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

In the Matter of:

LEWIS LONG
DOB: 07/23/2026

Minor Child

Case No.: **CW-2026** _____

CHILD IN NEED OF CARE PETITION

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," Lewis Long (Age: infant), 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)

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 Corrina Long ("mother"). The minor child's father is not
4 identified as mother is not providing any information on the father's identity. The
5 parent is an enrolled member of the San Carlos Apache Tribe, which is a federally
6 recognized Indian tribe; as such, the minor child is eligible for membership with the
7 San Carlos Apache Tribe, which establishes Jurisdiction of the San Carlos Apache
8 Children's Court pursuant to SCAT-CFPC.
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10 **Specific Allegations**

11 4) On July 23, 2026, minor child, Lewis Long, was born at 36-weeks' gestation at Cobre
12 Valley Regional Medical Center in Globe, AZ.

13 5) The minor child was born with a severe bilateral cleft lip and palate and feeding
14 complications that require a gastrostomy tube and feeding pump. He also has cardiac
15 abnormalities, including atrial septal defect, double outlet right ventricle, patent ductus
16 arteriosus, and pulmonary valve stenosis.
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18 6) The minor child requires continued medical treatment, medication, and follow-up
19 with medical specialists.
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21 7) Shortly after his birth, the minor child was transported by medical air transport to
22 Phoenix Children's Hospital ("PCH") because of his significant medical
23 complications and need for a higher and specialized level of medical care.

24 8) From PCH, the minor child was sent to Banner Desert Medical Center, where he
25 remains hospitalized to receive continuing medical care.

26 9) Child Protective Services Alex Lewis has been investigating the circumstances of the
27 birth of the minor child. In addition, Mr. Lewis and Jerry James, another CPS
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investigator have been searching for a placement that would be able to meet the minor child's medical needs.

10) During his investigation, Mr. Lewis learned that the minor child's mother used drugs and alcohol throughout her pregnancy and sought no prenatal care.

11) The mother's toxicology screening at the hospital before she gave birth showed the presence of methamphetamine and alcohol in her body.

12) Staff at Cobre Valley Hospital reported that mother was intoxicated when she arrived at hospital to deliver her baby. Staff reported that the level of alcohol intoxication as very high, a 10 on their scale.

13) Mother admitted to hospital staff that she drank alcohol and used drugs during her pregnancy.

14) The minor child's urine was not tested, but the meconium was sent out for testing.

15) The minor child remained at Banner Desert for an extended period not only to address his severe medical needs but also for CPS to identify an appropriate caregiver for him.

16) On September 10, 2026, a maternal cousin, Cheryl Silvas, agreed to care for the minor child.

17) Ms. Silvas will receive extensive training to ensure that she can safely manage the minor child's feeding pump, gastrostomy tube, medication, medical equipment and other specialized care needs.

18) The minor child will have to attend regular follow-up medical appointments that likely will be in the Mesa area, about two hours from San Carlos.

19) Ms. Silvas agreed to take time off her work to take care of the minor child when he is ready to be released from the hospital, which likely after her training.

1 20) Because of his medical needs, the minor child will be able to go to daycare and his
2 caregivers will need to be training on meeting his medical needs.

3 21) On September 10, 2026, CPS gave Ms. Silvas an agreement for placement of child
4 with a relative. The minor child is expected to be discharged from the hospital in the
5 coming week.

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7 22) On September 1, 2026, Mr. Lewis gave a Temporary Custody Notice to mother,
8 Corrina Long, at her residence in San Carlos.

9 23) The mother refused to sign the TCN, so Mr. Lewis left the document at the home.

10 **Placement**

11 24) A maternal cousin, Cheryl Silvas, has agreed to care for the minor child. Ms. Silvas
12 will receive training to meet the minor child's significant needs. Mr. Lewis gave Ms.
13 Silvas an agreement identifying her as the placement of the minor child.

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15 25) On September 1, 2026, Mr. Lewis gave the mother, Corrina Long, a Temporary
16 Custody Notice, detailing the safety concerns for the minor child as reasons for
17 removing the minor child from her care, even while the minor child remained in the
18 hospital.

19 26) The mother refused to sign the TCN. Mr. Lewis left the document at the mother's
20 residence.

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

26 28) Current address of Parents and Relatives:

27 Parents:

Mother—Corrina Long

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P.O. Box 411
San Carlos, AZ 85550

Father—Not identified

Placement: Cheryl Silvas—Maternal Cousin
P.O. Box 719
San Carlos, AZ 85550

Shelter Care Hearing

29) 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 Lewis Long be made a temporary ward of the Court pending further proceedings.

30) 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 that, to the extent possible, that the mother, Corrina Long, be provided notice of the Hearing pursuant to C.F.P.C. Section 16(C).

I, Attorney 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 September, 2026.

Justine R. Jimmie
Deputy Attorney General
San Carlos Apache Tribe