

GUYANA COURT PETITION  
RE: JOHN STOEN B.I.C

CLARENCE HUGHES ( Barrister-at-Law )

In the matter of JOHN VICTOR STOEN,

- and -

In the matter of an application of by GRACE LUCY STOEN, by and through her lawful attorney JEFFREY A. HAAS, for a Writ of Habeas Corpus and Sub-Judendum.

September	5	th	Ex-parte application By way of affidavit Filed
September	5	th	Exhibits 'A' 'B' 'C' 'D' 'E' Laid over.
<i>September</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>th</i>	<i>Coram Bishop J. (L.S.) Mr. C.A.F. Hughes for Applicant. Order granted directing Jim Jones to return me to the applicant the infant John Victor Stoen on 8/9/77</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>th</i>	<i>Order entered. Writ of Habeas Corpus and Subjudendum filed.</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>th</i>	<i>Coram Bishop J. (L.S.) Mr. C.A.F. Hughes for Applicant. Application granted for substituted service. Four (4) certified copies to be made - three (3) to be affixed to the gate and for buildings constituting the People's Temple Agricultural B-1-C-1a</i>

Mission Compound, Kaituma, N.W.D. and the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>)  
to be served on the personal secretary or the member  
of staff within the said compound as holding himself  
or herself as a servant and/or agent of the said Jim Jones.

Returnable for Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 1977 at 9.00 a.m.

Sept 8<sup>th</sup> Order entered.

Sept 10<sup>th</sup> Forum Basilys T. (Loh)

Mr. C. A. F. Hughes for Applicant.

No appearance of or for Respondent.

Mr. Hughes makes application for the following orders.

- > (a) Order for issue of Bond warrant to arrest child
  - > (b) Order for custody of said child in court.
  - > (c) Order for leave to serve proceedings for contempt  
on Jim Jones.
  - > (d) Order for substituted service, if necessary on said  
Jim Jones should personal service prove impossible.  
Such substituted service as consistent with that  
employed as directed by order of court dated 8.9.77.
- All costs prayed for above granted.
- > Costs \$1,250.00

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE

CIVIL JURISDICTION

**SUPREME COURT**  
IN THE MATTER OF  
JAMES VICTOR STOEN,  
Respondent

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Respondent

In the matter of an application by GRACE  
LUCY STOEN by and through her legal  
attorney JEFFREY A. HAAS, for a writ of  
Habeas Corpus and Sub Jactandam,

- and -

In the matter of the Civil Law Act,  
Chapter 6:01.

EX PARTE APPLICATION BY WAY OF AFFIDAVIT:

I, JEFFREY ALLEN HAAS, of 3609 Sacramento Street, San Francisco, California, United States of America, being duly sworn make oath and say as follows:-

1. That I am an Attorney At Law admitted to practise in the State of California and am the attorney of record for Grace Lucy Stoen.

2. That as attorney of record for the said Grace Lucy Stoen I am duly authorised and have been specially authorised by the said Grace Lucy Stoen to appear on her behalf in the above-mentioned matter, and to make this application on her behalf.

3. On 23rd February, 1977, I caused to be filed in the Superior Court in and for the County of San Francisco, State of California, a Petition for dissolution of the marriage between Grace Lucy Stoen and Timothy O. Stoen. Inter Alia, a demand for custody of the infant, JOHN VICTOR STOEN, aged five years was made. A filed copy of the said Petition is attached hereto and marked Exhibit 'A'.

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4. That hereto attached and marked Exhibit "B" is a certified copy of the Certificate of Birth of the said John Victor Stoen, which shows that the child was born on the 25th day of January, 1972.

5. By an order of the said Superior Court made on the 20th day of August, 1977, legal custody of the said John Victor Stoen was awarded to the said Grace Lucy Stoen. A filed certified copy of the said Order of Court is attached hereto and marked Exhibit "C". There has been no appeal against the said order.

