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No. ~~2011-01060~~

IN THE MATTER OF  
THE MARRIAGE OF

SARAH RIVAS GUNTER,  
Petitioner,  
AND  
DAVID KEITH GUNTER, JR.,  
Respondent

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT

246 JUDICIAL DISTRICT

HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

**FILED**

Chris Daniel  
District Clerk

MAY 26 2011

ORIGINAL PETITION FOR DIVORCE

1. *Discovery Level*

Discovery in this case is intended to be conducted under level 2 of rule 190 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

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By \_\_\_\_\_ S.P.  
Deputy

2. *Objection to Assignment of Case to Associate Judge*

Petitioner objects to the assignment of this matter to an associate judge for a trial on the merits or presiding at a jury trial.

3. *Parties*

This suit is brought by SARAH RIVAS GUNTER, Petitioner. DAVID KEITH GUNTER, JR. is Respondent.

4. *Domicile*

Petitioner has been a domiciliary of Texas for the preceding six-month period and a resident of this county for the preceding ninety-day period.

5. *Service*

Process should be served on Respondent at 7514 Edgevale Court, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77095, or wherever he may be found.

Service is requested at this time.

6. *Protective Order Statement*

No protective order under title 4 of the Texas Family Code is in effect, and no application for a protective order is pending with regard to the parties to this suit.

**7. *Dates of Marriage and Separation***

The parties were married on or about August 14, 2010 and ceased to live together as husband and wife on or about May 16, 2011.

**8. *Grounds for Divorce***

The marriage has become insupportable because of discord or conflict of personalities between Petitioner and Respondent that destroys the legitimate ends of the marriage relationship and prevents any reasonable expectation of reconciliation.

Respondent is guilty of cruel treatment toward Petitioner of a nature that renders further living together insupportable. Respondent has committed adultery.

**9. *Children of the Marriage***

There is no child born or adopted of this marriage, and none is expected.

**10. *Division of Community Property***

Petitioner requests the Court to divide the estate of Petitioner and Respondent in a manner that the Court deems just and right, as provided by law.

Petitioner should be awarded a disproportionate share of the parties' estate for the following reasons, including but not limited to:

- a. fault in the breakup of the marriage;
- b. fraud on the community;
- c. benefits the innocent spouse may have derived from the continuation of the marriage;
- d. disparity of earning power of the spouses and their ability to support themselves;
- e. education and future employability of the spouses;
- f. community indebtedness and liabilities;
- g. earning power, business opportunities, capacities, and abilities of the spouses;

- h. need for future support;
- i. attorney's fees to be paid;
- j. wasting of community assets by the spouses;
- k. gifts to or by a spouse during the marriage;
- l. reimbursement;
- m. actual fraud committed by a spouse;
- n. constructive fraud committed by a spouse.

**11. *Separate Property***

Petitioner owns certain separate property that is not part of the community estate of the parties, and Petitioner requests the Court to confirm that separate property as Petitioner's separate property and estate.

**12. *Postdivorce Maintenance***

Petitioner requests the Court to order that Petitioner be paid postdivorce maintenance for a reasonable period in accordance with chapter 8 of the Texas Family Code. Petitioner requests the Court to issue an order for withholding from Respondent's wages for this maintenance.

**13. *Request for Temporary Restraining Order***

Petitioner requests the Court to dispense with the issuance of a bond, and Petitioner requests that Respondent be temporarily restrained immediately, without hearing, and after notice and hearing be temporarily enjoined, pending the further order of this Court, from:

- 1. Communicating with Petitioner in person, by telephone, or in writing in vulgar, profane, obscene, or indecent language or in a coarse or offensive manner.
- 2. Threatening Petitioner in person, by telephone, or in writing to take unlawful action against any person.
- 3. Placing one or more telephone calls, anonymously, at any unreasonable hour, in an offensive and repetitious manner, or without a legitimate purpose of communication.
- 4. Causing bodily injury to Petitioner.
- 5. Threatening Petitioner with imminent bodily injury.

