

PATTERN OF COERCIVE CONTROL

Daniel Brooks toward Maya Thompson, 2024 to 2025
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Color key: **blue** for messages from Daniel Brooks, **green** for messages from Maya Thompson.

ECONOMIC ABUSE

Controlling finances, economic resources or access to services.

22 Jan 2024, 6:10 PM Daniel Brooks iMessage	"I looked at the credit card. You spent \$86 on groceries. From now on send me every receipt or I take the card back."
22 Jan 2024, 6:15 PM Maya Thompson iMessage	"It was food for the week. I'm not allowed to buy groceries now?"
4 Mar 2024, 8:15 AM Daniel Brooks iMessage	"I moved the money out of the joint account. You'll get an allowance of \$200 a week like everyone else who doesn't earn."
4 Mar 2024, 8:20 AM Maya Thompson iMessage	"That was our savings. I need it for Leo's daycare and my car payment."
4 Mar 2024, 8:24 AM Daniel Brooks iMessage	"Then ask me nicely and show me the budget. Every dollar."
15 Apr 2024, 9:02 AM Daniel Brooks Email	"Subject: Tax refund. I deposited the tax refund into my account. You don't get any of it unless you sign the agreement first. You owe me for the lawyer anyway."
15 Apr 2024, 1:40 PM Maya Thompson Email	"Subject: Re: Tax refund. Half of that refund is mine. I need it to pay rent on the apartment."

21 Aug 2024, 7:55 AM
Daniel Brooks
Email
“Subject: Online banking. I changed the password on the joint account. If you need money, send me a request with what it's for and I'll decide.”

21 Aug 2024, 10:12 AM
Maya Thompson
Email
“Subject: Re: Online banking. I can't see our own bank statement now. Please give me access to the joint account.”

2 May 2025, 8:20 PM
Daniel Brooks
OurFamilyWizard
“Subject: Child support. Venmo me the \$300 you owe me for his shoes and doctor visit by tonight or I keep him this weekend.”

2 May 2025, 8:41 PM
Maya Thompson
OurFamilyWizard
“Subject: Re: Child support. I sent the receipts last week. Please don't hold Leo's weekend over money.”

USE OF THE LEGAL PROCESS

Repeated court action, and demands routed through counsel.

15 Nov 2024, 9:58 PM
Daniel Brooks
Email
“Subject: Lawyer. My lawyer is filing another motion next week. And another one after that. You can't afford to keep up.”

16 Nov 2024, 8:30 AM
Maya Thompson
Email
“Subject: Re: Lawyer. I'd rather we use mediation. This is costing both of us.”

DEPRIVATION OF NECESSITIES

Depriving the person of basic necessities.

14 May 2024, 7:03 AM
Daniel Brooks
iMessage
“I cancelled your phone plan. You can pay for your own if you want to keep talking to everyone.”

14 May 2024, 7:30 AM
Maya Thompson
iMessage
“How am I supposed to reach Leo's school without a phone?”

2 Dec 2024, 8:40 AM
Daniel Brooks
Email
“Subject: Insurance. I took you off my health insurance. Figure out your own prescriptions.”

2 Dec 2024, 12:05 PM
Maya Thompson
Email
“Subject: Re: Insurance. My refill is due this week. You could have warned me before you cancelled it.”

SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL OF MOVEMENT

Monitoring activities, communications and movements.

8 Jan 2024, 7:42 PM Daniel Brooks WhatsApp	“Where are you? You said you'd be back by 7. Share your location with me now.”
8 Jan 2024, 7:44 PM Maya Thompson WhatsApp	“I'm at the grocery store with Leo. We're on our way home.”
8 Jan 2024, 7:45 PM Daniel Brooks WhatsApp	“Next time let me know before you leave the house. I shouldn't have to ask.”
8 Jan 2024, 7:47 PM Maya Thompson WhatsApp	“I don't need permission to buy groceries, Daniel.”
17 Jan 2025, 9:14 PM Daniel Brooks iMessage	“Who are you with right now? I can see you're not home.”
17 Jan 2025, 9:20 PM Maya Thompson iMessage	“How can you see that? Are you tracking my phone?”

ISOLATION FROM SUPPORT

Isolating from friends, relatives or other sources of support.

