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

11 In the Matter of:

Case No.: CW-2026 0028

12 **DEVONTE PIKE**

13 DOB: 03/13/2023

14 **ELIAS PIKE**

15 DOB: 08/25/2026

CHILD IN NEED OF CARE PETITION

17 Minor Children

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

24 **Jurisdiction**

- 25 1) The minor children, Devonte Pike (Age: 3) and Elias Pike (Age: 1), are dependent
 26 Native American Indian children and are tribally affiliated as eligible to be enrolled
 27 members 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 mother of the minor children is Shontayia Buck. The father of the minor children
7 is Drevonte Pike. The parent(s) are enrolled members of the San Carlos Apache
8 Tribe, which is a federally recognized Indian tribe. As such, the minor children are
9 eligible for membership with the San Carlos Apache Tribe, which establishes
10 Jurisdiction of the San Carlos Apache Children's Court pursuant to SCAT-CFPC.
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12 **Specific Allegations**

13 4) On September 16, 2026, Child Protective Services Investigator Alex Lewis received a
14 report from Cecil and Carol Pike, paternal grandparents of the minor children, that
15 Shontayia Buck, the mother of minor children, had frequently left them unattended in
16 their home and without their knowledge.
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18 5) The grandparents Pikes said that the mother and their grandchildren have lived with
19 them at their residence on Lower Bottom Road in Bylas for about 18 months.
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21 6) Mr. Pike said that during that time his son, Drevonte Pike, the father of the minor
22 children was sent to prison, so the Pikes agreed to have the children and their mother
23 live with them.

24 7) Soon after, the Pikes began to realize that the mother, Ms. Buck, would crawl out the
25 window and leave the young children unattended and without the Pikes' knowledge.
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- 1 8) They would find out the children were alone when they would cry and not stop. But
2 when they went to open the bedroom door where the children were, they found it was
3 locked.
- 4 9) When Mr. Pike had to jimmy the lock, he and his wife would find the minor children
5 alone and without any supervision.
- 6 10) Other times, Mr. Pike said that they would enter the room and find the mother, Ms.
7 Buck, intoxicated and passed out on the bed, unable to supervise the minor children.
- 8 11) On September 18, 2026, Mr. Pike told the mother, Ms. Buck, that he and his wife
9 could no longer support her because of her drinking and repeatedly leaving through
10 the bedroom window, leaving the children unsupervised and without the Pikes'
11 knowledge.
- 12 12) Ms. Buck told Mr. Pike that she would leave but made no statements about where the
13 children would go.
- 14 13) Mr. Pike told the mother that he would make a report to CPS and seek to keep the
15 children in his and his wife's care.
- 16 14) When Mr. Lewis learned of the Pikes' concerns, he searched for the mother,
17 Shontayia Buck, to talk to her about those concerns.
- 18 15) Mr. Lewis did speak with Ms. Buck and asked her about the reports that she would
19 leave her young children alone in the Pikes's home without their knowledge.
- 20 16) Ms. Buck admitted that Mr. Pike's report was correct and that she would crawl out
21 the bedroom window when her children were asleep.
- 22 17) Ms. Buck said that she left because she wanted to meet her friends and drink alcohol.
23 She admitted that she would be gone for two or three days.
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1 18) She acknowledged that she did not let another adult know she was leaving the
2 children alone but that she assumed that the grandparent Pikes would realize the
3 children were unattended and would step in to care for them.

4 19) Ms. Buck had no explanation of how the Pikes would know if the children would
5 need emergency care if they did not know she was not there caring for the children.
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7 20) Ms. Buck said she did not want the Pikes to know when she was leaving and said
8 that she felt uncomfortable with the Pikes, thinking they would judge her.

9 21) Mr. Lewis explained to Ms. Buck that he shared the Pikes' concern for the children's
10 safety, knowing that she would leave them alone and unsupervised and also would
11 drink to passing out when she was in their presence and supposed to be caring for
12 them.
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14 22) He gave Ms. Buck a Temporary Custody Notice noting his concerns and reasons for
15 removing the children from her care.

16 23) Mr. Lewis also gave the Pikes an Agreement for Placement of Children with a
17 Relative and they agreed to care for the children.

18 24) CPS Investigator Alex Lewis provided a report on his initial investigation concerning
19 the allegations of this petition.
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21 Placement

22 25) Cecil and Carol Pike, paternal grandparents, agreed to care for the minor children.

23 Mr. Lewis gave them an agreement to care for the children

24 26) On September 18, 2026, CPS Investigator Alex Lewis spoke with the mother,
25 Shontayia Buck about the reports and concerns for her children's safety when she
26 would leave them unattended and without letting anyone else know she was leaving.
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1 27) Mr. Lewis gave Ms. Buck a TCN and explained to the mother that he was removing
2 the minor children from her care and custody and placing them in the care of the
3 Pikes.

4 28) Precautionary efforts will be made available for the minor children's protection
5 pursuant to CFPC Section 13. B. 1. The minor children, Devonte Pike and Elias Pike,
6 are placed as a temporary ward with the San Carlos Apache Children's Court and the
7 San Carlos Tribal Social Services Department. The minor children are placed with
8 their paternal grandparents, Cecil and Carol Pike, in Bylas, AZ.

9 29) Current address of Parents and Relatives:

11 Parents:

Shontayia Buck—Mother
P.O. Box 342
Bylas, AZ 85530

14 Drevonte Pike—Father
Reportedly incarcerated in the
15 Arizona Department of Corrections
P.O. Box 6300
16 Florence, AZ 85132
(Review of AZ Inmate Search and Federal
17 Bureau of Prisons did not locate father)

18 Placement:

19 Cecil and Carol Pike—Paternal
Grandparents
Lower Bottom Road
20 Bylas, AZ 85530

21 P.O. Box 342
22 Bylas, AZ 85530

23 **Shelter Care Hearing**

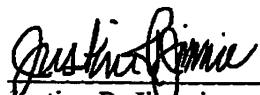
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25 30) Based on the information provided above, the Tribe is recommending the minor
26 children be placed in temporary protective custody under the protection of the
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1 Children's Court and request that the minor children be made temporary wards of the
2 Court pending further proceedings.

3 31) Additionally, the Tribe requests, pursuant to CFPC Section 16, that a **Shelter Care**
4 **Hearing** be scheduled within ten (10) working days of the filing of this Child in Need
5 of Care Petition, pursuant to C.F.P.C. Section 16 (B).
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7 I, Attorney Justine R. Jimmie, have read the foregoing and attest that the information
8 contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

9 Signed and dated this 25th day of September, 2026.
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