6. That I am informed and verily believe that Grace Lucy Stoen, Timothy O. Stoen, John Victor Stoen and Jim Jones are all citizens of the United States. At the time of the filing of the Petition for dissolution, Grace Lucy Stoen, Timothy O. Stoen and Jim Jones were residing in and domiciled in San Francisco, California. I am also informed by Mr. Charles Garry, attorney for Jim Jones that the said infant, John Victor Stoen was taken to the Peoples Temple Agricultural Mission in Guyana in October, 1976. Prior to the said removal, the infant had lived his entire life in California. Grace Lucy Stoen and Timothy O. Stoen have lived their entire married life in California. Jim Jones left San Francisco in June 1977. I am informed that he is in Guyana at the People's temple Agricultural Mission in North West District.

7. I have been informed by Jim Jones' attorney Charles Garry, and Richard Mc Coy, First Secretary-Consul of the United States Embassy in Guyana that the said infant is with the said Jim Jones in Kaituma at the People's Temple Agricultural Mission. The said infant remains in Guyana against the wishes and without the approval of his mother Grace Lucy Stoen and in direct violation of the said Court Order. In addition to the Superior Court granting custody to the said Grace Lucy Stoen, it further directed that the infant be brought before the Court on October 6th, 1977

8. That repeated requests have been made for the return of the said infant. The said Jim Jones has refused and/or neglected to deliver up possession of the said infant to the said Grace Lucy Stoen and continues to do so. That I have also written

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to the attorney for the said Jim Jones demanding the return of the said child but without success. Hereto attached and marked Exhibit "D" is a copy of the said letter. That I am also informed and verily believe that the said Grace Lucy Stoen has also made repeated requests for the return of the said child but without success. The respondent has refused to deliver up possession of the said infant and continues to do so.

9. That on the 18th day of August 1977 the said Grace Lucy Stoen made a petitioner's declaration under penalty of perjury wherein is set out some of the conditions to which the said infant is being subjected. Hereto attached and marked Exhibit "E" is a copy of the said petitioner's declaration. The said petitioner's declaration has been filed in the Superior Court of California and is part of the official records of the Court.

10. That I was informed by Charles Garry, the attorney for the said Jim Jones that he has advised Jim Jones to remain out of the United States of America. That I am also informed and verily believe that various Governmental Agencies in the United States of America are investigating the said Jim Jones.

11. That I respectfully submit to this Honourable Court that unless the infant were removed forthwith from the possession of the said Jim Jones, irreparable harm and damage would be done to the said infant.

12. That I am advised by Counsel and verily believe that the detention of the said infant by the said Jim Jones is unlawful and that I am entitled to the possession of the said infant by virtue of the express wishes and authority of the mother Grace Lucy Stoen given to me.

13. That I accordingly apply to this Honourable Court for an order directing the said Jim Jones to deliver up to me forthwith the said infant John Victor Stoen, or for such further order or relief as to this Honourable Court may seem fit.

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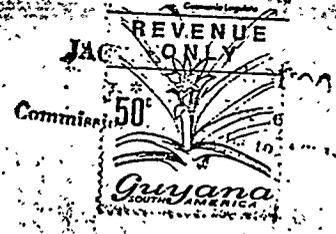
14. That I hereby authorise Mr. Henry Britton Fraser and/or Dabi Dial, Solicitor to act as my Solicitor in the above cause and to all acts and things necessary in connection therewith and to give good and valid receipts therefor on my behalf. The address for service and place of business of my said solicitor is at my office Messrs. Hughes, Fields and Stoby, Legal Practitioners, 62 Hadfield & Cross Streets, Georgetown, Demerara.

*[Handwritten signature]*

Sworn to at Georgetown, Demerara,  
This 3 day of September, 1977.

Before Me,

*J. Budhoo*  
JACNARINE BUDHOO  
A COMMISSIONER OF OATHS  
Justice of Peace  
Commissioner of Oaths to Affidavit



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This 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 1977  
Company with Attorney Jeffrey  
A. Haas. I have duly made out for  
the further amended important files  
Jones at Port Kaituma, North West  
District, and from Singapore, Kuala  
Lumpur and London. I have  
and I have further failed to effect  
service in any other way this  
6<sup>th</sup> day of September 1977 dated  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 1977  
p/Blackburn  
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE SUPREME COURT OF  
JUDICATURE  
CIVIL JURISDICTION

In the matter of JOHN VICTOR STOEN, an infir  
- and -  
In the matter of an application by GRACE LEE  
STOEN by and through her lawful attorney  
JEFFREY A. HAAS, for a Writ of Habeas Corpus  
and Sub Jactandum,

