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6	JOSHUA AUGUST GREITENS) AND) TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS					
7	JACOB ALEXANDER GREITENS,)					
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9	CHILDREN) 455TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT					
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19	On the 28th day of October, 2021, the following					
20	proceedings came on to be heard via Zoom in the					
21	above-entitled and numbered cause before the Honorable					
22	Andrew Hathcock, Judge presiding, held in Austin, Travis					
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THE COURT: This is Cause FM-21-004021, styled In the Interest of Joshua August Greitens and Jacob Alexander Greitens. Would everyone state your name for the record.

MR. COLDWELL: Judge, Brad Coldwell for Sheena Greitens. And Sheena Greitens is also appearing via zoom, Judge.

THE COURT: Okay.

MS. BOLLIER: Judge Hathcock, Leslie
Bollier, here on behalf of Eric Greitens, and Emily
Landeros. Mr. Greitens is appearing via Zoom as well.

THE COURT: All right. Welcome everyone.

What is the purpose of the hearing today?

MR. COLDWELL: Judge, we filed a motion -or actually registered the order back in July, filed a
petition to modify on the Missouri order on July 8th,
then had Mr. Greitens served, I believe it was, on
August 12th of '21 in Missouri. Since then he has not
filed an answer or responded.

Then, on October 15th, I filed a motion for the Courts to confer regarding jurisdiction, which is what is set for today. And that was filed on the 15th.

I e-filed that to Mr. Greitens even though he had not responded. And then last night I received from Ms. Bollier a response to the motion for the Courts to confer as well as a special appearance.

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But, generally speaking, it's our request for Your Honor to speak with the Missouri Court, Judge Schneider, out of Boone County. The decree was entered in Boone County in 2020. Neither of the parents reside there any longer. My understanding is Mr. Greitens moved to Warren County, Missouri, post divorce -- or actually leading up to the finalization of documents but after the agreement.

So I can go into it further, but that's generally what's set for today.

THE COURT: Okay. Is there -- I guess there is a contested issue about jurisdiction then?

MR. COLDWELL: That's what I'm hearing from Ms. Bollier, Judge, yes.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. COLDWELL: Even though it's the home state. They have been here since July -- they have been moved -- Mrs. Greitens and the children moved here, I believe, on or about July 9th of 2020. And this was -- that move was contemplated by the agreement that the parties had reached in Missouri. So they have been here

over a year. I believe it's Joshua that attends

Mt. Laurel -- or Laurel Mountain Elementary and Jacob

attends the First Presbyterian Day School. He is in the

Kindergarten Bridge Program there.

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So I can go into more of it if you'd like,

Judge. I can kind of speak to some of the issues now,

since it's my motion, in anticipation of what

Ms. Bollier is going to say. But the long and short of

it is we need Your Honor to speak with the Missouri

Court to see if they're going to, as we believe they

should, relinquish jurisdiction to Travis County, since

this is the home state for the kiddos, so that decisions

can be made in the best interest with the information

that's available to the Court here.

THE COURT: Okay. All right. Ms. Bollier.

MS. BOLLIER: Thank you, Judge Hathcock. We do contest jurisdiction. The home state is in Missouri. That Court has continuing exclusive jurisdiction of this case and has since the decree was signed in May of 2020.

In our response, as Mr. Coldwell appropriately pointed out, the move to Austin with Mrs. Greitens was contemplated in the agreed final decree of divorce in Missouri, that both parents have the primary right to determine the residence of the children in Missouri and Austin on their respective

times as contemplated in the decree. It's been a year and a half. That move was anticipated.

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Under the UCCJEA, as pointed out in our response, the Court in Missouri shall make the determination of whether the case can be modified -- or the parenting plan can be modified by the Texas Court. The Texas Court does not have the right to make that determination on a factual basis.

Mr. Coldwell to go into a bunch of facts that we are not here to present today. Mr. Coldwell has asked -- and the statute does allow and says that Your Honor may grant a motion to confer with the Missouri Court. We don't think that's necessary. We believe that this should just be sent to the Court in Missouri to make a determination under the statute, which we have well briefed for you.

And we've had this issue before Your Honor before in different cases and those cases have always been transferred to the Court of appropriate venue to determine under the statute whether it should be sent back to Texas.

In the event -- we have pled in the alternative, pursuant to our special appearance, that in the event the Court's to exercise the may and wants to

confer with the Missouri Court, the statute says that we may also request that a record be taken and that counsel be present. And we would like for not only myself in Texas, and if Mr. Coldwell would like to participate as well, but also Mr. Greitens' counsel and if Mrs. Greitens' counsel and if Mrs. Greitens' counsel in Missouri as well would like to attend. We would like there to be a record and for attendance as allowed pursuant to your order, of course, under the statute.

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And so, again, we believe that, one,
Missouri absolutely needs to make that determination.

If there is any factual evidence, anything for them to
determine, it's in their realm to do so. This should be
transferred up there and heard.

And then if the Court isn't inclined to grant the order to confer with the other jurisdiction, that we be able to take consideration under the statute in order to have the counsel there heard and for a record to be made.

THE COURT: Okay. All right. Is there anything else you want to add, Mr. Coldwell?

MR. COLDWELL: Yes, Your Honor. On the special appearance in and of itself, I think the Court is probably well aware of the long-standing established principal in Texas law that you don't have to have

minimum contacts when making a custody adjudication or possession and access adjudication. That comes out of SAV from 1992 in the Supreme Court. If you want that cite I can give that to you. I believe that was In Re: SAV, 837 S.W.2d 80, recently cited in In Re: MSC, S.W.2d.

