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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 0029

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 13 **ANFERNY TRE PALMER III**
 DOB: 09/18/2026

CHILD IN NEED OF CARE PETITION

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 16 Minor Child

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

- 23 1) The minor child, Anferry Tre Palmer III (Age: infant), is a dependent Native
 24 American Indian child and is tribally affiliated as eligible to be an enrolled member
 25 with the San Carlos Apache Tribe.
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 27 2) The Children's Court of the San Carlos Apache Tribe ("Tribe") has exclusive
 28 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 mother of the minor child is Michelle Franklin. The father of the minor child is
4 Anferny Tre Palmer, Sr. The parent(s) are enrolled members of the San Carlos
5 Apache Tribe, which is a federally recognized Indian tribe. As such, the minor child
6 is eligible for membership with the San Carlos Apache Tribe, which establishes
7 Jurisdiction of the San Carlos Apache Children's Court pursuant to SCAT-CFPC.
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9 **Specific Allegations**

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11 4) Child Protective Services Investigator Alex Lewis received a report from the Cobre
12 Valley Regional Medical Center in Globe, AZ, that a baby had been born on
13 September 18, 2026.
14 5) The report indicated that the baby, Anferny Tre Palmer III, and his mother, Michelle
15 Franklin, tested positive in a urine test for illegal substances.
16 6) Hospital staff further informed Mr. Lewis that the baby's meconium had been
17 collected and sent for testing.
18 7) Ms. Franklin told hospital staff that she had used methamphetamine during her
19 pregnancy, and she had limited prenatal care.
20 8) Mr. Lewis met with Ms. Franklin and Anferny Trey Palmer, Sr., who Ms. Franklin
21 identified as the baby's father, in the hospital room at Cobre Valley.
22 9) Mr. Lewis asked Ms. Franklin if she had used any illegal drugs during her pregnancy.
23 She said that she has been using methamphetamine since July, 2026.
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- 1 10) Ms. Franklin said that her use decreased during her pregnancy but that she was using
2 about a bowl of methamphetamine each day. She said that she would use when she
3 was with her boyfriend, Anferny Tre Palmer, Sr.
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5 11) Ms. Franklin said that she last used about five days before taking to Mr. Lewis on
6 September 18, 2026.
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8 12) Mr. Lewis discussed his concerns for the baby's safety and well-being considering
9 the parents' regular drug use. He told them that he planned to take the baby from their
10 care and custody and place him with a family placement.
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12 13) Mr. Lewis asked the parents if they knew of any family members who would be
13 willing to care for the baby.
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15 14) The parents suggested Mr. Palmer's aunt, Neva Chatlin, who lives in the Seven Mile
16 District of San Carlos on the Reservation.
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18 15) Mr. Lewis gave each of the parents Temporary Custody Notices, which lists the
19 reason for the removal of the minor child from their care.
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21 16) Mr. Lewis also spoke with Neva Chatlin about caring for the baby after removal. Ms.
22 Chatlin agreed and was willing to care for the baby.
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24 17) CPS Investigator Alex Lewis provided a report on his initial investigation concerning
25 the allegations of this petition.
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Placement

- 23 18) Paternal grandmother, Neva Chatlin, has been caring for the minor child, Anferny
24 Tre Palmer III, since he was sent home from the hospital after he was born.
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26 19) Mr. Lewis gave parents, Michelle Franklin and Anferny Tre Palmer, Sr., Temporary
27 Custody notices when he interviewed them at the hospital. He explained that he had
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1 concerns for the bay's safety because the baby and the mother both had tested
2 positive for illegal substances.

3 20) Precautionary efforts will be made available for the minor child's protection pursuant
4 to CFPC Section 13. B. 1. The minor child, Anferny Tre Palmer III, is placed as a
5 temporary ward with the San Carlos Apache Children's Court and the San Carlos
6 Tribal Social Services Department. The minor child is placed with Neva Chatlin,
7 paternal grandmother, in San Carlos, AZ.
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9 21) Current address of Parents and Relatives:

10 Parents: Michelle Franklin—Mother
11 P.O. Box 961
12 San Carlos, AZ 85550

13 Anferny Tre Palmer, Sr.—Father
14 P.O. Box 961
15 San Carlos, AZ 85550

16 Placement: Neva Chatlin—Paternal Grandmother
17 Last house on Mother Goose Road
18 San Carlos, AZ 85550

19 P.O. Box 244
20 Peridot, AZ 85542

21 Shelter Care Hearing

22 22) Based on the information provided above, the Tribe is recommending the minor child
23 be placed in temporary protective custody under the protection of the Children's
24 Court and request that the minor child be made temporary wards of the Court pending
25 further proceedings.
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1 23) Additionally, the Tribe requests, pursuant to CFPC Section 16, that a **Shelter Care**
2 **Hearing** be scheduled within ten (10) working days of the filing of this Child in Need
3 of Care Petition, pursuant to C.F.P.C. Section 16 (B).

4 I, Attorney Justine R. Jimmie, have read the foregoing and attest that the information
5 contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
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7 Signed and dated this 26th day of September, 2026.
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