This writ of Habeas Corpus and  
sub-jactandum and sub-jacta together  
with Writ of Habeas Corpus dated 8<sup>th</sup> day  
of September 1977 was applied for  
at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Building constituting  
The People's Temple Agricultural  
Mission at Port Kaituma North  
West District and one was  
served on Mrs Louchette personal  
Secretary to Mr. Jim Jones  
and I was satisfied as to her  
identity. This 9<sup>th</sup> day of September  
1977 dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September  
1977.  
p/Blackburn  
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- and -  
In the matter of the Civil Law Act, Chapter  
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EX PARTE APPLICATION by WAY OF AFFIDAVIT

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H.B. FRASER/DABI DIAL  
Solicitor to Applicant.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

In re the marriage of:

CASE NUMBER:

Petitioner: GRACE LUCY STOEN  
and  
Respondent: TIMOTHY O. STOEN

PETITION (MARRIAGE)

1. This petition is for:

- Legal separation of the parties pursuant to:
  - Civil Code Section 4506(1)
  - Civil Code Section 4506(2)

- Dissolution of the marriage pursuant to:
  - Civil Code Section 4506(1)
  - Civil Code Section 4506(2)

.....has been a resident of this state for at least six months and of this county for at least three months immediately preceding the filing of this petition.  
(Petitioner/Respondent)

- Nullity of the marriage pursuant to:
  - Civil Code Section 4400
  - Civil Code Section 4401
  - Civil Code Section 4425( )

2. Statistical information:

- a. Husband's social security number: unknown Wife's social security number: 563-82-0448
- b. Date and place of marriage: 6/27/70, Redwood Valley, Calif.
- c. Date of separation: 7/3/76 The number of years from date of marriage to date of separation is: .....years, .....months, .....days.
- d. There are one children of this marriage including the following minor children:  
(Number)

Name	Birthdate	Age	Sex
John Victor Stoen	1-25-72	5	Male

Form Adopted by Rule 1281 of  
Judicial Council of California  
Revised Effective January 1, 1972

PETITION (MARRIAGE)

California Newspaper Service Bureau, Inc.  
Established 1934

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Property statements

There is no property subject to disposition by the court in this proceeding.

All property otherwise subject to disposition by the court in this proceeding has been disposed of by written agreement of the parties.

The following described property is subject to disposition by the court in this proceeding:

Residential property  
Respondent's pension & retirement benefits

4. Petitioner requests that the following described property be confirmed as petitioner's separate property:

5. Petitioner requests that:

- a.  Custody of children be awarded: Petitioner  
(Petitioner/Respondent/Other [Specify])
- b.  Support of children be awarded
- c.  Spousal support.....be awarded Petitioner  
(not) (Petitioner/Respondent)
- d.  Property rights be determined as provided by law
- e.  Attorney's fees and costs.....be awarded Petitioner  
(not) (Petitioner/Respondent)

and that the court inquire into the status of the marriage and render such judgments and make such injunctive or other orders as are appropriate.

Petitioner declares under penalty of perjury that the foregoing, including any attachments, is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on 2-17-77 at San Francisco, California.

.....  
 (Attorney for Petitioner) Grace Lucy Stoen (Signature)  
 (Type/print name)

A declaration under penalty of perjury must be executed within California. An affidavit is required if executed outside California.

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CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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1. NAME OF CHILD - FIRST NAME <b>JOHN</b>		1a. MIDDLE NAME <b>VICTOR</b>		1c. LAST NAME <b>STOEN</b>	
2. SEX <b>MALE</b>	3a. THIS BIRTH SINGLE BIRTH OR TWINS <b>SINGLE</b>	3b. IF BORN ON EMPLOYER'S PREMISES CHILD BORN BY THIS BIRTH		4a. DATE OF BIRTH - MONTH DAY YEAR <b>JANUARY 25, 1972</b>	
5a. PLACE OF BIRTH - NAME OF HOSPITAL <b>SANTA ROSA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL</b>			5b. STREET ADDRESS, STATE, AND NUMBER OR LOCATION <b>1165 MONTGOMERY DRIVE</b>		
5c. CITY OR TOWN <b>SANTA ROSA</b>			5e. COUNTY <b>SONOMA</b>		
6a. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER - FIRST NAME <b>GRACE</b>		6b. MIDDLE NAME <b>LUCY</b>		6c. LAST NAME (MAIDEN SURNAME) <b>GRECH</b>	
8. AGE OF MOTHER (AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH) YEARS <b>21</b>		9. COLOR OR RACE OF MOTHER <b>CAUCASIAN</b>		7. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR FOREIGN CO.) <b>SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.</b>	
10c. RESIDENCE OF MOTHER - CITY OR TOWN <b>UKIAH</b>			10d. RESIDENCE OF MOTHER - STREET ADDRESS <b>6300 EASTSIDE CALPELLA ROAD</b>		10e. RESIDENCE OF MOTHER - CITY OR TOWN <b>NO</b>
11a. NAME OF FATHER - FIRST NAME <b>TIMOTHY</b>			11b. MIDDLE NAME <b>OLIVER</b>		11c. LAST NAME <b>STOEN</b>
13. AGE OF FATHER (AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH) YEARS <b>34</b>		14. COLOR OR RACE OF FATHER <b>CAUCASIAN</b>		15a. PRESENT OR LAST OCCUPATION <b>ASS'T DIST. ATTORNEY</b>	
16a. PARENT OR OTHER INFORMANT SIGNATURE (IF OTHER THAN PARENT, SPECIFY) <i>Grace Lucy Stoen</i>		16b. DATE REVIEWED AND SIGNED BY INFORMANT <b>1-26-72</b>		15b. KIND OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS <b>LEGAL</b>	
17a. PHYSICIAN (OR OTHER PERSON WHO ATTENDED THIS BIRTH) SIGNATURE - DEGREE OR TITLE <i>W. S. Ball, M.D.</i>		17b. DATE SIGNED BY PHYSICIAN OR OTHER ATTENDING <b>1-26-72</b>		17c. PHYSICIAN'S CALIFORNIA LICENSE NUMBER <b>A14087</b>	
17c. ADDRESS <i>Walter C. Brown, M.D.</i>		19. LOCAL REGISTRAR - SIGNATURE <i>Walter C. Brown, M.D.</i>		20. DATE ACCEPTED FOR REGISTRATION BY LOCAL REGISTRAR <b>FEB 2 1972</b>	
21a. PREVIOUS DELIVERIES TO THIS MOTHER (DO NOT INCLUDE THIS CHILD) <b>NONE</b>		21b. HOW MANY OTHER CHILDREN ARE NOW ALIVE? <b>NONE</b>		21c. HOW MANY OTHER CHILDREN WERE BORN ALIVE BUT ARE NOW DEAD? <b>NONE</b>	
22. DATE LAST NORMAL MENSTRUATION BEGAN (ENTER MONTH, DAY, YEAR) <b>APRIL 10, 1971</b>		23. MONTH OF PREGNANCY PRENATAL CARE BEGAN (1ST, 2ND, 3RD, ETC. - IF NONE, SO STATE) <b>THIRD</b>		24. WEIGHT AT BIRTH <b>7 LBS. 8 OZS.</b>	
25. LENGTH AT BIRTH (CROWN-HEEL) <b>20 INCHES</b>		26. COMPLICATIONS RELATED TO PREGNANCY (DESCRIBE OR IF NONE, SO STATE) <b>None</b>			
27. COMPLICATIONS OF LABOR AND DELIVERY (DESCRIBE OR IF NONE, SO STATE) <b>Occiput posterior - mid forceps delivery</b>					28. CAESAREAN SECTION (SPECIFY YES OR NO) <b>NO</b>
29. BIRTH INJURY TO CHILD (DESCRIBE OR IF NONE, SO STATE) <b>None</b>					
30. CONGENITAL MALFORMATIONS OR ANOMALIES (DESCRIBE OR IF NONE, SO STATE) <b>None</b>					
31. INFANT DEATH - (ENTER DATE OF DEATH)			32. OTHER DATA		

The within Document is a correct copy of the record in this office.

