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JOSHUA JERMAINE BUFORD
[Plaintiff(s)]

vs. **Docket No:** ***24D255***

DESTINY SHERRON HILL
[Defendant(s)]

I, JOSEPH P. DAY, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Davidson County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Order heretofore entered in the above styled case on January 15, 2025 in the Third Circuit Court for Davidson County, Tennessee, as same remains of record in the Minutes of said Court.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of said Court, at office, in Nashville, on February 13, 2025.

JOSEPH P. DAY CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

JOSEPH P. DAY, Clerk,

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IN THE THIRD CIRCUIT COURT FOR DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

JOSHUA JERMAINE BUFORD,	]	
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Plaintiff/Husband,	]	
	]	
VS.	]	**NO: 24D-255**
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DESTINY SHERRON HILL,	]	
	]	
Defendant/Wife.	]	

FINAL JUDGMENT OF DIVORCE

This cause came on for trial on the 17th day of December 2024, before the Honorable Phillip Robinson, Judge for the Third Circuit Court for Davidson County, Tennessee, at Nashville, upon the Complaint for Absolute Divorce filed by the Plaintiff, **Joshua Jermaine Buford**. Based on the sworn testimony of **Mr. Buford** and his witness, statements of counsel, and the entire record herein, the Court makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law which are as follows.

1. The parties were married on 07/01/2021. They separated on 10/11/2021. They lived together for a little over 3 months. **Mr. Buford** filed his Complaint for Divorce on 02/22/2024. He alleged that his grounds for divorce were Irreconcilable Differences and Inappropriate Marital Conduct. He also alleged that the parties had no real property subject to equitable distribution and no children born of, nor adopted during, the marriage. The Defendant, **Ms. Hill**, was personally served with this divorce lawsuit on 03/06/2024. On 05/07/2024 and 05/30/2024, **Ms. Hill** filed a *pro-se* Answer and an Amended Answer respectively. On 11/18/2024, an Order was entered setting this case on the contested docket. It is noted that **Mr. Buford** had previously filed for divorce with this Court at case number 21D-1807. Later, **Mr. Buford** claimed the parties had reconciled and the case was dismissed on 05/09/2023. It turned out, however, that the parties never reconciled and resumed cohabitation as **Mr. Buford** was promised causing **Mr. Buford** to once again file this action.

2. **Ms. Hill** was duly noticed to appear and participate in this proceeding. Particularly, she was notified by personal service of process and other subsequent notice yet failed to appear at this hearing.

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3. The proof presented by **Mr. Buford** and his witnesses was that he lost his mother in 2021 and his daughter in 2022. **Ms. Hill** refused to go to the funerals with him. In fact, she told him she simply did not want to be with him anymore and left the residence. She rented a U-Haul, pulled up to the house with her uncles and got all her belongings out of the house and left. **Ms. Hill** told him she simply married him to get his money and house. She told him she would not cooperate with the divorce and wanted to prolong it as long as possible because if something bad happened to **Mr. Buford**, she would inherit everything. Shortly after she left, **Ms. Hill** obtained a new boyfriend, Mr. T. Thomas. **Ms. Hill** and Mr. Thomas, together, began a campaign of systemically threatening **Mr. Buford**'s life. They told **Mr. Buford**, "You better have your insurance paid up", and threatened to "shoot up your house". Since the separation, **Ms. Hill** and Mr. Thomas frequently tormented **Mr. Buford** and caused him trouble. **Mr. Buford** further testified that **Ms. Hill** lied in her pleadings to this Court. Contrary to what she alleged, **Mr. Buford** stated that **Ms. Hill** never paid the property taxes on **Mr. Buford**'s realty and never contributed anything to the upkeep of his house. In fact, during most of the marriage, **Ms. Hill** took advantage of **Mr. Buford**'s house to convalesce after having cosmetic surgery on her breasts and buttocks. As soon as she was well enough to leave, she did. Based on this proof, **Mr. Buford** is awarded an absolute divorce from **Ms. Hill** on the ground of Inappropriate Marital Conduct pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-4-101(11); thereby restoring him to all the rights and privileges of an unmarried person.

4. **Ms. Hill** shall be permanently enjoined and restrained from committing, or threatening to commit, acts of violence against **Mr. Buford** and his property and from abusing, harassing, physically and mentally assaulting, intimidating or harming him in any manner whatsoever. and from soliciting anyone else to threaten to commit acts of violence against **Mr. Buford** and his property in any manner whatsoever.

