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**IN THE SAN CARLOS APACHE CHILDREN'S COURT
 SAN CARLOS APACHE RESERVATION
 SAN CARLOS, ARIZONA**

In the Matter of:

Case No.: CW-2026 0002

ISAIAH DARRELL HOFFMAN
 DOB: 09/01/2016

CHILD IN NEED OF CARE PETITION

Minor Child

The San Carlos Apache Tribe, by and through its representative undersigned petitions the Children's Court, pursuant to Chapter IV, Title V, Section 15. C. of the Child and Family Protection Code ("CFPC") to make the above minor a temporary ward of the Court pending further proceedings, based on the following:

Jurisdiction

- 1) The ("Minor Child") Isaiah Darrell Hoffman (Age: 9), is a dependent Native American Indian child and tribally affiliated as an enrolled member or eligible to be an enrolled member with the San Carlos Apache Tribe.
- 2) The Children's Court of the San Carlos Apache Tribe ("Tribe") has exclusive jurisdiction pursuant to the San Carlos Apache Law and Order Code (SCALOC)

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1 Chapter 3, Title V, of the Child and Family Protection Code (CFPC), under Section
2 5 (A) General Jurisdiction.

3 3) The Minor Child's mother is Tanya Joy Nosie ("Mother"). The Minor Child's father,
4 Freeman Hoffman, Jr., ("Father") is deceased. The Minor Child's guardian, Lolita
5 Roy, also is deceased. The parent(s) are enrolled members of the San Carlos Apache
6 Tribe, which is a federally recognized Indian tribe; as such, the Minor Child is
7 eligible for membership with the San Carlos Apache Tribe, which establishes
8 Jurisdiction of the San Carlos Apache Children's Court pursuant to SCAT-CFPC.
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10 **Specific Allegations**

11 4) On December 16, 2025, Child Protective Services Investigator Lori Goode received a
12 report from San Carlos Apache Police Officer Ashkie that the Minor Child's
13 grandmother and guardian, Lolita Roy, had recently passed away. No adult is
14 responsible for the Minor Child.
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16 5) Officer Ashkie told Ms. Goode that the family of Ms. Roy are fighting over her
17 property and over the Minor Child. But no one has stepped up to take responsibility
18 over the Minor Child.
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20 6) Ms. Goode learned that the Minor Child's mother, Ms. Nosie, has not been involved
21 in the Minor Child's life and her whereabouts are unknown.

22 7) The Minor Child's grandfather, Freeman Hoffman, Sr., also is deceased.

23 8) Officer Ashkie reported that the Minor Child has been sleeping at a neighbor's house.

24 9) Officer Ashkie said that Christine Patterson reported that she saw the Minor Child
25 walking along the road alone. She picked him up and took him to hospital for a
26 medical evaluation.
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- 1 10) However, at the San Carlos Apache Healthcare Corporation facility, Ms. Patterson
- 2 got into an altercation with a person identified as Felicia. Felicia's report to the police
- 3 is how the Minor Child and his circumstances were identified to law enforcement.
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- 5 11) After the report, Officer Ashkie and Officer Ganilla believed the Minor Child to be
- 6 with Ms. Patterson. But they did not follow up to confirm.
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- 8 12) Officer Ashkie asked Ms. Goode to check on the Minor Child at Christine
- 9 Patterson's residence. Officer Ashkie asked Ms. Goode to relocate the Minor Child to
- 10 a "neutral place."
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- 12 13) Christine Patterson has been identified as a niece of Lolita Roy and reportedly has
- 13 been fighting with relatives over Ms. Roy's property and the Minor Child.
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- 15 14) Ms. Goode reported that another niece of Ms. Roy, Jessica Victor, called her a few
- 16 days before Ms. Roy passed. Ms. Victor expressed concerns for the Minor Child.
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- 18 15) Jessica Victor again contacted Ms. Goode after her aunt passed and said that her
- 19 relative Vanessa Victor was willing to be placement for the Minor Child. Jessica
- 20 Victor said that Vanessa Victor lives in the Valley and could keep him from the
- 21 fighting among the other relatives.
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- 23 16) Ms. Goode contacted Christine Patterson and confirmed that she had the Minor Child
- 24 at her home, but the Minor Child was at school at that time.
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- 26 17) Ms. Goode talked to Ms. Patterson about placing the Minor Child with Vanessa
- 27 Victor. Ms. Goode said that Ms. Patterson agreed that Vanessa Victor would be a
- 28 good placement for the Minor Child and would be able to give him stability he needs.
- 18) Ms. Patterson said that the Minor Child does not seem to understand that his
- grandmother has passed away.

1 19) Ms. Goode arranged for relatives to take the Minor Child to Vanessa Victor's home
2 in San Tan Valley.

3 20) Upon further investigation, Ms. Goode found that that Lolita Roy was not the legal
4 guardian of the Minor Child because she could not find any such guardianship
5 documents in the San Carlos Tribal Court. However, it was clear that Ms. Roy was
6 caring for Minor Child in her home before she passed away.
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8 21) Ms. Goode identified some of the Minor Child's relatives on his maternal side. But
9 the Minor Child does not know his maternal relatives and has not been in contact with
10 them.

11 22) The whereabouts of the Minor Child's mother, Tanya Nosie, is unknown. So, Ms.
12 Goode is unable to serve her a Temporary Custody Notice.
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14 23) Ms. Goode provided Vanessa Victor with a Child Placement with a Relative
15 document.

16 24) CPS Investigator Lori Goode provided a report on her initial investigation
17 concerning the allegations of this petition.
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19 Placement

20 25) The Minor Child has been placed with his paternal aunt, Vanessa Victor, her home in
21 San Tan Valley.

22 26) Ms. Goode has been unable to find the Minor Child's mother, Tanya Nosie, to give
23 her any information about her son and a Temporary Custody Notice, indicating the
24 details of the removal.

25 27) Precautionary efforts will be made available for the minor child's protection pursuant
26 to CFPC Section 13. B. 1. The Minor Child is placed as a temporary ward with the
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1 San Carlos Apache Children's Court and the San Carlos Tribal Social Services
2 Department.

3 28) Current address of Parents and Relatives:

4 Parents: Mother—Tanya Nosie
5 Whereabout Unknown

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7 Father—Freeman Hoffman, Jr.
8 Deceased

9 Placement: Vanessa Victor—Paternal Aunt
10 1227 W. Deoni Trail
11 San Tan Valley, AZ 85143
12 (602) 692-3055

13 **Shelter Care Hearing**

14 29) Based on the information provided above, the Tribe is recommending the minor child
15 be placed in temporary protective custody under the protection of the Children's
16 Court and request that Isaiah Darrell Hoffman be made a temporary ward of the Court
17 pending further proceedings.

18 30) Additionally, the Tribe requests, pursuant to CFPC Section 16, that a **Shelter Care**
19 **Hearing** be scheduled within ten (10) working days of the filing of this Child in Need
20 of Care Petition, pursuant to C.F.P.C. Section 16 (B), and that, to the extent possible,
21 that the Mother, Tanya Nosie, be provided notice of the Hearing pursuant to C.F.P.C.
22 Section 16(C).

23 I, Attorney Justine R. Jimmie, have read the foregoing and attest that the information
24 contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
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Signed and dated this 12th day of January, 2026.



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