ATTEST: AUG 19 1972

HERR SNYDER, JR.  
County Recorder in and for the County of California  
By: *P. Dove*

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2 Attorney at Law  
3 3609 Sacramento Street  
4 San Francisco, CA 94118  
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CARL M. OLSEN, Clerk

6 MARGARET RYAN  
7 Attorney at Law  
8 294 Page Street  
9 San Francisco, CA 94102  
10 (415) 626-0979

11 Attorney for Petitioner

RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN MY OFFICE.  
ATTEST: CERTIFIED

AUG 26 1977

CARL M. OLSEN, COUNTY CLERK OF SAN FRANCISCO, AND EX OFFICIO CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO.  
BY THE ANNEXED INSTRUMENT WORKS A CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN MY OFFICE.  
ATTEST: CERTIFIED

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In re: County Superior Court

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12 CARL M. OLSEN, Clerk  
13 WALKER, Deputy Clerk

SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

AUG 26 1977

CARL M. OLSEN, COUNTY CLERK OF SAN FRANCISCO, AND EX OFFICIO CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

12 In re the marriage of  
13 Petitioner: GRACE LUCY STOEN  
14 and  
15 Respondent: TIMOTHY O. STOEN

Case Number 719-147

ORDER RE: CHILD CUSTODY  
(REVISED)



GOOD CAUSE APPEARING:

(1) Petitioner is awarded custody of JOHN VICTOR STOEN, age 5, d.o.b. 1/25/72 pending further order of this court.

(2) Petitioner's Order to Show Cause Re Custody is continued for further hearing until October 6, 1977, Dept. 13 at 9:00 a.m.

(3) Pursuant to Section 5160(2) of the California Civil Code, Respondent TIMOTHY O. STOEN is ordered to appear before this court on October 6, 1977 at 9:00 a.m., Room 481, City Hall, to show cause why Petitioner should not be awarded custody of said minor.

(4) Pursuant to Section 5160(2) of the California Civil Code, Respondent TIMOTHY O. STOEN is advised that a failure to appear at the time and place designated above may result in a decision adverse to himself.

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1 (5) Pursuant to Section 5154(1) of the California Civil Code,  
 2 the court directs that service of this order, the summons and petition  
 3 upon Respondent shall be deemed to have been effected upon proof of the  
 4 doing of the following acts: (1) publication of this order and the  
 5 in The Recorder, a newspaper of general circulation for four times in four  
 6 successive weeks as provided in Government Code 6064. The last day of  
 7 publication shall be no later than September 23, 1977 and (2) the mailing  
 8 of a copy of this order, the summons and petition by first class postage  
 9 prepaid to PATRICK HALLINAN, Attorney at Law, 345 Franklin Street, San  
 10 Francisco, California. Said mailing shall occur no later than September 1,  
 11 1977. In the alternative Respondent STOEN may be personally served.

12 (6) Good cause appearing, the REV. JIM JONES is ordered joined  
 13 as a party to this action pursuant to Section 5159 of the California Civil  
 14 Code.

15 (7) Pursuant to Section 5154(1) of the California Civil Code,  
 16 the court directs that service of this order, the summons and petition upon  
 17 Claimant JONES shall be deemed to have been effected upon proof of the doing  
 18 of the following acts: (1) the mailing of a copy of this order, the summons  
 19 and petition first class postage prepaid, to the REVEREND JIM JONES,  
 20 c/o PEOPLE'S TEMPLE, 1851 Geary Street, San Francisco, California. Said  
 21 mailing shall occur no later than September 1, 1977; (2) the mailing of this  
 22 order, the summons and petition airmail postage prepaid to REV. JIM JONES,  
 23 c/o THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE AGRICULTURAL MISSION, Guyana. Said mailing shall  
 24 occur no later than September 1, 1977; (3) the mailing of a copy of this  
 25 order to CHARLES GARRY, Attorney at Law, 1256 Market Street, San Francisco,  
 26 California. Said mailing shall occur no later than September 1, 1977; and  
 27 (4) publication of this order in The Recorder, a newspaper of general  
 28 circulation for four times in four successive weeks as provided in Government Code

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1 Code 6064. The last day of publication shall be no later than September 23,  
2 1977. In the alternative, REV. JONES may be personally served.

3 (8) Pursuant to Section 5160(2) of the California Civil Code,  
4 Claimant REV. JIM JONES is ordered to appear before this court on October 6,  
5 1977; Room 481, City Hall, with said minor to show cause why Petitioner  
6 should not be awarded custody of said minor.