6. Destroying, removing, concealing, encumbering, transferring, or otherwise harming or reducing the value of the property of one or both of the parties.
7. Falsifying any writing or record relating to the property of either party.
8. Misrepresenting or refusing to disclose to Petitioner or to the Court, on proper request, the existence, amount, or location of any property of one or both of the parties.
9. Damaging or destroying the tangible property of one or both of the parties, including any document that represents or embodies anything of value.
10. Tampering with the tangible property of one or both of the parties, including any document that represents or embodies anything of value, and causing pecuniary loss to Petitioner.
11. Selling, transferring, assigning, mortgaging, encumbering, or in any other manner alienating any of the property of Petitioner or Respondent, whether personalty or realty, and whether separate or community, except as specifically authorized by order of this Court.
12. Incurring any indebtedness, other than legal expenses in connection with this suit, except as specifically authorized by order of this Court.
13. Making withdrawals from any checking or savings account in any financial institution for any purpose, except as specifically authorized by order of this Court.
14. Spending any sum of cash in Respondent's possession or subject to Respondent's control for any purpose, except as specifically authorized by order of this Court.
15. Withdrawing or borrowing in any manner for any purpose from any retirement, profit-sharing, pension, death, or other employee benefit plan or employee savings plan or from any individual retirement account or Keogh account, except as specifically authorized by order of this Court.
16. Entering any safe-deposit box in the name of or subject to the control of Petitioner or Respondent, whether individually or jointly with others.
17. Withdrawing or borrowing in any manner all or any part of the cash surrender value of life insurance policies on the life of Petitioner or Respondent, except as specifically authorized by order of this Court.
18. Changing or in any manner altering the beneficiary designation on any life insurance on the life of Petitioner or Respondent.

19. Canceling, altering, failing to renew or pay premiums, or in any manner affecting the present level of coverage of any life, casualty, automobile, or health insurance policies insuring the parties' property or persons.

20. Opening or diverting mail addressed to Petitioner.

21. Signing or endorsing Petitioner's name on any negotiable instrument, check, or draft, such as tax refunds, insurance payments, and dividends, or attempting to negotiate any negotiable instrument payable to Petitioner without the personal signature of Petitioner.

22. Taking any action to terminate or limit credit or charge cards in the name of Petitioner.

23. Discontinuing or reducing the withholding for federal income taxes on Respondent's wages or salary while this case is pending.

24. Destroying, disposing of, or altering any financial records of the parties, including but not limited to records from financial institutions (including canceled checks and deposit slips), all records of credit purchases or cash advances, tax returns, and financial statements.

25. Destroying, disposing of, or altering any e-mail or other electronic data relevant to the subject matters of this case, whether stored on a hard drive or on a diskette or other electronic storage device.

26. Terminating or in any manner affecting the service of water, electricity, gas, telephone, cable television, or other contractual services, such as security, pest control, landscaping, or yard maintenance, at 627 Barrow Downs Way, Houston, Texas 77034 or in any manner attempting to withdraw any deposits for service in connection with those services.

27. Terminating or in any manner affecting the service of Petitioner's cellular phone or in any manner attempting to withdraw any deposits for service in connection with those services.

28. Excluding Petitioner from the use and enjoyment of the residence located at 627 Barrow Downs Way, Houston, Texas 77034.

29. Entering, operating, or exercising control over the 2011 Ford Edge in the possession of Petitioner.

Petitioner requests that Respondent be authorized only as follows:

To make expenditures and incur indebtedness for reasonable and necessary living expenses for food, clothing, shelter, transportation, and medical care.

To make expenditures and incur indebtedness for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in connection with this suit.

To make withdrawals from accounts in financial institutions only for the purposes authorized by the Court's order.

To engage in acts reasonable and necessary to conduct Respondent's usual business and occupation.

**14. Request for Temporary Orders and Injunction**

Petitioner requests the Court, after notice and hearing, to dispense with the issuance of a bond, to make temporary orders and issue any appropriate temporary injunctions for the preservation of the property and protection of the parties as deemed necessary and equitable. Petitioner requests that the Court enjoin Respondent from the following:

1. Communicating with Petitioner in person, by telephone, or in writing in vulgar, profane, obscene, or indecent language or in a coarse or offensive manner.
2. Threatening Petitioner in person, by telephone, or in writing to take unlawful action against any person.
3. Placing one or more telephone calls, anonymously, at any unreasonable hour, in an offensive and repetitious manner, or without a legitimate purpose of communication.
4. Causing bodily injury to Petitioner.
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7. Falsifying any writing or record relating to the property of either party.
8. Misrepresenting or refusing to disclose to Petitioner or to the Court, on proper request, the existence, amount, or location of any property of one or both of the parties.
9. Damaging or destroying the tangible property of one or both of the parties, including any document that represents or embodies anything of value.
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13. Making withdrawals from any checking or savings account in any financial institution for any purpose, except as specifically authorized by order of this Court.

14. Spending any sum of cash in Respondent's possession or subject to Respondent's control for any purpose, except as specifically authorized by order of this Court.

15. Withdrawing or borrowing in any manner for any purpose from any retirement, profit-sharing, pension, death, or other employee benefit plan or employee savings plan or from any individual retirement account or Keogh account, except as specifically authorized by order of this Court.

16. Entering any safe-deposit box in the name of or subject to the control of Petitioner or Respondent, whether individually or jointly with others.

