**IN NUECES COUNTY COURT**

**OF NUECES COUNTY, TEXAS**

**COUNTY COURT AT LAW 5**

**In the interest of:**

**Deshawn Bleux CAUSE # 2018-FAM-60001-5**

**GUARDIAN AD LITEM REPORT TO THE COURT**

**Deshawn Bleux** Age 4 mos. DOB 03/12/18 Foster Home

Hearing date: August 7, 2018 (Status Hearing)

**History:**

* Deshawn was removed from his parents, Ms. Antoinette and Mr. Miles Bleux, on May 19, 2018.
* On this day, Deshawn was admitted to the hospital and was diagnosed with a subdural hematoma (bleeding on the brain), swelling of the brain and retinal hemorrhaging. Medical professionals determined the injuries appeared non-accidental.
* Deshawn was released from the hospital on May 23, 2018, and placed in a foster home, where he remains today.

**CPS Permanency Plan:**

The current CPS Permanency Plan is Family Reunification with a concurrent plan of Relative Adoption. The projected dismissal date is May 31, 2019.

**The Children:**

**Placement Needs and Wishes –** Deshawn is doing well in his foster home. All his needs are being met.

* Foster parents initially reported difficulty setting a sleeping and feeding routine.
* It was also reported that Deshawn has the most difficulty on the days after visitation. Upon returning he can be inconsolable through the evening.
* Deshawn now appears to be settling into a routine and adjusting to the foster home.

**Medical/Mental health-** Since his release from the hospital Deshawn appears to be doing well and developing on track.

* Overall Deshawn appears to be a healthy infant but he will require routine medical check-ups to monitor his development.

**Parents and Family:**

* Mr. and Ms. Bleux live in a two-bedroom apartment and both want Deshawn to return home as soon as possible.
* Ms. Bleux works full-time and attends college in the evenings. She has expressed she wants Deshawn to come home and believes he was only taken away because CPS thinks they are “too young” to be parents.
* Mr. Bleux also works full time as a dishwasher, but aspires to be a chef.
* Both parents admitted that they have relationship issues and are under a lot of pressure due to finances and busy schedules.
* It is extremely concerning to the GAL that neither parent knows how Deshawn was injured.
* Maternal aunt, Ms. Sabine Lee, has offered support for both parents and is willing to care for Deshawn while they work services.

**Guardian’s Ad Litem Visits and Contact with Other:**

* The GAL has visited Deshawn and his caregivers in the foster home.
* The GAL has also met with Mr. and Ms. Bleux, Ms. Lee and Deshawn’s doctor.
* The GAL has had contact with the caseworker, AAL and CASA Advisor.

**Achievement of the Permanency Plan:**

* Both parents have agreed to work services, although Ms. Bleux does not feel all the services are necessary.
* Both parents are visiting with Deshawn twice weekly.

**Recommendations:**

* The Guardian Ad Litem respectfully recommends status quo placement.
* The Guardian Ad Litem respectfully recommends a home study be completed on maternal aunt, Ms. Sabine Lee.
* The Guardian Ad Litem respectfully recommends both parents complete services and demonstrate they can provide a safe environment for Deshawn.

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