7 (9) Pursuant to Section 5160(2) of the California Civil Code,  
8 Claimant REV. JIM JONES is advised that a failure to appear at the time and  
9 place designated above may result in a decision adverse to himself.

10 (10) Any previous declaration of statement signed by either  
11 Petitioner or Respondent authorizing Claimant JONES to act as guardian of  
12 said minor child is hereby declared null and void.

13 (11) The parties and their agents are restrained from said minor  
14 from the City and County of San Francisco pending further order of this  
15 court.

16 Dated: AUG 26 1977

DONALD B. KING

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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August 25, 1977

Mr. Charles Garry  
Attorney at Law  
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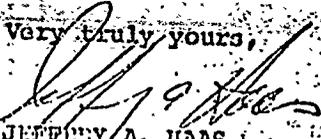
Re: Grace Stoen vs. Timothy Stoen (Dissolution)

Dear Mr. Garry:

In accordance with Judge King's directive, please find enclosed a copy of the order arising out of the hearing on August 18, 1977. As you will recall, one of the notice requirements was for service of the papers on your office. The enclosed order incorporates a notice of the Order to Show Cause hearing now set for October 6, 1977 before Judge King.

Demand is hereby made on you in your capacity as the legal representative of both the People's Temple and Mr. Jim Jones for return of the minor child, Jdn Victor, to his mother in accordance with the court order. I trust that we can expect your cooperation and compliance.

Very truly yours,

  
JEFFREY A. HAAS  
MARGARET RYAN  
JAH:kh  
enc.

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cc: Grace Stoen

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9 Attorneys for Petitioner

10 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
11 IN AND FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

12 In Re the Marriage of: )  
13 Petitioner: GRACE LUCY STOEN ) No. 719-147  
14 and ) PETITIONER'S DECLARATION  
15 Respondent: TIMOTHY O. STOEN ) PURSUANT TO RULE 8.2.64

16 I, GRACE STOEN, declare the following under penalty of  
17 perjury.

18 I am the mother of JOHN VICTOR STOEN, d.o.b. J. 25,  
19 1972. As set forth in my declaration of August 11, 1977, I have  
20 been attempting to secure the return of my son since I left the  
21 PEOPLE'S TEMPLE in July, 1976. Unless this Court acts immediatel  
22 psychological, moral, and possible physical harm will continue  
23 to be done to JOHN.

24 I base my allegation on the following facts:  
25 A common method of discipline within the PEOPLE'S TEMPLE  
26 is the beating of members before the assembled membership.  
27 Microphones are placed near the mouth of the person beaten so tha  
28 the intensity of their screams will not be lost on the audience.

MARGARET RYAN  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
SAN FRANCISCO  
CALIFORNIA  
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1 Children are not excluded from watching the public beatings. In  
2 fact, they are encouraged and sometimes required to watch them.

3 While I was a member of the TEMPLE, JOHN and myself  
4 were present at many public beatings. On one occasion, a girl  
5 of seven was beaten well beyond the point at which she began to  
6 scream. On another occasion, a girl of eleven was straddled  
7 spread-eagled and beat seventy-five to one hundred times. On  
8 still another occasion, a young woman was beaten until both of  
9 her eyes were swollen shut.

10 The above is by no means an exhaustive list of public  
11 beatings which took place during my time in the TEMPLE. The  
12 majority of the members of the TEMPLE were "brought up" before  
13 the membership for punishment at some time. Not all of the  
14 beatings caused serious injuries. Some merely served to degrade  
15 a selected member because of an alleged wrong. Members who did not  
16 say "Thank you, Father" to the REV. JONES at the conclusion of a  
17 punishment directed by him were beaten more.

18 Before the assembled membership, REV. JONES claimed at  
19 various times to be the reincarnation of Buddha, Jesus Christ,  
20 and Lenin. On several occasions when JOHN was present, the  
21 REV. JONES exhibited bloody hands, which he instructed the  
22 congregation were stigmata. REV. JONES consistently and  
23 incessantly presented himself as our ultimate moral authority.  
24 Anyone who questioned this premise was "brought up" for  
25 punishment.