3 Feb 2024, 11:02 AM Daniel Brooks WhatsApp	“You are not going to your sister's this weekend. Your family puts ideas in your head.”
3 Feb 2024, 11:05 AM Maya Thompson WhatsApp	“She's my sister. I haven't seen her in two months.”
19 Feb 2024, 9:30 PM Daniel Brooks WhatsApp	“Stop talking to your friends about our marriage. Leave the group chat or I will read your phone myself.”
19 Feb 2024, 9:41 PM Maya Thompson WhatsApp	“My friends are the only people I can talk to right now.”

STATEMENTS ABOUT THE PERSON'S CHARACTER AND MIND

Intimidation and denigration within the pattern.

18 Mar 2024, 10:41 PM
Daniel Brooks
iMessage

“Honestly you are unstable. Any judge would see that you're not fit to raise him.”

18 Mar 2024, 10:44 PM
Maya Thompson
iMessage

“I'm scared of how you talk to me when you're angry.”

CONDUCT AFFECTING THE CHILD

Threatening to harm a child, and conduct concerning the child.

5 Mar 2025, 6:12 PM
Daniel Brooks
OurFamilyWizard

“Subject: Daycare invoice. I'm not paying my share of daycare this month. Pay me back the \$1,400 for the summer camp first and then we'll talk.”

5 Mar 2025, 7:30 PM
Maya Thompson
OurFamilyWizard

“Subject: Re: Daycare invoice. The order says we split daycare 50/50. Leo can't miss daycare because of an argument about camp.”

11 Apr 2025, 9:15 AM
Daniel Brooks
OurFamilyWizard

“Subject: School. Leo is not going to that school. I don't care what you think. I decide.”

11 Apr 2025, 11:02 AM
Maya Thompson
OurFamilyWizard

“Subject: Re: School. We agreed to choose the school together. Can we discuss it with the parenting coordinator?”

PROPERTY AND BELONGINGS

Intentionally damaging or withholding property.

1 Jun 2024, 4:30 PM
Daniel Brooks
WhatsApp

“I changed the passcode on the garage. Your things are in bags by the curb. Pick them up today or they go in the trash.”

1 Jun 2024, 4:36 PM
Maya Thompson
WhatsApp

“My passport and Leo's birth certificate were in that drawer. Where are they?”

1 Jun 2024, 4:40 PM
Daniel Brooks
WhatsApp

“You'll get the passport back when you sign the agreement.”

THREATS AND INTIMIDATION

Threat, force or intimidation to compel conduct.

27 Apr 2024, 9:12 PM Daniel Brooks WhatsApp	"If you file anything I will make sure you lose custody. You'll never see Leo without supervision. I promise you that."
27 Apr 2024, 9:20 PM Maya Thompson WhatsApp	"Please stop threatening me. I just want us to agree on a schedule."
9 Jul 2024, 8:48 PM Daniel Brooks WhatsApp	"Watch yourself. One more message to my mother and I will tell everyone what you're really like."
9 Jul 2024, 8:55 PM Maya Thompson WhatsApp	"I only asked her to wish Leo a happy birthday."

THE APPLICANT'S OWN CONTEMPORANEOUS STATEMENTS

Evidence of fear, and of reduced safety or autonomy.

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27 Apr 2024, 9:20 PM Maya Thompson WhatsApp	"Please stop threatening me. I just want us to agree on a schedule."
21 Aug 2024, 10:12 AM Maya Thompson Email	"Subject: Re: Online banking. I can't see our own bank statement now. Please give me access to the joint account."
12 Sep 2024, 10:05 PM Maya Thompson iMessage	"I'm walking on eggshells every day. I have no say in anything about my own life."
12 Sep 2024, 10:09 PM Daniel Brooks iMessage	"You'd have a say if you earned your own money."

SOURCES AND METHOD

This document draws on 43 messages supplied by Maya Thompson from WhatsApp, iMessage, Email, OurFamilyWizard. Every quotation is the text of the message as it appears in the export, without edit. Each is attributed to the person who sent it, dated, and identified by channel.

Candidate messages were located by searching for patterns of controlling behavior, and every one was then reviewed and either included or left out by Maya Thompson. The full exports have been kept

unaltered and can be produced if the source of any quotation is questioned.

STATUS OF THIS DOCUMENT

This document sets out the evidence supporting Maya Thompson. It does not set out the evidence against her or him, and it should not be read as if it did. The other party holds the same messages.

No clinician has assessed either party. The headings are used to organize the material, not to state a conclusion. Whether any of this supports an application is a question for counsel.

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