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9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
10 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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12 B.S.Z., et al,

13 Petitioners,

14 v.

15 ANA BABUDAR, et al.,

16 Respondents.
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No. 5:26-cv-00701-AH-PD

**RESPONDENTS' FURTHER STATUS
REPORT**

Hon. Patricia Donahue
United States Magistrate Judge

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On May 4, 2026, the Court issued a minute order [Dkt. no. 41] requiring the parties to file status reports on May 8, 2026 as follows:

By May 8, 2026, Respondents shall submit a further status report stating

(1) whether A.M.C.R.'s biological father has been approved as a sponsor, whether A.M.C.R. has been released to his father, and if not, the plan as to when that release will take place.

(2) if A.M.C.R.'s biological father has not been approved as a sponsor, an itemized list of each reason why he has not been approved, and for each item on that list, why that requirement cannot be waived.

(3) If A.M.C.R.'s biological father has not been approved as a sponsor, state whether [REDACTED] has been approved as a sponsor, whether A.M.C.R. has been released to her, and if not the plan when that release will take place.

(4) If [REDACTED] has not been approved as a sponsor, an itemized list of each reason why she has not been approved, and for each item on that list, why that requirement cannot be waived.

(5) Finally, if neither A.M.C.R.'s biological father or [REDACTED] has been approved, Respondents shall state why, based on the record, the Court should not recommend that the District Judge order the immediate release of A.M.C.R. to his biological father or to [REDACTED]

Respondents hereby respectfully provide that information along with additional updates regarding the status of the sponsorship process as follows.

1. A.M.C.R.'s biological father has been undergoing sponsor vetting, and ORR is making extenuating efforts to gather the required documentation necessary for the release of A.M.C.R. to the father. On April 24, 2026, ORR sent a request for expedited processing to its Division of Vetting and expects to receive its report on May 8, 2026.
2. On May 7, 2026, A.M.C.R.'s biological father underwent DNA testing to confirm his relationship to A.M.C.R. ORR anticipates receiving the results of the DNA test by May 11 or May 12, 2026.
3. On May 7, 2026, ORR received an email from Field Print notifying ORR that A.M.C.R.'s biological father's alternate caregiver has completed the required

1 fingerprinting appointment. ORR anticipates receiving the results of the
2 fingerprinting appointment within 24-48 hours.

- 3 4. In A.M.C.R.'s biological father's sponsorship determination, ORR's approval is
4 pending the results of the biological father's DNA test (expected to be received by
5 May 11th or May 12th), the Division of Vetting report results (expected to be
6 received by May 8th), and the fingerprint results for the alternate caregiver
7 identified by A.M.C.R.'s biological father (expected to be received by May 9th).
8 ORR anticipates being in a position to approve release to A.M.C.R.'s biological
9 father by May 13, 2026.
- 10 5. ORR is concurrently working to vet [REDACTED]'s application for sponsorship. ORR has
11 been working diligently to fully vet her suitability for placement and gather the
12 required documentation for A.M.C.R.'s release.
- 13 6. On May 5, 2026, ORR received a home study report for [REDACTED] with a positive
14 recommendation.
- 15 7. On April 24, 2026, ORR requested a Division of Vetting report for [REDACTED] with
16 expedited processing and expects to receive the report on May 8, 2026.
- 17 8. ORR is in the process of finalizing its internal administrative release processes
18 which it expects to complete on May 8, 2026.
- 19 9. In addition to the issues described above, A.M.C.R. has a medical condition
20 requiring a surgical procedure that is currently scheduled for May 13, 2026. The
21 surgery requires post-operative care with an appointment currently scheduled for
22 May 29, 2026. ORR anticipates having an approved sponsorship decision before
23 the scheduled surgery and is working to coordinate post-operative care with the
24 child's father, as the preferred sponsor. However, the child is not currently
25 medically cleared for release pending resolution of this specific medical concern.
26 For this reason, the Court should not order the immediate release of A.M.C.R. to
27 his biological father or to [REDACTED] until May 13, 2026, after the surgery is
28 completed.

1 Dated: May 8, 2026

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