26 REV. JONES worked effectively and persistently to  
27 indoctrinate the children of TEMPLE members to believe in his  
28 moral authority and fear his power to impose horrifying punishment

JOHN RYAN  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
1000 STREET  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102  
415-398-1111

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1 JOHN and other children were present when a fifteen-year old  
 2 youth passed out after being beaten; they saw a young girl vomit  
 3 after her punishment required her to enter a boxing match with a  
 4 far more skilled opponent; they frequently heard threats of an  
 5 instrument known as the "Blue Monster" which would administer  
 6 shock treatments to the unworthy; they were required to jeer and  
 7 ridicule members selected for public humiliation under pain of  
 8 being punished themselves.

9 I do not believe that JOHN has any direct knowledge of  
 10 the coercive and fraudulent means which the TEMPLE has used to  
 11 secure transfers of land and money. Nor do I believe he has  
 12 direct knowledge of the fact that money received by the TEMPLE  
 13 for care of the aged is diverted for other projects, leaving  
 14 the aged poorly cared for. However, the twisted sense of morality  
 15 which authorizes these acts cannot have escaped him.

16 The twisted moral code which REV. JONES imparts on  
 17 members of the TEMPLE may be summarized as follows: REV. JONES ad-  
 18 vocates social justice, racial equality and the brotherhood of  
 19 man. He is the reincarnation of a host of divinities from other  
 20 ages. It is his mission to search out and eradicate loathsome  
 21 traits within members of congregation, even though they may not  
 22 always wish his help. The severe beating of a young child for  
 23 a minor infraction becomes an act of divinity.

24 Members of the TEMPLE including minors are frequently  
 25 required to sign statements authorizing physical punishment of  
 26 themselves and their children. These statements are in turn  
 27 used by the TEMPLE as license for intimidation and degradation.

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1 I respectfully and urgently request that this court act  
2 at once to remove my son from the physical custody of REV. JONES  
3 to prevent further psychological, moral, and emotional harm and  
4 possible physical injury from happening to him.

5 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is  
6 true and correct except as to those matters stated on the infor-  
7 mation and belief and as to those I believe them to be true.

8 Executed this 18 day of August, 1977 at San Francisco,  
9 California.

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11 *Grace Lucy Stoen*  
12 GRACE LUCY STOEN

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1977 No. 2584 DEMERARA

In the matter of JOHN VICTOR STOEN, an infant

- and -

... through her lawful attorney JEFFREY A. HAAS, for a Writ of Habeas Corpus and Sub juciendum,

In the - and -

In the matter of the Civil Law Act, Chapter 6:01.

BEFORE JUSTICE BISHOP (IN CHAMBERS)

DATED THE 6TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1977

ENTERED THE 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1977.

WHEREAS Mr. Justice Bishop has granted a Writ of Habeas Corpus directed to Jim Jones at Kaituma North West District commanding him to have the body of JOHN VICTOR STOEN before this Court on Thursday the 8th day of September 1977 at 9 O'clock in the forenoon.

TAKE NOTICE that you are required by the said Writ to have the body of the said JOHN VICTOR STOEN before this Court on Thursday the 8th day of September, 1977 at 9 O'clock in the forenoon and to make a return to the said Writ. In default thereof the said Court will then, or soe soon thereafter as Counsel can be heard, be moved to commit you to prison for your contempt in not obeying the said Writ.



BY THE COURT  
*Jeffrey A. Haas*  
DEPUTY REGISTRAR. (by)

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1977 No. 2584 DEMERARA

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE  
CIVIL JURISDICTION

In the matter of JOHN VICTOR STOEN, an infant.

- and -

In the matter of an application by GRACE LUCY STOEN by and through her lawful attorney RALPH I. HARRIS, for a writ of Habeas Corpus and Sub juciendum.

- and -

In the matter of the Civil Law Act, Chapter 6:01.

SUPREME COURT  
REGISTRY  
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WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS AD SUBJICIENDUM

TO JIM JONES  
Kaituma,  
North West District.

YOU ARE COMMANDED that you have before Mr. Justice Bishop in Chambers in the High Court of the Supreme Court of Judicature, Georgetown, on the day and at the time specified in the Order of Court served with this Writ, the body of John Victor Stoen, being taken and detained under your custody as is said, together with the day and cause of his being taken and detained, by whatsoever name he may be called therein, that a Judge may then and there examine and determine whether such cause is legal, and have there then this Writ.

