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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME OF:)

MA'DALYNN MARYIAN JOHNSON-DOSS,)

CASE NO. PR-2025-000961

A MINOR;)

ORDER

This cause came before the Court on October 8, 2025 on the Motion of Otis Odell Reggie Doss filed with the Court on August 28, 2025. Proper notice was given to all necessary parties. Present in court were: Lanesha Johnson Rodgers (the "Mother" or "Co-Petitioner"), who appeared pro se; Demetrious Wyndale Rodgers ("Mr. Rodgers" or "Co-Petitioner"), who appeared pro se; Otis Odell Reggie Doss (the "Father"), along with Katheree Hughes, Jr., Esq., his attorney of record; and Tandrinkya Woods (the "Notary"), who appeared pro se. The case was called and the Court proceeded to take ore tenus testimony.

The Mother and Co-Petitioner filed a Petition And Declaration For Change Of Name Of A Minor Child on March 3, 2025. The Petition was a joint filing by the Mother and the Co-Petitioner as indicated by their notarized signatures on the Petition. Several documents were filed along with the Petition as supporting evidence, specifically: a copy of the minor's birth certificate evidencing the Mother and the Father as the legal parents of the child; a water bill as evidence that the minor and Co-Petitioners reside in Shelby County; and a letter containing the notarized signature of the Father evidencing his consent to the name change (the "Consent Document"). The supporting letter was notarized by Tandrinkya Woods, a Notary for the State of Alabama whose commission is noted to expire on September 7, 2025. Based upon the Petition and supporting evidence submitted to the Court, an Order granting the name change was entered on March 3, 2025.

On August 28, 2025, the Father filed several documents, which not styled as such but are in substance a Motion for Relief From Judgment or Order under Rule 60 of the Alabama Rules of

Civil Procedure alleging fraud on the part of the Co-Petitioners as he contends that he does not give nor has he ever given consent to the name change of his child. The Father denies consenting in writing or verbally to the name change in tis matter and denies having seen or executed the Consent Document filed with this Court by the Co-Petitioners.

The Notary who purportedly notarized the signature of the Father on the Consent Document testified that she has never met any of the parties to this matter and further that she did not notarize the Consent Document. She testified that she kept two notary seals/stamps and reported that one of the seals/stamps was lost or stolen on or about March 4, 2025. When shown the Consent Document, she denied that she had notarized the document and testified that the signature on the document was not hers. She denied ever notarizing any document for the Father or either of the Co-Petitioners. She testified that she did not authorize anyone to use her Notary seal/stamp and that if someone used her seal/stamp it was not at her direction or with her permission.

Neither of the Co-Petitioners chose to testify to provide evidence to support the authenticity of the Consent Document they filed with this Court to support their sworn Petition.

Based upon the evidence presented and the pleadings and papers on file, the Court **FINDS** as follows:

1. The Petition and supporting evidence filed on March 3, 2025 by the Co-Petitioners contains fraudulent information, including a signature and notary stamp/seal which was forged.
2. The Father did not consent to the name change of the child at the time the petition was filed and maintains that the child's name should not have been changed and should remain Ma'Dalynn Ma'ryian Johnson-Doss, her given name at birth.

3. The Probate Court is conferred jurisdiction to change the name of a minor only where there is consent of all persons who have natural parental or legal rights of the minor, thus lacked jurisdiction to grant the Petition filed on March 3, 2025.

It is therefore **ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED** as follows:

1. This Court's Order Of Change Of Name Change filed and entered on March 3, 2025 is due to be and hereby is **VACATED, SET ASIDE and HELD FOR NAUGHT**, thus the minor's name shall return to her birth name, **Ma'Dalynn Ma'ryan Johnson-Doss**.
2. There was no evidence presented to support a finding of any misconduct on the part of Tandrinkya Woods in regards to her actions as a Notary Public. Upon notification that her notary stamp/seal had been improperly used and learning that it had been lost or stolen, she took action by notifying the appropriate police jurisdiction and the office of the commissioning probate judge that the same had been lost or stolen.
3. Costs of court are taxed to Demetrious Wyndale Rodgers and Lanesha Johnson Rodgers, for which let execution issue.

DONE and ORDERED this the 8th day of October, 2025.


Allison S. Boyd
Judge of Probate

cc: Demetrious Wyndale Rodgers
Lanesha Johnson Rodgers
Katherine Hughes, Jr., Esq.
Tandrinkya Woods