this and agreed. The parties officially purchased their home, located at 9564 Scorpion Track Court, Las Vegas, NV 89178 (the "Home"), on or around January 15, 2018. Bobby paid for the mortgage and utilities from his personal bank account.

That weekend, after a dispute between the parties, Lindsey suggested that Bobby move in with his mother and that Bobby should quitclaim the house over to Lindsey's brother. However, this suggestion was not followed, and Bobby tried his best to restore peace and calm to the relationship. On or around February 10, 2018, the parties held a wedding reception to celebrate their marriage with friends and family. After this party, the parties then went on a short honeymoon. Less than three (3) weeks later, Lindsey first expressed her desire to divorce. Bobby was devastated, as he had never been married or even engaged prior to this marriage, and he took his vows to Lindsey very seriously. Bobby did what he could to soothe the relationship, but it was clear Lindsey wanted nothing to do with him. Lindsey filed for divorce on June 28, 2018, and Bobby moved out of the Home on July 1, 2018. Despite leading Bobby to believe that neither party would utilizing the Home,<sup>6</sup> Lindsey moved into the Home and has been living there since that time, and recently moved her mother into the home as well. During that time, Bobby has continued to pay the mortgage associated with the Home.

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<sup>5</sup> Exhibit 3 – Text message between Lindsey Licari and Linda Naw.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Exhibit 4 – Text messages between Lindsey Licari and Bobby Antee, dated July 1, 2018.

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#### LEGAL ARGUMENT Ш.

a. Lindsey is not entitled to any temporary support because she works full-time for the Foundation, is employed by at least one other organization, and likely earns more than Bobby.

Under NRS 125.040(1), the Court in any suit for divorce may, in its discretion, require either party to provide temporary support for the other party.7 In Engebretson, the Court held that NRS 125.040 does not limit awards of temporary support to those cases where the wife is destitute or practically so.8 It contemplates such awards when the facts, circumstances, and situation of the parties are such that fairness to the wife requires that she be given financial assistance for her support during the pendency of the action.9 NRS 125.150(9) lays out several factors the Court may consider relevant in determining whether to award spousal support and the amount of such an award, including:

- 1. The financial condition of each spouse;
- 2. The nature and value of the respective property of each spouse;
- 3. The duration of the marriage;
- 4. The income, earning capacity, age and health of each spouse;
- 5. The standard of living during the marriage;
- 6. The career before the marriage of the spouse who would receive the alimony.

In the present case, Lindsey should not qualify for any spousal support, either during the duration of this action or after it. In her Request, Lindsey describes herself has having no money and not having worked in over two years. In her Financial Disclosure Form, Lindsey states that she hasn't worked since August 2016, and describes her gross monthly income as \$0.00. Yet, she goes on to state that she

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> NRS §125.040(1)(a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Engebretson v. Engebretson, 75 Nev.237, 240-241, 338 P.2d 75 (1959).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> *Id*.

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receives at least \$3,500.00 per month from her business, presumably Ayden's Army. This \$3,500.00 a month equals what she claims Bobby makes. Additionally, Bobby has been paying for the mortgage since January, so Lindsey has been living rent free for the better part of a year. What is more, despite claiming she doesn't work, Lindsey has represented on social media that she has returned to working at Wardley Property Management on September 1, weeks before she filed her Financial Disclosure Form. Additionally, Lindsey used her foundation to charge Bobby's credit card \$541.25 on July 20, 2018.

Additionally, Lindsey claims that Bobby has "defrauded" her out of a home and a car. Both of these claims belie facts. The gift letters attached to this Opposition as well as available testimony from Linda Naw, the parties' real estate agent, show that Lindsey was very aware of the process the parties went through in order to secure funding for the Home. Lindsey was aware that her terrible credit excluded her from being a signatory on the note, and so she used money from her foundation to help Bobby qualify for the necessary loan. She willingly, and with full knowledge of her actions, signed gift letters wherein she promised that the money she was giving Bobby was not expected to be repaid. As such, both parties have a community property interest in the Home. As it is unlikely that Lindsey will be able to have the Home refinanced in her name, the Home should be sold with the equity in the home split between the parties.

Concerning Lindsey's claims about the car; Lindsey fails to alert the Court that in January of this year, she had access to three (3) different cars. She had a 2011 Hyundai SUV, a 2012 Chevy Spark, and a white SUV that, upon information and belief, was donated to her by the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada. Bobby had been without a car between December and May, having sold his old car to help purchase the home. In May, Lindsey, of her own free will and choice,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Exhibit 5 – Post on Lindsey LiCari's Facebook page dated September 1, 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Exhibit 6 – Transaction Description from Bobby's Credit Card.

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sold her 2011 Hyundai SUV for an amount believed to be near \$11,000.00. Bobby, using his own funds and securing the loan under his name, purchased a 2013 Ford Explorer so he could have a car to drive. Lindsey still has the Chevy Spark and the white SUV at her disposal, and her claims that Bobby "stole" her car is ludicrous and patently false.