Dated the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1977.

*Robert E. Smith*  
DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF THE HIGH COURT  
OF THE SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE

This Writ was issued by Mr. H.B. Fraser, Solicitor for the Applicant.

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EX PARTE APPLICATION BY WAY OF

AFFIDAVIT AND AFFIDAVIT OF

ATTEMPTED SERVICE:

I JEFFREY ALLEN HAAS, of 3609 Sacramento Street, X San  
Francisco, California, United States of America, being duly sworn  
make oath and say as follows:-

1. That in pursuance of the Order of Court made herein  
by His Honour, Mr. Justice Bishop on the 6th day of September,  
1977 and in pursuance of the Writ of Habeas Corpus granted by  
virtue of the said order of Court, I chartered an aircraft to  
transport the marshal of the High Court for the purpose of effecting  
service of the said order of Court and Writ of Habeas Corpus.

2. That at approximately 4 p.m. on Tuesday the 6th day of  
September 1977, the Marshal of the Supreme Court and I arrived  
at the People's Temple Agricultural Mission, Kaituma, North West  
District.

3. That on arrival at the Mission, a lady who identified  
herself as the personal Secretary of Jim Jones told me that Mr Jim  
Jones was not at the Mission but that he was up the river. The said  
lady and another member of the Mission told the Marshal of the High

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Court in my presence and hearing that Jim Jones was not at the Mission.

4. We waited and for about twenty-minutes, during which time the said Marshal made several enquiries about the whereabouts of the said Jim Jones, but the answers he received were evasive. One of the answers which the personal secretary of Jim Jones gave to the Marshal was that the said Jim Jones had been away from the Mission for two/days immediately preceding Tuesday and she did not know at all where he was.

5. About twenty ~~more~~ minutes after leaving the Mission I was introduced to two Immigration Officers of the Guyana Government at Kaituma. Both of these officers told me that they had been at the Mission earlier that day and that they had seen and talked with the said Jim Jones during the course of certain investigations which they were carrying out.

6. The said Immigration Officers told me that they had experienced great difficulty in gaining access to and getting to speak with or see the said Jim Jones.

7. That in the premises I fear that it will not be possible for personal service of the said order of Court and Writ of Habeas Corpus to be effected in the normal manner by a Marshal of the Supreme Court.

8. That in the premises I respectfully apply to this Honourable Court for leave to effect service of the said Order of Court and Writ of Habeas Corpus, by mailing the said Order of Court and Writ of Habeas Corpus in a prominent place at the Mission of the People's Temple Agricultural Mission, Kaituma, North West District, and/or in other appropriate manner.

Sworn to at Georgetown, Demerara,  
This 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1977.

*Jeffrey A. Jones*

Before Me  
*B.H. Leonard*  
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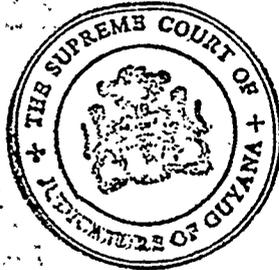
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BEFORE JUSTICE A.F.R. BISHOP. (IN CHAMBERS).

DATED THE 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1977.

ENTERED THE 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1977.

UPON the ex-parte application by way of affidavit  
of JEFFREY ALLEN HAAS filed herein on the 8th September 1977  
AND UPON HEARING Counsel for the Applicant IT IS ORDERED that  
the order of Court made herein on the 6th September 1977 and  
Writ of Habeas Corpus issued out of this Court on the said 6th  
day of September 1977 be served on JIM JONES by affixing three  
certified copies of the said Order of Court Writ of Habeas  
Corpus and copy of this Order to three different places on  
the gate of/or other building constituting the People's  
Temple Agricultural Mission at Kaituan North West District  
and that a fourth copy be served on the Personal Secretary  
or a member of staff within the said compound holding himself  
or herself out as a servant or agent of the said JIM JONES  
AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the said Writ be returnable  
for Saturday of the 10th September 1977 at 9.00 a.m. and  
that he do appear and bring the body of JOHN VICTOR STOEN  
before the said Court as ordered on the 6th September 1977.

BY THE COURT

*John A. Haas*  
DEPUTY REGISTRAR (Ag.)

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