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9BETWEEN:
                                     Ms. H. Dixon
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                                     for the Respondent
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                                     Lynda Staub
12LIONEL ANDRE BOUCHARD,
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                                     Mr. K. Land
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                Petitioner,
                                     for the Respondents
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                                     Claire Deanna Demery
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                                     and Andre Bouchard
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19ANDRE LIONEL BOUCHARD,
20LYNDA STAUB AND CLAIRE
21 DEANNA DEMERY,
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                                     Judgment delivered
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                Respondents.
                                     September 17, 2010
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26MACPHAIL, J. (Orally)
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           I asked you to return this morning so that I
28 could provide you with the reasons for and my decision with
29respect to the three applications to set aside protection
30 orders that were obtained by Lionel Bouchard.
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           On October
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                                   2009, Lionel Bouchard,
32accompanied by his daughter, Marlene Legare, applied for
33protection orders pursuant to the Domestic Violence and
34Stalking Act against three of his children, Andre Bouchard,
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1Claire Demery and Lynda Staub, and a former friend, Michael 2Slegers (phonetic).

- The applications were heard that evening by 4Judicial Justice of the Peace Harvey, who granted Mr. 5Bouchard protection orders against his three children and 6dismissed the request for a protection order against Mr. 7Slegers.
- 8 Each of the protection orders contained the same 9terms. The respondent was not to directly or indirectly 10communicate with or contact the protected party. Secondly, 11the respondent was not to attend at or near or within one 12city block of where the protected party resides or 13regularly attends.
- Ms. Staub was served with the protection order 15 against her on November 1st, Ms. Demery on November 2nd and 16Mr. Bouchard, Andre Bouchard, on November 3rd, 2009. The 17 protection orders were filed in the Court of Queen's Bench 18 on November 2nd, 2009.
- On November 20th, Lynda Staub, Andre Bouchard and 20Claire Demery each filed applications to have the 21protection orders against them set aside. The three 22notices of application appeared on the family standby 23motions list on March 9th, 2010, at which time my sister 24Justice Allen ordered a case conference for all three 25matters to take place on March 17th, 2010 with counsel to 26notify Lionel Bouchard of same. I should note that each of 27the applications to set aside the protection orders were 28subsequently supported by affidavits of the respondents 29seeking to have the orders set aside.
- A case conference for all three applications took 31place as scheduled on March 17th, 2010 before my brother 32Justice Johnston. Lionel Bouchard and his daughter Marlene 33Legare participated by way of teleconference from what was 34described as an unknown location in British Columbia.

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- A one day trial was set for June 3rd, 2010 to 2commence at 10:00 a.m. Lionel Bouchard did not appear in 3person at the June 3rd, 2010 hearing before me, but he did Aparticipate via teleconference, as did his daughter Marlene 5Legare. The three respondents, the applicants to set aside 6the protection orders, were all present with counsel and 7ready to proceed to hearing.
- Lionel Bouchard requested an adjournment of the 9hearing indicating that he was unable to attend that 10because he had an appointment with his eye doctor in I seized myself of the matter 11British Columbia. 12granted an adjournment to September 16th and 17th, 2010 13 with the hearing to commence at 10:00 a.m. on the first day 14on certain conditions.
- By August 31st Lionel Bouchard was to file with 16the court a letter from his doctor confirming that 17attended the eye appointment on June 3rd and indicating 18when that appointment was scheduled. Costs were ordered in 19 favour of Andre Bouchard and Claire Demery in the amount of 20\$400 each payable forthwith and \$700 in favour of Lynda 21Staub payable forthwith.
- Two letters from British Columbia doctors were 23filed with the court by August 31st, 2010. One dated March 2431st, 2010, two weeks after the case conference at which 25the June 3rd trial date was set, referred to an appointment 26being made for Mr. Bouchard on June 3rd, 2010. The second 27letter confirmed Mr. Bouchard's attendance at an eye 28appointment on that date.
- The morning of September 16th, 2010 prior to the 30scheduled commencement of the adjourned hearing I 31advised by the Court of Queen's Bench registry staff that 32they were in receipt of a lengthy faxed document addressed 33to my attention. Shortly thereafter I was provided with a 34 faxed copy of a two page typed letter apparently signed by

1Lionel Bouchard together with some 92 pages of attachments.

