

To Whom it may Concern.  
From Miss Ruth Russell  
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BLO OLP  
Dated 16<sup>th</sup> January 2016

My name is Ruth Russell. I worked for Mr Dobbie during 2011 and 2012 acting as nanny for his two children Aurora Nisha Dobbie and Orion Nova Dobbie.

I have known Mr Dobbie for over 30 years. In that time, I have seen him as a conscientious member of the community and helping others, with a particularly strong involvement in Salvation Army and Church Brigade helping with children and elderly.

As a father he is exemplary. He has a special way with children and adults and seems to get them to join in and do things, especially educational and instructional.

While at 6 Coventry Avenue, Aurora in particular was very disturbed by things happening at the house her mum had taken over. Aurora would frequently say bad things about her mum, and mum's boyfriend Ken Redman. Mr Dobbie and I both would tell her to just write it down and dad would take care of it. We would then distract her. On occasions this proved very difficult as she would enter a state of fitting from fear of mum and Ken.

The commonest time for Aurora to get scared was when it was time to return to mum's during the time of 50/50 contact. She would be terrified if she had possible dirt in her ears or marks on her cloths or even the wrong clothing.

Aurora would tell me to hide and not go to the door if her mum was coming to 6 Coventry Avenue to pick her up. She said mum would get really angry that dad had a nanny to help with the children.

Many times Mr Dobbie had to spend time with Aurora getting her to accept to go to mum's and try and have a good time there.

Aurora frequently had trouble sleeping. She was terrified that Ken Redman or mum was going to come into the house and murder us. She used to go round and check all the doors and windows were locked, even checking behind curtains doors and cupboards.

Mr Dobbie spent a lot of time with Aurora teaching her meditation and mindfulness to lower her anxiety.

It was unfortunate that Mr Dobbie ran out of money and I had to leave.

I understand that my overriding duty is to the court and I have complied with, and will continue to comply with, that duty.

This report is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I know that if it is introduced in evidence then it would be an offence wilfully to have stated in it anything that I knew to be false or did not believe to be true.

Miss R Russell

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