17. Withdrawing or borrowing in any manner all or any part of the cash surrender value of life insurance policies on the life of Petitioner or Respondent, except as specifically authorized by order of this Court.

18. Changing or in any manner altering the beneficiary designation on any life insurance on the life of Petitioner or Respondent.

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*15. Request for Temporary Orders Concerning Use of Property*

Petitioner requests the Court, after notice and hearing, for the preservation of the property and protection of the parties, to make temporary orders and issue any appropriate temporary injunctions respecting the temporary use of the parties' property as deemed necessary and equitable, including but not limited to the following:

Awarding Petitioner the exclusive use and possession of the residence located at 627 Barrow Downs Way, Houston, Texas 77034, as well as the furniture, furnishings, and other personal property at that residence, while this case is pending, and enjoining Respondent from entering or remaining on the premises of the residence and exercising possession or control of any of this personal property, except as authorized by order of this Court.

Awarding Petitioner exclusive use and control of the 2011 Ford Edge and enjoining Respondent from entering, operating, or exercising control over it.

*16. Request for Interim Attorney's Fees and Temporary Support*

Petitioner requests the Court, after notice and hearing, for the preservation of the property and protection of the parties, to make temporary orders and issue any appropriate temporary injunctions regarding attorney's fees and support as deemed necessary and equitable, including

but not limited to the following:

Petitioner requests that Respondent be ordered to pay reasonable interim attorney's fees and expenses, including but not limited to fees for appraisals, accountants, actuaries, and so forth. Petitioner is not in control of sufficient community assets to pay attorney's fees and anticipated expenses.

Petitioner has insufficient income for support, and Petitioner requests the Court to order Respondent to make payments for the support of Petitioner, including ordering Respondent to pay for all community liabilities and expenses, until a final decree is signed.

Petitioner requests that Respondent be ordered to pay estimated income taxes on the due dates as required by the Internal Revenue Service and under the Social Security numbers of both Petitioner and Respondent.

Petitioner requests that Respondent be ordered to pay any ad valorem taxes and insurance premiums as due on the properties of the parties.

*17. Request for Temporary Orders for Discovery and Ancillary Relief*

Petitioner requests the Court, after notice and hearing, for the preservation of the property and protection of the parties, to make temporary orders for discovery and ancillary relief as deemed necessary and equitable, including but not limited to the following:

Ordering Respondent to provide a sworn inventory and appraisal of all the separate and community property owned or claimed by the parties and all debts and liabilities owed by the parties substantially in the form and detail prescribed by the *Texas Family Law Practice Manual* (2d ed.), form 7-1.

Ordering Respondent to produce copies of all the information necessary to prepare Petitioner's tax returns for the 2010 tax year, including tax returns and all supporting schedules for the 2010 tax year, by a date certain.

Ordering the parties to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process before trial of this matter.

Ordering Respondent to execute all necessary releases required by Petitioner to obtain any discovery allowed by the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

Ordering a pretrial conference to simplify the issues in this case and determine the stipulations of the parties and for any other matters the Court deems appropriate.

*18. Attorney's Fees, Expenses, Costs, and Interest*

It was necessary for Petitioner to secure the services of Karen A. Rundlof, a licensed attorney, to prepare and prosecute this suit. To effect an equitable division of the estate of the parties and as a part of the division, judgment for attorney's fees, expenses, and costs through trial and appeal should be granted against Respondent and in favor of Petitioner for the use and benefit of Petitioner's attorney; or, in the alternative, Petitioner requests that reasonable attorney's fees, expenses, and costs through trial and appeal be taxed as costs and be ordered paid directly to Petitioner's attorney, who may enforce the order in the attorney's own name. Petitioner requests postjudgment interest as allowed by law.

19. *Prayer*

Petitioner prays that citation and notice issue as required by law and that the Court grant a divorce and all other relief requested in this petition.

Petitioner prays that the Court immediately grant a temporary restraining order restraining Respondent, in conformity with the allegations of this petition, from the acts set forth above, and Petitioner prays that, after notice and hearing, this temporary restraining order be made a temporary injunction.

Petitioner prays that the Court, in addition to the temporary restraining order and temporary injunction prayed for above, after notice and hearing, grant a temporary injunction enjoining Respondent, in conformity with the allegations of this petition, from the acts set forth above while this case is pending.

Petitioner prays that, on final hearing, the Court enter a permanent injunction enjoining Respondent, in conformity with the allegations of this petition, from the acts set forth above.

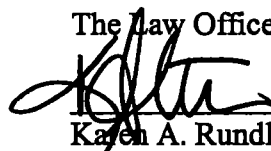
Petitioner prays that Petitioner's name be changed as requested above.

Petitioner prays for attorney's fees, expenses, costs, and interest as requested above.

Petitioner prays for general relief.

Respectfully submitted,

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