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And then with regard to the positions by

Mr. Greitens, it's a circular argument. If I understand

Ms. Bollier correctly, she's saying that the Texas Court

should not confer with the Missouri Court and we should

file there, whereas we filed here and we asked Your

Honor to confer with the Missouri Court so the Missouri

Court could determine whether or not they're going to

relinquish jurisdiction of the case.

So it seems to me that the argument against the Courts conferring is maybe a delay tactic. We've already understood Mr. Greitens has chosen not to respond to this lawsuit for over a couple of months now. We have this proceeding set today, Your Honor.

And as far as minimum contacts go, I think if I've heard -- at least looking at the documents filed by Ms. Bollier, even if we did the minimum contacts test, I think that Mr. Greitens has more than met that and has substantial contact with Texas, whether it be taking gun classes and presenting that on his social

media in the Dallas area, whether it's appearing in

Del Rio for political purposes to target the dilemma at
the border and other contacts. I think he was in Dallas
last night. There's so many. But, of course, the Court
doesn't need it for adjudicating custody and possession
and access.

And then we just ask that Your Honor speak with the Missouri Courts regarding jurisdiction and then let that determination be made.

THE COURT: Well, so I take it -- is anyone contending that no one lives in Missouri?

MS. BOLLIER: No.

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MR. COLDWELL: Mr. Greitens lives in Missouri, but he's moved from Boone County and he now lives in Warren County.

THE COURT: I don't think what county somebody lives in makes -- is not material.

MR. COLDWELL: No.

THE COURT: So the statute is the Court that made the initial -- the state that made the initial custody determination retains continuing exclusive jurisdiction. I have no power to do anything about that.

MR. COLDWELL: Correct.

THE COURT: Until that Court determines that

nobody still lives there or it might be better to go ahead and decline to exercise that jurisdiction because the child's lived in another state for an extended period of time, there's more information there, whatever it is, but that hearing needs to be conducted and decided by the Missouri Court.

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And so, you know, I could confer with the Missouri Judge, but all I can say is, "It's your call, Missouri. You get to decide. And you're going to have to conduct some sort of hearing and give these people an opportunity to be heard. Then you get to say, 'I'm keeping jurisdiction or I'm going to give it up.' And I can convey, if you give it up, Texas will accept it." That's about all I can say.

I don't have any authority to take the case. That's completely Missouri's call. And I think the hearing -- and it's up to Missouri as to whether it needs to be an evidentiary hearing or not, but that hearing would need to occur before the Missouri Court.

MR. COLDWELL: And, Your Honor --

THE COURT: They still have jurisdiction.

22 | They are the only Court that has jurisdiction.

MR. COLDWELL: Right. That's why we've asked you to confer with the Missouri Court. The Court could determine whether or not to transfer -- I mean,

under 152.203 --1 2 Okay. But all I'm telling you, THE COURT: Mr. Coldwell, is all I can do -- when you're saying 3 4 confer, I'm not sure what you mean by that because I 5 cannot substantively deliberate with a Judge in secret. Ms. Bollier is correct, you're entitled to have a 6 7 hearing on the record and present your arguments to that 8 I don't have any power to make a decision. Court. 9 That's completely up to the Missouri Judge to make. MR. COLDWELL: 10 Correct. 11 THE COURT: So I'm happy to reach out to the 12 Missouri Judge and say, "Hey, some people have filed 13 this petition to modify in Texas. There's a contested 14 issue over jurisdiction. I quess they will be 15 contacting you to schedule a hearing to decide whether 16 you should decline jurisdiction or not." But you're 17 going to have to approach the Missouri Judge in some 18 fashion with request to them declining jurisdiction. 19 MR. COLDWELL: Well, Your Honor, along those 20 lines --2.1 Otherwise, they've got it. THE COURT: 22 MR. COLDWELL: Sorry. I thought you were 23 finished. What's that? 24 THE COURT: I said you're going to have to 25 affirmatively approach the Mississippi Court with a

request for them to decline jurisdiction. Otherwise, they have it. I mean, I don't think you can do it through the Texas Court.

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MR. COLDWELL: And, Your Honor, going that route, as you identified that you would be willing to reach out to Judge Schneider in Missouri, we would appreciate if Your Honor would reach out to them. We will also contact Mrs. Greitens' attorney in Missouri so that she could initiate that discussion there and a potential hearing. I don't know whether or not Judge Schneider -- I don't know her process or how she'll approach that, but we would certainly appreciate Your Honor at least reaching out, as you indicated. And then we'll work with Mrs. Greitens' attorney to have the issues addressed in Missouri as expeditiously as we can.

THE COURT: Okay. Well, I will be happy to communicate with the Judge in Missouri and just say,

"Here's the status in Texas. My reading of the statute is Missouri has continuing jurisdiction. I think the parties are going to be contacting you with a request on that, but it's Missouri's call to make."

And so I think it's -- and, you know, I can't speculate on how they'll decide it. There may be arguments both ways, I'm sure.

Okay. All right. Is there anything else we

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need to address then today?
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                 MR. COLDWELL: I believe that is it for
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    right now, Judge.
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                 MS. BOLLIER: Yes, agreed, Judge, not from
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                 THE COURT: All right. Then you all may be
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    excused. Everyone have a good day. Be safe.
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