

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN THE INTEREST OF:

FATHIMA RIFQA BARY
DOB: 8/10/92

JUVENILE DIVISION
CASE NO. DP09-580
DIVISION 7

A Minor Child.
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AFFADAVIT OF FATHIMA RIFQA BARY

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF ORANGE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared, Fathima Rifqa Bary, deposes and says:

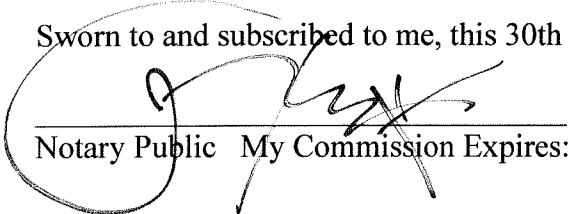
1. My name is Fathima Rifqa Bary. I am seventeen years of age having been born on August 10, 1992 and I am of sound mind and personal knowledge of the facts herein;
2. My family and I moved from Sri Lanka to the Hollis / Queens are in New York in 2000;
3. When I was twelve, in 2004, our family moved from Hollis/Queens, New York to Gahanna, Ohio;
4. Upon arriving in the new area, my Father began to research the Mosques in the region;
5. After visiting a couple of other Mosques in the area, including the "Islamic Center" in Columbus, my Father decided that our family would join and become active the "Noor Islamic Cultural Center" (Noor Center) located in Dublin, Ohio;
6. The Noor Center was a twenty five minute drive from our home and there were eight other Mosques that were closer to our home in the Columbus area;
7. My father was very intent on making sure that his children, and especially me, were raised deeply in the faith of "Original Islam" which was taught at the Noor Center;
8. Our family attended the Noor Center gatherings as much our schedules would allow;
9. Every Saturday my father required me to attend the "Halaqah" Noor Center youth gatherings which lasted about five hours. My father and mother would often attend these meetings with me as all Noor Center parents were encouraged to attend youth meetings;
10. On three separate occasions, the regular official Saturday Noor Center youth gatherings were held in our home with other members of the Noor Center present;

11. In the summers, my Father required our whole family to also attend the Noor Center major gatherings held every Friday afternoon. This was the main meeting of the week of which members where required to attend which lasted about three hours;
12. My father also required us to attend the major Islamic holidays such as Ramadan at the Noor Center;
13. Our family regularly socialized with other members of the Noor Center community;
14. My father was a committed member of the Noor Center and required our family to attend as much as possible;
15. I became a Christian on Friday, November 18, 2005 at the Korean United Methodist Church in Columbus, Ohio;
16. I hid my Christian faith from my parents as best as I could and had to sneak around to attend Christian campus meetings. I also hid my Bible at home in various locations;
17. In about 2007 my father discovered a copy of a book entitled the "Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren that I hid in my bedroom. My father had a serious talk with me about the importance of retaining the Islamic blood line in my family but I did not tell him about my conversion;
18. In June of 2009 my father confronted me with several questions about whether I had become a Christian, whether I was baptized, if I was going to a church. Out of fear I remained silent;
19. Then my father told me that he received numerous e-mails and phone calls from the leaders of the Noor Center community who informed him that he needed to deal with this matter immediately;
20. In a fit of anger that I had never seen before in my life, he picked up my lap top, waived it over my head as if to strike me with it and said "If you have this Jesus in your heart, you are dead to me! You are no longer my daughter." I continued to remain silent and then he said to me even more angry than before, "I will kill you! Tell me the truth!"
21. On July 17, 2009, my mother confronted me about another Christian book she discovered that I had hid in my bedroom. She had just spoken with my father was on the phone who was out of town. She was very upset, in tears, and almost grieving and told me I was going to have to be sent back to Sri Lanka to be dealt with;

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Fathima Rifqa Bary
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Sworn to and subscribed to me, this 30th day of August 2009.


Notary Public My Commission Expires:

