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IN THE  
SUPREME COURT  
FOR THE  
STATE OF UTAH  
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In the Matter of the Adoption of:

JASON MICHAEL WRIGHT,

Case No. 15272

a minor.

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AMENDED STATEMENT OF FACT

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AMENDED STATEMENT OF FACT:

On March 11, 1973, JASON MICHAEL WRIGHT was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to SHERRIE LYNN WRIGHT, now SHERRIE LYNN WRIGHT MARSDEN, an unmarried 14-year-old girl (Transcript will be referred to as T. p. and the page number, followed by l. and the line number; the Record will be reflected by R., followed by p. and the page number, followed by l. and the line number [T. p. 13 l. 1 and 17-21].) The Appellant, JOHN WAYNE COX, was 23 years old at the time of that birth [R. p. 35 l. 24-30, p. 36 l-10]. The Appellant did not contribute to the payment of any bills incurred by the birth of JASON MICHAEL WRIGHT [R. p. 3, Petition ¶8.] Subsequent to the birth of said child, JOHN WAYNE COX spent a short period of time in the United States Marine Corps [T. p. 21 l. 1 and 21-22]; and while in the Marine Corps and stationed overseas, Mr. COX sent flowers to SHERRIE LYNN WRIGHT and wrote several letters to her and made a couple of telephone calls [T. p. 49 l. 15-27]. These communications were limited to inquiries about SHERRIE; no inquiry was ever made as to the health and welfare of JASON MICHAEL WRIGHT [T. p. 51 l. 8-11]. After leaving the military, JOHN WAYNE COX returned to Salt Lake City, Utah, in early 1974; and, in the three years that have elapsed since that time, JOHN WAYNE COX has contacted SHERRIE LYNN WRIGHT only on one occasion, and that for the purpose of inquiring as to her personal welfare; and has contributed to monies towards the support of JASON MICHAEL WRIGHT in over three years [T. p. 43 l. 21-23]. On October 26, 1974, SHERRIE LYNN WRIGHT married DEE R. MARSDEN, the Petitioner herein, and they have resided together since that time along

with JASON MICHAEL WRIGHT. On December 8, 1976, DEE R. MARSDEN filed a Petition for Adoption of JASON MICHAEL WRIGHT. The final Decree of Adoption in this matter was entered on the 1st day of June, 1977.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I mailed two true and correct copies of the foregoing Amended Statement of Fact to Appellant's attorney, GORDON F. ESPLIN, Utah Legal Services, Inc., 216 East Fifth South Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84111, on this 6th day of December, 1977.

  
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