What is indelibly clear, is that Lindsey has significant financial assets at her disposal. Despite claiming not to have worked for over two years, she runs a foundation that brings her an estimated \$3,500.00 a month. Additionally, she has begun working at Wardley Property Management and, upon information and belief, as a delivery driver for Postmates. Lindsey's misrepresentations to the Court about her financial situation, as well her apparent income that exceeds Bobby's, makes it clear that she should not receive any sort of spousal support during, or after, the pendency of this action.

# b. If she is granted exclusive possession of the marital residence, Lindsey should be required to pay the mortgage.

Pursuant to NRS 125.040(2), the Court may make any order affecting property of the parties, or either of them, which it may deem necessary. 12 Lindsey has been living in the home since July 1, 2018. Bobby has no issue with Lindsey claiming exclusive possession of the marital residence at this time as he moved out at the end of June. However, Bobby requests that Lindsey take over payment of the mortgage, since she is the one enjoying the benefits of the Home.

<sup>12</sup> NRS 125.040(2).

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# c. Lindsey should pay Bobby's attorney's fees pursuant to NRS 125C.250, Sargeant, and Brunzell.

i. Bobby is entitled to attorney's fees pursuant to Sargeant v. Sargeant.

In Sargeant, 13 the Court held that the Parties should be able to meet on equal footing in Court. Therefore, a disparity of incomes between parties is a factor to be considered in an award of attorney's fees.

In the present case, while Bobby has regularly worked during the course of the parties' truncated relationship and volatile marriage, his finances pale in the face of the amount that Lindsey brings in through her foundation. Despite Lindsey's claims to being destitute, her foundation received donations totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars in the last year and a half. Additionally, Lindsey has misled the court about her current work as she apparently works for Wardley Property Management and upon information and belief, as a driver for Postmates. On the other hand, Bobby has continued to pay for community expenses and now is required to pay attorney fees as a result of Lindsey's actions. Because the parties are supposed to be on equal footing in Court, Bobby should be awarded fees in the same amount that Lindsey spent on her attorney's prior their withdrawal.

# ii. Bobby is entitled to attorney's fees under Brunzell.

In Barney v. Mt Rose Heating & Air Conditioning, citing Brunzell, the Court "enumerated factors that the District Court should consider in awarding attorneys' fees, with no one factor controlling, as follows:

(1) the advocate's qualities, including ability, training, education, experience, professional standing, and skill;

(2) the character of the work, including its difficulty, intricacy, importance, as well as the time and skill required, the responsibility imposed, and the prominence and character of the parties when affecting the importance of the litigation;
(3) the work performed, including the skill, time, and attention given to

thé work; and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Sargeant v. Sargeant, 88 Nev. 223, 495 P.2d. 618 (1972).

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(4) the result—whether the attorney was successful and what benefits were derived."<sup>14</sup>

Bobby's counsel clearly meets the factors outlined in Brunzell. First. Defendant's counsel is qualified and has considerable experience, ability, and training in Family Law litigation. Defendant's counsel is licensed as an attorney in the State of Nevada since October 1989 and has been practicing family law for more than thirty (30) years. In addition to being admitted to practice in this Court, he is also admitted to the United States Federal District Courts for the Districts of Nevada and Utah, the state Courts of Texas, Utah, Nevada, and Arizona, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Nevada Supreme Court, and the United States Supreme Court.

Second, this case will require more intricate work of a higher skill than the average family law case. In this matter, an accounting of the community will likely be necessary. In addition, one of the parties has been committing actions that appear to be fraudulent while claiming financial abuse at the hands of the other. The exact nature of community assets and debts will require intricate work.

Third, this litigation has become necessary because Plaintiff filed for divorce and Bobby has no means to adequately defend this matter without Court intervention. He is being slandered by Plaintiff to a significant social media following and is regularly harassed because of Plaintiff's actions. It is the responsibility of Defendant's counsel to assist him in this matter and to ensure that his rights are preserved and litigated. Based on the foregoing, it is fair and reasonable that Plaintiff be responsible for Bobby's attorneys' fees and costs. The sum of said fees and costs will be determined pursuant to a Memorandum of Fees and Costs filed at the end of this case pursuant to NRS 18.010 and Brunzell.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Barney v. Mt. Rose Heating & Air, 192 P.3d 730, 736 (Nev., 2008), citing Brunzell v. Golden Gate National Bank, 85 Nev. 345, 455 P.2d 31 (1969)

# IV. CONCLUSION

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For the above-mentioned reasons, Defendant respectfully requests:

- 1. That the Court deny Plaintiff's request for temporary spousal support;
- 2. That the Court order Plaintiff to begin paying the mortgage on the Home;
- 3. An order granting Defendant attorney's fees and costs; and
- 4. For any further and necessary relief, the Court deems appropriate.

DATED this day of October, 2018.

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# **VERIFICATION OF BOBBY DEE ANTEE**

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5	I, BOBBY DEE ANTEE, being first duly sworn under penalty of perjury,
7	hereby depose and say:
8	1. I am the Defendant in the above-entitled action;
9   10	2. I have read the foregoing DEFENDANT'S OPPOSITION TO
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12) 478-7	and know the contents thereof;
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15	stated upon information and belief and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.
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## **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the day of October 2018, I served a copy of the foregoing **DEFENDANT'S OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST AND COUNTERMOTION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES.** by electronically serving this Answer to:

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