- In the letter dated September 14, 2010, but faxed 3the afternoon of September 15th, 2010, Mr. Lionel Bouchard 4indicated that he was attaching correspondence from his 5physician advising that due to medical reasons he was 6unable to travel until further notice. In addition, in 7paragraph 7 of the letter, he indicated that he wished to 8have the protection orders maintained. There was no 9request for an adjournment of the proceedings.
- I provided copies of the complete bundle of. 11documents to counsel for all three of the individuals 12seeking to have the protection orders set aside on the 13morning of September 16th when the hearing was to have 14commenced. Counsel for these parties wanted to proceed 15with the hearing on that date and as Mr. Lionel Bouchard 16had clearly been advised that the trial would take place on 17September 16th and 17th, 2010 when it was adjourned from 18June 3rd, 2010 at his request, the hearing proceeded as 19scheduled on September 16th, albeit approximately an hour 20after its scheduled commencement time of 10:00 a.m.
- Mr. Bouchard's three applications for protection 22 orders with evidence forms and appendices, the three 23 protection orders, the three copies of the transcript of 24 proceedings before the Judicial Justice of the Peace on 25 October 31st, 2009, the November 30th, 2009 affidavit of 26 Lynda Staub and the December 8th, 2009 affidavits of Claire 27 Demery and Andre Bouchard were all filed as exhibits. No 28 further evidence was adduced by any of the three 29 respondents to the protection orders.
- 30 Submissions were made by counsel and I reserved 31my decision to today's date.
- For the reasons that follow I am granting each of 33the three applications to set aside the protections orders 34obtained by Lionel Bouchard on October 31st. Those are the

1 orders against Lynda Staub, Claire Demery and Andre 2Bouchard.

3 The Domestic Violence and Stalking Act provides a 4mechanism for persons subjected to domestic violence or 5stalking (as defined in the Act) to seek civil protective 6orders. Lionel Bouchard sought without notice protection 7orders from a designated judicial justice of the peace. 8sections 3 through 13 of the Act specifically relate to 9protection orders and other provisions can also be 10relevant. Section 4 of the Act provides:

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12 "4(1) Despite sections 42 (territorial jurisdiction) and 43 13 (exclusive jurisdiction) of The 14 Court of Queen's Bench Act, 15 application for a protection order 16 may be made to a designated 17 justice of the peace without 18 notice in the manner prescribed by 19 20 regulation."

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Subsection 4(2):

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24 "An application for a protection 25 order may be submitted

26 (a) in person, by the subject;"

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28 The subsection goes on to provide other means, 29but they are not relevant to this particular proceeding.

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31 Subsection 4(3) provides:

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"Evidence adduced in support of an

34 application for a protection order

1 must be given under oath."

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As indicated, subsection 4(1) allows for a 4without notice application for a protection order in the 5manner prescribed by regulation. Section 2 of the Domestic 6Violence and Stalking Regulation to the Act prescribes the 7content of applications for protection orders, including 8clause (f), a requirement to provide the name and contact 9particulars of any individual who assists a person in 10completing an application for a protection order.

Section 3 of the regulation prescribes the 12 evidence that is required to support such applications. 13 Standard forms have been developed for use by individuals 14 applying for protection order: an application for a 15 protection order form and a document entitled "Evidence in 16 support of application for a protection order". I 17 hereinafter refer to these documents as the application and 18 the evidence form.

19 Subsection 6(1) of the Act provides:

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21 "A designated justice of the peace 22 may grant a protection order 23 without notice where the justice 24 determines on a balance 25 probabilities that an order necessary or advisable for the 26 27 immediate or imminent protection of the subject, in circumstances 28 29 where 30 (a) the respondent (i) is stalking or has stalked the 31 32 subject, or (ii) is subjecting or 33 has subjected him or her to domestic 34

