

checking in

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Hi Jeff and Teresa:

I took a look at the spreadsheet and happen to see Kristyan in Court this afternoon so I asked her about ordering checks and the \$100 per week. Kristyan indicated that she ordered the checks for Kathryn and that she is aware of the \$100 per week being taken out. Kristyan also said she believes Kristi may be facilitating Kathryn's trips to the bank to cash the checks, though Kristyan doesn't believe Kristi is taking the money or otherwise using it as a means of financial exploitation.

I expressed some frustration to Kristyan that Kristi would be involved in the finances in any way and reiterated our concern that even a seemingly innocuous amount of \$100 per week could easily become \$1,000 or \$10,000 per week if left unchecked. We are relying on Kristyan to ensure that the money being spent from the account is actually being used for Kathryn's benefit.

At this point Mr. Fry joined the discussion (he was also at Court) and he indicated that Kathryn may be willing to agree to a guardianship where Kristyan controls all of the money (and makes all financial and medical decisions) except that Kathryn would have a separate account with \$500-\$1,000 in it for Kathryn to use however she would like. That account would then be replenished in the Guardian's sole discretion. That would allow Kristyan to monitor Kathryn's spending and cut off the funds if she believes that Kathryn is being exploited. Although this would technically be a "limited" guardianship, it puts all of the issues beyond Kathryn/Kristi's control except the money in that separate account. Give that some thought and let's plan a follow-up discussion.