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

10 In the Matter of:

Case No.: CW-2026 - 0022

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 13 **KIMI BLUE HINTON**  
 DOB: 03-25-2023

CHILD IN NEED OF CARE PETITION

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 16 Minor Child

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

22 **Jurisdiction**

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 24 1) The "minor child," Kimi Blue Hinton (Age: 3), is a dependent Native American  
 25 Indian child and is tribally affiliated as an enrolled member or is eligible to be an  
 26 enrolled member with the San Carlos Apache Tribe.  
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- 1 2) The Children's Court of the San Carlos Apache Tribe ("Tribe") has exclusive  
2 jurisdiction pursuant to the San Carlos Apache Law and Order Code (SCALOC)  
3 Chapter 3, Title V, of the Child and Family Protection Code (CFPC), under Section  
4 5 (A) General Jurisdiction.  
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- 6 3) The minor child's mother is Kandy Joy Antonio. The father of the minor child is  
7 Ernie Hinton, Jr.
- 8 4) The parent(s) are enrolled members of the San Carlos Apache Tribe, which is a  
9 federally recognized Indian tribe; as such, the minor child is eligible for membership  
10 with the San Carlos Apache Tribe, which establishes Jurisdiction of the San Carlos  
11 Apache Children's Court pursuant to SCAT-CFPC.  
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#### 13 Specific Allegations

- 14 5) Brenda Key has been contacting the Tribe's Social Services Department with  
15 concerns that she is caring for her granddaughter without any legal authority for the  
16 minor child, Kimi Blue Hinton.  
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- 18 6) Ms. Key said that Kimi needs dental work but that she cannot get the treatment for  
19 Kimi because she does not have legal authority to do so.
- 20 7) She said that she has cared for Kimi for more than two years and that the mother,  
21 Kandy Joy Antonio, rarely comes to see or help with her daughter's care.  
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- 23 8) CPS Investigator Lori Goode visited Brenda Key and saw the minor child during the  
24 visit. She observed Kimi to be clean and well-groomed. Kimi seemed bonded to her  
25 grandmother, Ms. Key, and Ms. Key's husband, Felix Antonio.
- 26 9) Brenda Key reported that Kimi calls her "mom," and Kandy Antonio gets upset when  
27 she hears that.  
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1 10) Brenda Key said that her husband, Felix Antonio, is the mother, Kandy Antonio's,  
2 uncle. She also said that Kandy Antonio has told her that she does not claim her as a  
3 relative or as an in-law.

4 11) Lori Goode asked Ms. Key about the minor child's father, Ernie Hinton, Jr. Ms. Key  
5 said that he has not seen Kimi in a long while and she does not know where he is.

6 12) Ms. Goode asked Ms. Key where she could find the mother, Ms. Antonio.

7 13) Ms. Key said that the mother lives in an abandoned trailer behind Abel Antonio's  
8 residence. She also said that the mother rarely is home.

9 14) Lori Goode went to the location to find Kandy Antonio, but Ms. Antonio was not  
10 there.

11 15) Ms. Goode observed the trailer to look abandoned with no windows or busted  
12 windows, no doors, and no electricity or water to the home. She also saw trash littered  
13 inside the trailer and outside the trailer area.

14 16) Ms. Goode did not have any contact with the mother, Kandy Antonio, and was  
15 unable to give her a Temporary Custody Notice in person. But she gave a TCN to  
16 Brenda Key to give to Kandy Antonio when she sees her.

17 17) Ms. Goode also was unable to locate the father, Ernie Hinton, Jr. and was unable to  
18 give him a TCN.

19 18) Ms. Goode gave Brenda Key and Felix Antonio a placement letter allowing her to  
20 care for the minor child.

21 19) The initial Child in Need of Care Petition was believed to have been filed on July 14,  
22 2026. However, the filing by fax did not go through, which was not noticed in some  
23 time later. Thus, the Petition is being filed again in present time.

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20) The whereabouts of the parents remain as originally reported. The Tribe requests that service of process be completed on extended relatives, including on Brenda Key and Felix Antonio, for the mother.

#### Placement

21) CPS Investigator Lori Goode gave an Agreement for Child Placement with a Relative to Brenda Key and Felix Antonio, maternal grandparents, who agreed to care for the minor child.

22) Ms. Goode left a TCN for the mother, Kandy Antonio, with the placement, Brenda Key. Ms. Goode was unable to locate the father, Ernie Hinton, Jr. and did not give him a TCN.

23) Precautionary efforts will be made available for the Minor Child's protection pursuant to CFPC Section 13. B. 1. Minor Child, Kimi Blue Hinton, is placed as a temporary ward with the San Carlos Apache Children's Court and the San Carlos Tribal Social Services Department. The Minor Child is placed with her maternal grandparents, Brenda Key and Felix Antonio.

24) Current address of Parents and Relatives:

Parents: Mother—Kandy Antonio

2325 White Mountain Ave.  
San Carlos, AZ 85550

P.O. Box 385  
San Carlos, AZ 85550

Father—Ernie Hinton, Jr.  
Whereabouts unknown

Placement: Brenda Key and Felix Antonio—  
Maternal grandparents

Address: 81 White Mountain Ave.

San Carlos, AZ 85550

P.O. Box 385 & 395  
San Carlos, AZ 85550

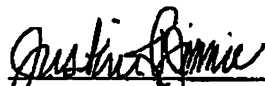
**Shelter Care Hearing**

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

26) Additionally, the Tribe requests, pursuant to CFPC Section 16, that a Shelter Care Hearing be scheduled within ten (10) working days of the filing of this Child in Need of Care Petition, pursuant to C.F.P.C. Section 16 (B), and the mother, Kandy Antonio and the father, Ernie Hinton, Jr., be provided notice of the Hearing pursuant to C.F.P.C. Section 16(C). The Tribe requests that Service of Process be completed on extend relatives of the parents as the specific whereabouts of the parents are not known at this time.

I, Justine R. Jimmie, have read the foregoing and attest that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed and dated this 11th day of August, 2026.



Justine R. Jimmie  
Deputy Attorney General  
San Carlos Apache Tribe