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violence;"
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             The Act goes on to contain the provision in
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4clause (b):
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                "(b) the subject believes that the
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                respondent will continue or resume
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                the domestic violence or stalking;
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                and
                (c) the subject requires
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                protection because there is a
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                reasonable likelihood that the
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                respondent will continue or resume
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                the domestic violence or stalking."
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           Section 2 of the Act provides in clause (1) that:
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                "Domestic violence occurs when a
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                person is subjected to an act or
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                omission mentioned
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                subsection (1.1) by another person
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                who ..."
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24And the relevant clause is (b):
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                "(b) has or had a family
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                relationship with him or her, in
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                which they have lived together;"
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           Subsection 2(1.1):
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                "The following acts and omissions
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                constitute domestic violence:
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1	(a) an intentional, reckless or
2	threatened act or omission that
3	causes bodily harm or property
4	damage;
5	(b) an intentional, reckless or
6	threatened act or omission that
7.	causes a reasonable fear of bodily
8	harm or property damage;
9	(c) conduct that reasonably, in
10	all the circumstances, constitutes
11	psychological or emotional abuse;
12	(d) forced confinement;
13	(e) sexual abuse."
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15 Secti	on 7 sets forth the provisions that a
16designated just	tice of the peace may include in a protection
17order if he or	she considers it necessary or advisable.
18 The	Act provides a mechanism for respondents
19against whom p	rotection orders are granted to seek to have
20such order se	t aside. In particular, subsection 11(1)
21provides:	
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23	"A respondent against whom a
24	protection order is made may apply
25	to the court within 20 days after
26	being served with the order, or
27	such further time as the court may
28	allow, to have the order set
29	aside."
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	at occurred in this particular case.
32	Subsection 12(1):
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34	"The judge hearing an application

1	to set aside a protection order
2	may confirm or set aside the order
3	or may vary it by deleting clauses
4	or by adding clauses from
5	subsection 7(1) (content of
6	protection order)."
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8	Subsection 12(2) provides that:
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10	"At a hearing, the onus is on the
11	respondent to demonstrate, on a
12	balance of probabilities, that the
13	protection order should be set
14	aside."
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16	And subsection 12(3) goes on to provide that:
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18	"The evidence that was before the
19	designated justice of the peace
20	shall be considered as evidence at
21	the hearing, and the subject may
22	present additional evidence."
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As provided by subsection 12(3) of the Act, the 25 evidence submitted by Lionel Bouchard to the judicial 26 justice of the peace is evidence before me for purposes of 27 the hearing of the applications to set aside the protection 28 orders. As indicated previously, Mr. Bouchard did not 29 attend the hearing on September 16th, 2010, so he did not, 30 as is permitted by subsection 12(3) of the Act, provide or 31 present any additional evidence. At this hearing the onus 32 is on each of the respondents to demonstrate on a balance 33 of probabilities that the protection orders granted again 34 them should be set aside.

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In the Manitoba Court of Appeal decision in 2Baril v. Obelnicki, 2007 MBQB 40, Justice Steel writing for 3the court interpreted the provision as requiring that:

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5 "the respondent must demonstrate, 6 on a balance of probabilities, 7 that it is just or equitable that 8 the judge set aside the order. 9 may show among other possibilities 10 that, on a balance 11 probabilities, full disclosure was 12 not made or that the restraints on 13 his liberty are unnecessary or too 14 restrictive and that the stalking 15 will not continue or based on the weight of the evidence at the 16 17 review hearing the order should be 18 set aside."

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20 <u>Baril</u> v. <u>Obelnicki</u> was a case that involved a 21stalking situation, not a domestic violence situation, 22hence the reference to stalking.

Lionel Bouchard submitted individual applications 24for protection orders against each of Lynda Staub, Claire 25Demery and Andre Bouchard, as well as evidence in support 26of each of these applications. Presumably he also 27submitted an application and an evidence form with respect 28to his request for a protection order against Michael 29Slegers, which application was dismissed by the judicial 30justice of the peace. None of the three application forms 31were signed by Mr. Bouchard, although his name was printed 32on same. He did sign and swear the evidence forms relating 33to each of the applications.

The application for a protection order against

1Claire Demery did not indicate, as required by clause 2(f) 2of the Domestic Violence and Stalking Regulation, that Mr. 3Bouchard had received help to complete the form, nor did it 4provide contact details of any individual who had done so. 5This is unlike the applications for protection orders 6against Lynda Staub and Andre Bouchard which each stated 7that he had received help from Marlene Legare and provided 8her contact particulars.

