

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MARIN**

DATE: 4/16/26 TIME: 9:00 A.M. DEPT: B CASE NO: FL 1500482

PRESIDING: HON. JAMES M. SCHURZ

REPORTER:

CLERK: A. URTON

PETITIONER: KRISTEN USICH

and

RESPONDENT: THOMAS CRUM

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: REQUEST FOR ORDER – CHILD SUPPORT

RULING

Thomas Crum (Father) filed a Request for Order on March 3, 23, 2026, seeking a modification to child support. Specifically, Father seeks a modification to reflect that shared son, Thomas Crum (DOB 11/03/2007) will be graduating from high school on May 30, 2026. Father further seeks clarification with respect to “add-on expenses.”

Kristen Usich (Mother) filed a responsive declaration dated March 27, 2026, opposing the request. Mother asks this Court to: (1) deny any reduction of support prior to June 1, (2) order complete financial disclosure by Father, (3) recalculate guideline support as of June 1st for 1 minor child, (4) increase support as appropriate, (5) allocate educational and medical add-ons, and (6) exercise its discretion to order Father’s continued contribution towards medical and dental expenses as their son transitions to college.

Father’s Request for Order is incomplete. Father did not submit an Income and Expense Declaration. Per California Rules of Court, Rule 5.92 (b)(3), when seeking child support orders the party must complete and file an Income and Expense Declaration (FL-150) along with the Request for Order.

The matter will be continued to May 14, 2026, for hearing at 9:00 am. Father is to submit supporting papers no later than May 7, 2026.

As authorized by CRC Rule 5.125, the Court shall prepare the formal Findings and Order After Hearing.

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(i.e., it is not necessary to speak with counsel or parties directly.) Unless the Court and all parties have been notified of a request to present oral argument, no oral argument will be permitted except by order of the Court. In the event no party requests oral argument in accordance with Rule 7.12(C), the tentative ruling shall become the order of the court.

IT IS ORDERED that evidentiary hearings shall be in-person in Department B. For routine appearances, the parties may access Department B for video conference via a link on the court website. Litigants in the virtual courtroom are required to leave the video screen on and wait for your case to be called.

FURTHER ORDERED that the parties are responsible for ensuring that they have a good connection and that they are available for the hearing. If the connection is inadequate, the Court may proceed with the hearing in the party's absence.

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MARIN**

DATE: 4/16/26 TIME: 9:00 A.M. DEPT: B CASE NO: FL 2103123

PRESIDING: HON. JAMES M. SCHURZ

REPORTER:

CLERK: A. URTON

PETITIONER: HEATHER MARY
MCMILLS

and

RESPONDENT: LISA MELANIE GRANT

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: REQUEST FOR ORDER – SPOUSAL SUPPORT

RULING

Petitioner Heather Mary McMills filed a Request for Order to modify spousal support on March 9, 2026. Specifically, Ms. McMills sought an order from this Court retroactively setting spousal support to “zero dollars \$0 in perpetuity.”

In a March 26, 2026, Findings and Order After Hearing, this Court denied the Request for Order.

The Court continued the matter to April 16, 2026, to allow Petitioner the opportunity to consult the Family Law Self Help Center for assistance, and to provide this Court with any additional information. Petitioner has submitted no additional information.

The Court’s March 26, 2026, order remains in effect.

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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DATE: 4/16/26 TIME: 9:00 A.M. DEPT: B CASE NO: FL0002405

PRESIDING: HON. JAMES M. SCHURZ

REPORTER:

CLERK: A. URTON

PETITIONER: ARCADIA FARBER	
and	
RESPONDENT: MEIR SROR	

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: REQUEST FOR ORDER – PROPERTY

RULING

Arcadia Farber (Wife) filed a Request for Order seeking a temporary order regarding an automobile (2021 Mini Cooper convertible) filed March 12, 2024. Wife seeks a temporary order from this Court directing that Meir Srór (Husband) refinance the car in his name or return possession of the vehicle to her. Wife further seeks an order from this Court that while the registration and loan are still in Wife’s name, Husband shall be responsible for all loan payments. Insurance and maintenance.

Husband filed a responsive declaration April 3, 2026. Husband seeks temporary sole possession of the car, for Wife to continue to maintain the car registration, and place limits on Wife’s access to bank account with Chase Bank (account ending in 0811).

As a threshold matter, when a court issues a temporary order granting one spouse exclusive possession and control of a vehicle, that spouse generally bears responsibility for maintaining the vehicle's registration, insurance, and loan payments during the pendency of the dissolution proceedings. This allocation of responsibility flows from the principle that the spouse exercising control over the property assumes the obligations associated with that property.

Wife does not oppose Husband having possession of the car. Wife’s concern is that she continues to have legal responsibility for the vehicle without possession or control.

Husband has a choice. He may refinance the vehicle in his name, assuming responsibility for the loan and transfer registration to his name. In the alternative, he may return the vehicle to Wife. Together, the parties may also choose to sell the vehicle to pay off the outstanding loan. Parties are ordered to appear to discuss how they would like to proceed.

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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PRESIDING: HON. JAMES M. SCHURZ

REPORTER:

CLERK: A. URTON

PETITIONER: ERIN VELEZ MULLER

and

RESPONDENT: DANIEL KIRKMAN
MULLER

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: REQUEST FOR ORDER – CHILD
CUSTODY/VISITATION

RULING

This Court issued a Restraining Order After Hearing on February 24, 2026, in which Erin Muller (Mother) is the protected party and Daniel Muller (Father) is the restrained party. The Court referred the parties to Marin Family Court Services (FCS) for child custody recommending counseling and mediation relating to the parties three children, Colin Francis Muller (D.O.B. July 7, 2022) age 3.5, Gavin Quinn Muller (D.O.B. February 23, 2024) age 2, and Shane Martin Muller (D.O.B. February 23, 2024) age 2.

