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: SUPERIOR COURT  
: FOR JUVENILE MATTERS

IN RE

: TWELFTH DISTRICT  
: AT HARTFORD

: SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

**MOTION FOR VISITATION, POST TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS**

The respondent father, through counsel, hereby moves this court for an order for visitation with minor child after termination of parental rights, in the event respondent father's parental rights are terminated. In support thereof, respondent father submits the following:

1. This trial court has jurisdiction to order respondent father's visitation with minor child during the pendency of the termination of parental rights proceeding against Respondent Father;

2. In a decision by Connecticut Supreme Court in In re: Ava W. SC 20465. the Supreme Court upheld the trial court's subject matter jurisdiction for visitation motions filed by parents whose parental rights termination proceedings are ongoing. The Supreme Court held that "Specifically, trial courts have authority pursuant to § 46b-121 (b) (1) to consider motions for post-termination visitation within the context of a termination proceeding and can order such visitation if necessary or appropriate to secure the welfare, protection, proper care and suitable support of the child;"

3. A trial for termination of parental rights for respondent father is ongoing. Respondent father's termination of parental rights was held on September, 2, 3, and 17, 2020. The next trial date is scheduled for October 6, 2020;

4. Throughout the life of the case and until clinically recommended, father had no in person visitation but frequently communicated with the child's foster parent inquiring about the well-being of his child; educationally, medically, mentally, and emotionally. On several occasions he provided financial support;

5. Throughout the life of the case Respondent Father participated in a number of services including individual therapy. Upon the recommendation of the child's therapist, the department contracted with the Village to supervise visits. On February 3, 2020, respondent father and his daughter had their first visit. These weekly visits continued until March 2020, when all in person visits ceased due to the pandemic;

6. Despite cessation of in person visits, respondent father and daughter's weekly routine continued via a virtual platform. There have been no reported concerns;

7. Respondent father and daughter have a significant and loving bond. They share a mutual respect for and enjoy each other's company;

8. The child's therapist recommends father remain a part of his daughter's life. Respondent father has a positive relationship with the foster parent who also supports an ongoing relationship between father and daughter;

9. During the pendency of the termination of parental rights trial, the court has heard ample testimony from the ongoing social worker and the child's therapist regarding the bond between father and his daughter, the mutual love in the parent/child relationship and the appropriateness of father in his interactions with his daughter. There is additional supporting evidence of the significance and importance of the father/daughter relationship contained in a number of petitioner's exhibits;

10. It is in the best interest of the child to continue visitation with respondent father during the pendency of the termination of parental rights proceedings and thereafter, should respondent father's parental rights be terminated.

**Wherefore**, respondent father requests that this court order visitation with the minor child during and after the trial for the termination of his parental rights.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**ORDER**

The following motion having been heard it is hereby deemed ORDERED  
**GRANTED / DENIED**

By the Court,

Judge/Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that a copy of the foregoing motion was emailed to all parties of record on