- The applications forms and the evidence forms 10 appear to have been printed by the same person. Presumably 11 the form was completed by Ms. Legare. That they were not 12 completed by Mr. Bouchard is apparent by some of the 13 language. For example, in paragraph 2 of the evidence form 14 relating to the application against Ms. Staub, the phrase 15 "grabbed you at Holiday Inn and dragged you into her car" 16 appears, language that obviously would not have been used 17 if Mr. Bouchard himself had completed the form.
- All three of the evidence forms contain 19 indications in blue ink "refer to Appendix 6, 7, 8". 20 Appendix 6 is a five page photocopy of an affidavit of 21 Lionel Andre Bouchard sworn before Carolyn Cramer 22 (phonetic) notary public, on October 24th, 2009.
- Appendix 7 is a 31 page photocopied document that 24is entitled "Supplementary affidavit of Lionel Andre 25Bouchard". On page 31 there is an indication that the 26document was signed on October 28th, 2009, but it was not 27sworn in front of any individual. The document appears to 28have been created for purposes of Court of Queen's Bench 29file number CI 08-01-57416 and contains references to as 30many as 58 exhibits, none of which were attached to the 31document. The document is rife with hearsay, argument and 32inflammatory comments. Various statements are underlined 33and bolded. There are serious evidentiary issues with 34respect to this document, as well as a number of the other

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lappendices, but this particular document is certainly 2clearly not in compliance with the rules of our court with 3respect to evidence.

- Appendix 8 is a photocopy of a document signed by 4 5Lynda Staub, Claire Demery, Andre Bouchard, Lionel 6Bouchard, Angela Bouchard and Marlene Legare relating to 7the removal of no contact orders and charges against Andre 8Lionel Bouchard, among other matters.
- The evidence form relating to the application 10against Lynda Staub refers to an Appendix 4 as well as an 11Appendix 3. Appendix 4 consists of three pages of 12documents relating to alleged telephone conversations. 13There was no Appendix 3 attached to the evidence form.
- The evidence form relating to the application 15 against Andre Bouchard refers to Appendix 1, Appendix 2 and 16Appendix 3, in addition to the common appendices referred 17to previously. The evidence form relating to Lynda Staub 18also referred to what I will refer to as the common 19appendices.
- Appendix 1 consists of a copy of an authorization 20 21from Lionel Bouchard to Hook & Smith and the investigation 22firm of Oliver, Yaskiw & Associates to escort him from 23Manitoba to British Columbia, dated August 19th, 2008.
- Appendix 2 is a photocopy of an August 22nd, 2008 24 25report letter from Oliver, Yaskiw & Associates.
- Appendix 3 is a photocopy of a one page form 26 27dated February 11th, 2006 between Lionel Bouchard and Andre 28Bouchard reflecting Mr. Bouchard Sr.'s agreement to live at 29the St. Eustache Manor effective immediately to alleviate 30safety concerns.
- The evidence form respecting Claire Demery 32referred to an Appendix 5, as well as the common appendices. 336, 7 and 8, Appendix 5 consists of three separate documents 34relating to Ms. Demery's cancellation of her father's line

lof credit at the Caisse Populaire in Elie in 2008.

The oral portion of the hearing before the 3judicial justice of the peace was transcribed. Lionel 4Bouchard was present in person with his daughter Marlene 5Legare. At no point were either of Mr. Bouchard or Ms. 6Legare sworn in. The 22 page transcript consists of what I 7will describe as a dialogue between the judicial justice of 8the peace and Mr. Bouchard, but to a significant degree Ms. 9Legare. The judicial justice of the peace may have been 10under the impression that Mr. Bouchard had in fact been 11sworn in because in the latter part of the hearing she 12expressed specifically that she did not swear Ms. Legare in 13to have her testify "because I just needed to know what was 14happening, why there wasn't a committee".

As the Act requires that evidence in support of a 16protection order be given under oath, none of the 17information in the transcript constitutes evidence. There 18are also significant difficulties, as I indicated earlier, 19with the written evidence submitted by Mr. Bouchard, much 20of which would not be considered admissible if contained in 21an affidavit proper.

Perhaps because of the amount of paper submitted 23with the evidence forms and the number of applications, the 24judicial justice of the peace misconstrued the nature of 25the evidence in a number of fundamental respects. On page 2616 of the transcript the judicial justice of the peace 27stated:

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29	"So between Andre's, Claire's and
30	Lynda's, all the evidence is
31	identical, basically, and all the
32	exhibits are the same, everything
33	that's attached here."