On November 24, 2025, Mother filed a Request for Domestic Violence Restraining Order and a Petition and Summons for Dissolution of Marriage. The Court granted a Temporary Restraining Order (“TRO”) which provided Mother with sole legal and physical custody of the parties’ three children and supervised visitation to Dan twice a week. In the months following issuance of the TRO, the parties agreed to add an additional supervised visit and extended the time on Saturday such that the current schedule is Mondays from 4:00 pm 5:15 pm, Wednesdays from 4:00 pm-5:15 pm, Saturdays from 4 pm-6 pm. All visits are professionally supervised.

The parties have submitted substantial documentation to this Court with respect to custody and visitation issues including sworn declarations from the parties, a declaration from a third party (Ray Arata), supervised visitation declarations and reports, and legal memorandum of points and authorities.

Both parties were interviewed (separately) by FCS. FCS issued its confidential report and recommendations dated April 7, 2026. Mother submitted a Statement of Disagreement relating to the FCS report on April 10, 2026.

The Court has reviewed the FCS report together with the materials submitted by the parties. The Court finds good cause and that it is in the best interest of the children to adopt some of the recommendations offered by FCS as follows:

All prior orders not in conflict with the below shall remain in effect with the following modifications.

1. Mother shall retain sole legal and physical custody until further court order.
2. Father shall complete a court-approved domestic violence class of no less than six weeks to learn about the impact of domestic violence on children. Father shall submit verification to the Court and Mother upon completion of this class.
3. Father's visits shall transition to unsupervised visits, subject to the qualifying language below.
 - a. Beginning April 20, 2026, Father shall have parenting time with the children each Saturday from 12 PM to 6 PM and Monday and Wednesday from 4 PM to 7 PM. Saturday visits shall initially be supervised for a period of four weeks (4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16) with Custody visitation reports filed with the Court and provided to Mother.
 - b. Beginning June 22, 2026, Father's parenting time shall be each Saturday from 12 PM to 6 PM, every other Sunday from 12 PM to 6 PM, and Monday and Wednesdays from 4 PM to 7 PM.
4. Father shall continue working with his life and parenting coach until completion of the 52-week personalized program he is currently engaged with.
5. Father shall continue in individual therapy until no longer clinically indicated. Father is directed to provide documentation (in the form of a letter) from his treating therapist confirming his participation in treatment and cadence of appointments.
6. All medical appointments for the children shall be posted on Our Family Wizard (OFW) upon scheduling.
7. Father shall be listed as the children's other parent with all the children's healthcare providers. Father shall have access to the children's medical portals.
8. Parents shall notify the other via OFW at least 14 days prior to the introduction of any new partner. Parents may arrange to meet the other parent's new partner prior to the introduction of the new partner to the children per mutual parental agreement.
9. Holidays: shall be alternated.¹
 - a. Easter. Mother to have each even numbered year. Father to have each odd numbered year.
 - b. Halloween. Mother to have each odd numbered year. Father to have each even numbered year.

- c. Thanksgiving. Mother to have each odd numbered year. Father to have each even numbered year.
 - d. Christmas Eve. Mother to have each odd numbered year. Father to have each even numbered year.
 - e. Christmas. Mother to have each even numbered year. Father to have each odd numbered year.
 - f. New Years. Mother to have each odd numbered year. Father to have each even numbered year.
 - g. Mother's Day. Mother shall have each year.
 - h. Father's Day. Father shall have each year.
 - i. Mother's Birthday. Mother shall have each year.
 - j. Father's Birthday. Father shall have each year.
10. Until the current restraining order expires on 2/24/27, Father shall not attend the children's extracurricular activities such as sporting activities on Mother's custodial days. Both parents may attend school events regardless of the custodial schedule. Father shall not approach or interact with Mother during school events. Father's attendance at school events shall not constitute a violation of the restraining order provided he adheres to the peaceful conduct provisions of the restraining order.
11. Parents may modify any portion of the parenting plan including the timeshare at any time per mutual parental agreement.

The parties shall return to this Court on August 20, 2026, for further consideration of custody and visitation orders, the presumption of Family Code section 3044, and compliance with this Court's Restraining Order After Hearing. The parties are to submit any updates or briefing to this Court no later than August 13, 2026.

Counsel for Mother is directed to prepare the formal Findings and Order After Hearing.

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PRESIDING: HON. JAMES M. SCHURZ

REPORTER:

CLERK: A. URTON

<p>PETITIONER: JASON SIMIONATO</p> <p style="text-align:center">and</p> <p>RESPONDENT: ESTEFANIA CAROLINA ZARAGOZA CEJA</p>	
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NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: REQUEST FOR ORDER – CHILD SUPPORT

RULING

Jason Simionato (Father) filed a Request for Order regarding child support on March 24, 2026, concerning their shared daughter Mila Aria (DOB 10/27/2021). Father provided an Income and Expense Declaration together with his 2025 taxes in support of the motion.

Estefania Zaragoza Ceja (Mother) has not provided a responsive declaration to the Request for Order nor has she submitted an Income and Expense Declaration. Mother is ordered to file an Income and Expense Declaration together with supporting documents by April 30, 2026.

The matter will be continued to May 7, 2026, in Department B at 9:00 am.

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