

## ALTERNATIVE FACTS FOR DISCUSSION

1. L.J. does not have asthma or any other special medical needs but missed his yearly check-up (no show). Ms. Gaines failed to reschedule the appointment. (All other “facts” remain the same.)
2. Ms. Gaines is not formally diagnosed with any mental health condition but mentioned to a social worker that she believes she was diagnosed as a child with ADHD and depression. Neither hospital staff nor DFCS have seen any documentation of these diagnoses. Ms. Gaines is not taking any medication or participating in any treatment for these conditions. (All other “facts” remain the same.)
3. The DFCS case manager calls Ms. Gaines’ sister while L.J. and Ms. Gaines are at Grady Hospital. Ms. Gaines’ sister is willing to pick up L.J. and let him live at her home. Ms. Gaines agrees to allow L.J. to live with her sister while Ms. Gaines figures out a plan. Ms. Gaines’ sister does not feel threatened by Ms. Gaines in any way. DFCS still seeks and is granted authorization for shelter care. (All other “facts” remain the same.)
4. L.J. has no underlying special needs and is up to date with all on his medical check-ups, but during removal, CHOA completed a skeletal survey because Ms. Gaines grabbed L.J. forcefully out of a nurse’s arms. Three small hairline fractures are identified on L.J.’s ribs. Staff also notices a mark on the child’s left butt cheek. (All other “facts” remain the same.)
5. After searching Grady Hospital medical records, Ms. Gaines’ mental health diagnosis is confirmed to be schizophrenia. Ms. Gaines reported to the hospital social worker that she stopped taking her medication because it made her too sleepy and she wasn’t able to supervise L.J. While DFCS was evaluating the case, there was an incident where Ms. Gaines was observed loudly talking to herself in a corner and spitting furiously at the ground. (All other “facts” remain the same.)
6. L.J. and his Ms. Gaines were located outside of Grady Hospital where Ms. Gaines had stripped down to her skivvies and was speaking incomprehensibly. Medical staff at Grady, placed a social hold on the child and DFCS ultimately removed him. Ms. Gaines was simultaneously involuntarily committed to the mental health unit of Grady Hospital. (All other “facts” remain the same.)