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In fact the evidence forms were not identical and 2did contain different information in a number of respects. 3While some of the appendices were the same, others were 4different. On page 17 of the transcript the judicial justice 6of the peace indicated: 7 8 "Now. have there been 9 psychological or emotional abuse? 10 Everything that I've read here 11 regarding these three respondents, 12 there has been ves, 13 regarding everything that you've 14 gone through with the different psychiatrists that they've sent 15 16 to, removing you from the 17 province, having investigators come, I am looking at all the 18 19 exhibits and all the affidavits 20 that are here." 21 22 It was in fact Ms. Legare who arranged for Mr. 23Bouchard's removal from the province and the involvement of 24investigators, not the respondents to the protection order 25applications. 26 The judicial justice of the peace further stated 27on page 17: 28 on the 29 balance "So,

probabilities that an, that an order is, I wouldn't say it's immediate, but I think it's advisable, that an order be granted because of what's been

happening on the domestic violence regarding yourself and your children."

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The judicial justice of the peace on page 18 6further stated that she had reviewed the evidence "both 7written and verbal".

9well, there was clearly insufficient evidence, in my view, 10before the judicial justice of the peace to determine on a 11balance of probabilities that there had been conduct that 12reasonably, in all the circumstances, constitutes 13psychological or emotional abuse, or either an intentional, 14reckless or threatened act or omission that causes bodily 15harm or property damage or a reasonable fear thereof as 16referred to in the definition of domestic violence in 17subsection 2(1.1) of the Act.

18 There was also clearly no immediate or imminent 19 need for protection of Mr. Bouchard. Most of the events of 20 which he complained occurred years prior to his application 21 for a protection order. At the time he made his 22 application he had been living in British Columbia for well 23 over a year, for some 14 months. No recent events were 24 complained of so on a balance of probabilities there was 25 no reasonable likelihood that even if there was domestic 26 violence, which I do not find was the case, there was no 27 reasonable likelihood that it would continue or resume.

This was a without notice proceeding and as 29indicated by my brother Justice Yard in the decision of 30Shaw v. Shaw, at paragraph 35, "Applications to courts for 31without notice relief are normally driven by circumstances 32of imminent harm, danger or disruption and a clear need for 33urgent protection of some description."

This is supported by the language that is used in

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1The Domestic Violence and Stalking Act when dealing with 2the ability of a designated justice of the peace to grant a 3protection order. In particular subsection 6(1) of the Act 4in the opening stem provides that:

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6 "A designated justice of the peace 7 grant a protection 8 without notice where the justice 9 determines on a balance probabilities that 10 an order necessary or advisable for the 11 12 immediate or imminent protection 13 of the subject ..."

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15 When Lionel Bouchard applied for the four 16protection orders he was accompanied, as I've indicated, by 17his daughter Marlene Legare. During the hearing before the 18judicial justice of the peace, on two occasions Ms. Legare 19referred to the fact that she had been charged with 20offences by her brother and that she had been held in 21remand for some four months.

These comments should have raised concerns that 23this family situation was far less straightforward than and 24one-sided than the judicial justice of the peace was being 25led to believe, making the situation one that clearly 26should have provided an opportunity for the respondents to 27the protection order applications to have an opportunity to 28provide their evidence to the court and for a full and 29complete hearing to take place. That being said, obviously 30the matter should not have proceeded without notice and 31protection orders should not have been granted.

32 Having read the affidavits of the three 33protection order respondents, the affidavits of Claire 34Demery, Andre Bouchard and Lynda Staub, and reviewing the

lexhibits that were appended thereto, I find that there were 2clear, cogent and persuasive explanations for many of the 3concerns expressed by Lionel Bouchard. After reviewing all 4of the material on these three matters, it is apparent to 5me that this is a very tragic family situation involving an 6elderly gentleman who desperately would like to return to 7live at his family farm.

