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Honorable Robert A. Onofry
Supreme Court Justice
285 Main Street,
Goshen, New York 10924
By Email

RE: Matter of Friedman , Index No. 9060/18

Dear Hon. Judge Onofry,

Thank you for your response of even date. I wish to correct the record. The court misunderstood and misconstrued my letter of this morning as purportedly (1) having an intention to terminate the guardianship, and (2) having been written with my brother Yoel's consent. The below is some of the information the court should be aware of before next conference.

My intention was NOT to terminate anything. Rather, since the court chose to notice only myself out of all my other family members about the scheduled conference, I was lead to believe that the court wishes to be apprised of the true facts and situation, for which an evaluation would most certainly helped the court be apprised and learn the truth and the below information among others.

However, the Court's unwillingness to get an evaluation of Yoel but rather to remain stuck with this three year ordeal, appears highly suspicious to say the least.

Facts for the courts review in anticipation of the scheduled conference

Yoel was incapacitated since a very young age. While he attended Yeshiva until 2004 when he got married and lived together with his wife and two children until September 2018. While Yoel had struggled to earn a living until 2010, he ultimately found employment as a kindergarten teacher at a religious School in Monroe which lasted until September 2018. During that time, in March of 2014, Yoel managed to buy his apartment at 8 Hamburg Way, Unit 102, Monroe, residing there until September 2018.

In January of 2016, Yoel successfully developed two separate businesses with my assistance. “Mung Beans USA”, and “Friedman’s Real Food”, which Yoel ran in tandem, to produce, market and distribute specialty whole foods and shakes in the NY Kosher market, this lasted until

September 2018. Yoel was previously always capable and managed to timely handle and pay his bills and expenses by himself, both personal and business.

In September of 2018, a short time after my brother Yehuda filed for the petition for guardianship and well before the Court issued the guardianship order, Yehuda forcibly removed Yoel from his apartment, seized Yoel's belongings, both personal and business, assets, moneys, property, all personal ID's and documentation.

The court's subsequent order granted Yehuda's petition providing for among others the exclusive power of marshalling all of Yoel's monies, assets, payroll income, business, and any other income as well as paying Yoel's bills and expenses to the guardians. Sometimes later Yoel got wind that his wife's brother Joel Teitelbaum was added as a third co-guardian.

Despite the aforementioned, and ever since the summer of 2018 to-date, Yoel has received ZERO assistance whatsoever, in any shape or form, no shelter, no food, no maintenance, no funds, no clothing, no transportation, no medical healthcare, and no other basic necessities and maintenance, let alone his religious and cultural needs.

The Court may do it's own enquiries and investigation to learn the true and real facts of Yoel's situation.

Respectfully yours

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