Mr. Bouchard is almost 87 years of age. 9Appendix 7 to his documentation, set forth 10information that shed some light on some of the concerns 11that he has. In particular, towards the bottom of page 30 12of that document there is a statement that, "At Christmas 13time," and this is a document dated in October of 2009, so 14presumably it was the prior Christmas, "I heard from only 15one of my daughters and sons. Last summer my daughter from 16Wisconsin deliberately did not invite me to her daughter's 17wedding, as did my son Jerry (phonetic) in Lloydminster 18this past Christmas when one of his sons got married in I received no invitation to either of my 19Saskatoon. 20grandchildren's weddings, though I had been invited in 21 years prior. On January 22nd, 2009, the day of my 85th 22birthday, I did not get one single call from any of my 23seven children, this despite being in contact with them 24regularly over the past six months since being away from 25Manitoba and sending them postcards for Christmas while on 26holidays in the States. For these reasons," and I'm 27assuming he's referring to the reasons in addition to this, 28the ones that he set forth in the prior 29 pages of the 29document, "I am seeking a no contact order against Andy 30Bouchard, Lynda Staub, Claire Demery, Helene Johnson 31 (phonetic), " against whom there was no application to my 32knowledge, "and Michael Slegers."

He further stated on that page that, "I wish to 34take my rightful place again as the head of the Bouchard

1family." He, it is clear to me, was under the impression 2that somehow the granting of a protection order would 3enable him to return to and live at the family farm. There 4was evidence that the issue of possession of the family 5farm, and title to the family farm, was the subject of a 6separate legal proceeding that is currently in abeyance.

It was clear to me from the evidence that Mr. 8Bouchard fell and sustained a head injury in late 2005 and 9that his children in Manitoba took steps to ensure his 10safety and well-being, in light of his age, and health 11concerns. Arrangements were made for assessments, which in 12my view was completely reasonable, and for home care 13support as well as accommodation.

It is also clear that Mr. Bouchard was not 15 for thright in disclosing past difficulties he had with his 16 daughter Marlene. In particular, the fact that he had 17 previously obtained protective orders or attempted to 18 obtain protective orders against her and that she had been 19 subject to no contact provisions with respect to him as a 20 result of certain criminal charges.

I find on a balance of probabilities that there 22was no basis for the making of the protection orders 23against any of Lynda Staub, Andre Bouchard and Claire 24Demery. They have each satisfied the onus upon them 25pursuant to The Domestic Violence and Stalking Act. On a 26balance of probabilities I find that domestic violence did 27not occur in any of the three cases and that there was 28clearly no need for an order for the immediate or imminent 29protection of Mr. Bouchard when the judicial justice of the 30peace pronounced and granted the three protection orders on 31october 31st, 2009.

Accordingly, as indicated earlier, the protection 33 order granted to Lionel Bouchard against Lynda Staub on 34 October 31st, 2009 is set aside. The protection order

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1granted to Lionel Bouchard against Andre Bouchard on 2October 31st, 2009 is set aside. And finally, the 3protection order granted to Lionel Bouchard against Claire 4Demery on October 31st, 2009 is set aside.

5 And those conclude my reasons.

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(PROCEEDINGS CONTINUED)

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9 THE COURT: Clearly it's appropriate that there 10be a cost order against Mr. Bouchard, given the success 11that the three respondents, the three applicants, to have 12protection orders set aside they have had with respect to 13their applications and given the lengthy nature of these 14proceedings and the hurdles through which each of the 15respondents had to jump in order to, first of all, serve 16their applications to set aside on their father and to 17ensure that those applications proceeded to hearing and 18were dealt with by the court. They have met with success 19with respect to those applications, and I take that into 20account.

- I am also taking into account the fact that costs 22were previously ordered against Mr. Bouchard with respect 23to his request for an adjournment when this matter was 24first set down for trial, which trial was to take place on 25June 3rd.
- Against that is a balance the fact that it's 27unlikely, as both counsel have noted, that there will be 28any success in actually obtaining costs from Mr. Bouchard. 29He hasn't paid the costs that were ordered against him to 30be paid forthwith on June 3rd. Also his information to the 31court was that he is of limited means.
- 32 It is clear to me that Mr. Bouchard has 33throughout been encouraged to pursue what I will call ill-34advised legal proceedings against the three respondents and

1that he has made the process more difficult, more time 2consuming and more costly for the respondents as a result 3of his failure to cooperate in the process. Whether that 4was his decision or not, as an individual who is acting on 5his own behalf, even if he was influenced and encouraged by 6his daughter Marlene Legare, he is still the one who bears 7the responsibility for that.

8 The bill of costs that was submitted to me for 9Ms. Staub was based on class II tariff costs and showed 10tariff fee costs in the amount of \$2,887.50, as well as 11disbursements in the amount of \$1,011.33. I am prepared to 12grant costs to Ms. Staub for the amount of disbursements as 13set out on her bill of costs, as well as costs with respect 14to fees in the amount of \$3,750, which costs are payable 15forthwith.

16 With respect to the two respondents Claire Demery 17 and Andre Bouchard who are both represented by the same 18 lawyer and whose lawyer has been involved in other legal 19 proceedings which overlap to a certain degree or reflect 20 some of the same documents, there were obviously cost 21 savings to those parties as a result of having the same 22 lawyer involved in the proceeding and acting on their 23 behalf and the fact that that lawyer had been involved with 24 the other legal proceedings. I am prepared to order costs 25 for fees in favour of each of Claire Demery and Andre 26 Bouchard in the amount of \$1,600, which amounts to a total 27 of \$3,200. I appreciate there will be separate bills of 28 costs, Mr. Land.

MR. LAND: Yes.

30 THE COURT: As well as disbursements as set out 31on the bill of costs, in the same manner as set out on the 32bill of costs that was submitted on behalf of Ms. Staub, 33but taking into account the actual expenditures for each of 34the clients. Where there were shared expenses, then

lobviously those should be divided between the two 2respondents. For example, attempts at service and so on, 3I'm assuming that the attempts were made with respect to 4both documents. If there were separate motions, and 5obviously there were, and a separate application, then that 6would be a disbursement for each client. And the 7advertisements would be the advertisements relating to each 8one of the actions. And the photocopy expense would be 9divided between them as well in an appropriate manner.

10 MR. LAND: It would be \$1,070.11 in disbursements 11to each client.

12 THE COURT: All right. And you will provide the 13details of that --

MR. LAND: Yes.

15 THE COURT: -- on a bill of costs that will come 16to me. I am prepared to order disbursements in that amount 17to each. Again those costs would be payable to Ms. Demery 18and to Mr. Bouchard by Mr. Bouchard Sr. forthwith.

Now, with respect to the orders to set aside the  $20 \mathrm{protection}$  orders, I assume you are going to be drafting  $21 \mathrm{those}$  --

MS. DIXON: Correct.

23 THE COURT: -- forthwith --

MS. DIXON: Correct, My Lady.

MR. LAND: Yes.

27them for my signature, and the service provision should be 28service upon Mr. Bouchard at the box number in Elie that he 29previously provided and indicated is his address to be used 30for service. I know that at the June 3rd hearing there was 31a friend of his who was here who was willing to also accept 32documents, but that individual is not here, so the service 33provision would simply be to send it to him at his address 34at that box number in Elie.

- 1 MS. DIXON: Thank you, My Lady. Would that be 2 ordinary mail or would you prefer registered mail?
- 3 THE COURT: It can be ordinary mail. It's going 4to a box number.
- 5 MS. DIXON: Thank you.
- THE COURT: And because these orders are 7registered on CPIC it's important that you get me the order 8to sign as soon as possible. When do you anticipate you 9are going to be able to do that?
- MS. DIXON: I would say --
- 11 THE COURT: The difficulty is I am not sitting 12next week, so it would be the week after if you're not able 13to get it to me today.
- MS. DIXON: I, I think it would be -- it would 15 have to be the week after, My Lady. I think it would have 16 to be.
- 17 THE COURT: And certainly madam clerk will ensure 18that the registry is aware of the decision that I have made.
- MR. LAND: Certainly.
- 21 THE COURT: And she will also advise them that 21 you will be drafting the orders. I am also not sure that 22 there was an order filed by you, Mr. Land, with respect to 23 the order that I made on June 3rd with respect to --
- MR. LAND: No, there hasn't been.
- 25 THE COURT: -- the adjournment.
- MR. LAND: Yes.
- 27 THE COURT: And that order obviously contained 28the cost orders in favour of your two clients with respect 29to that matter. As I reviewed these three pockets I know 30that Ms. Dixon had filed an order and that was served.
- MR. LAND: No, I have not done that yet, My Lady.
- 32 THE COURT: All right. Thank you very much.