5. There were no children born nor adopted during the marriage.

6. The parties owned or acquired no real property subject to equitable distribution.

7. Prior to the marriage, **Mr. Buford** was quitclaimed a parcel of improved realty known as **4014 Meadow Road, Nashville, TN 37218-1939**. When he married Ms. Hill, her name was not put on the deed. She resided at this realty less than four (4) months. There is no mortgage on the realty. On 10/11/2021, **Ms. Hill** left **Mr. Buford** and moved out of the realty. During the

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short marriage, **Ms. Hill** made little to no contribution to the preservation or the appreciation of this realty. Therefore, the Court finds that **Ms. Hill** has no accumulated interest in the realty. Accordingly, all right, title, and interest of **Ms. Hill** in and to the parcel of improved realty known as **4014 Meadow Road, Nashville, TN 37218-1939**, shall be divested out of **Ms. Hill** and the same right, title, and interest shall be vested in **Mr. Buford** as his sole and separate property in fee simple absolute. The Map and Parcel numbers are **058 16 0 039.00**. This realty is more particularly described as follows:

> LAND in Davidson County, Tennessee, being Lot No. 19 of Block "BB" on the Revised Map of Fairview Subdivision, which is of record in Book 1130, Page 34, Register's Office for Davidson County, Tennessee. Said Lot No. 19 fronts 73 feet on the easterly side of Meadow Road and runs back between parallel lines 200 feet to a dead line.
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> Being the same property conveyed to Joshua Jermaine Buford by Quitclaim Deed from Andrew B. Biles of record at Instrument No. 20190111-0003077, Register's Office for Davidson County, Tennessee, recorded January 11, 2019.
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> This conveyance is subject to all easements, restrictive covenants and conditions, and other matters of record, including all items set out on any applicable plat of record.
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> This is the same description as in the previous deed of record.

8. **Mr. Buford** shall be awarded all right, title, and interest in and to the parties' timeshare purchased through Hilton Grand Vacations (Contract Number 115-642719) and Wyndham Vacation Resorts (Contract number 002002100105) free and clear of any claims from **Ms. Hill**. **Mr. Buford** shall be responsible for any indebtedness associated with these items and shall indemnify and hold **Ms. Hill** harmless thereon.

9. Both parties have no retirement accounts, pension funds, and 401K accounts subject to equitable distribution.

10. **Mr. Buford** shall be awarded all right, title, and interest in and to his 2015 Dodge Charger, Fifth Third bank account, appliances, furniture, furnishings, and other personal property and accounts solely in his name, possession and under his control, free and clear of any claims from **Ms. Hill**. **Mr. Buford** shall be responsible for any indebtedness associated with these items and shall indemnify and hold **Ms. Hill** harmless thereon. Conversely, **Ms. Hill** shall be awarded

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all right, title, and interest in and to any vehicles, bank accounts and personal property solely in her name, possession and under her control, free and clear of any claims from **Mr. Buford**. **Ms. Hill** shall be responsible for any indebtedness associated with these items and shall indemnify and hold **Mr. Buford** harmless thereon.

11. The parties have no joint indebtedness other than what has been referred to in this document.

12. **Ms. Hill** shall be responsible for all debts she has incurred in her name only since the date of the separation of the parties, which was 10/11/2021, and shall indemnify and hold **Mr. Buford** harmless thereon. Likewise, **Mr. Buford** shall be responsible for all debts he has incurred in his name only since the date of separation of the parties and shall indemnify and hold **Ms. Hill** harmless thereon.

13. Laura Tek, **Mr. Buford**'s attorney, should be awarded a judgment for her reasonable attorney's fees against the Defendant, **Ms. Hill**. This award should be alimony in solido and nondischargeable in bankruptcy.

14. The current address of **Mr. Buford** is 4014 Meadow Road, Nashville, TN 37218-1939. The last known address of **Ms. Hill** is 1923 Pecan Ridge Drive, Murfreesboro, TN 37128-5388.

15. All Court costs should be taxed to the Defendant, **Ms. Hill**.

BASED ON THESE FINDINGS, IT IS:

ORDERED, ADJUDGED and **DECREED** that **Mr. Buford** shall be awarded an absolute divorce from **Ms. Hill** on the ground of Inappropriate Marital Conduct pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-4-101(11). It is further

ORDERED, ADJUDGED and **DECREED** that **Ms. Hill** shall be permanently enjoined and restrained from committing, or threatening to commit, acts of violence against **Mr. Buford** and his property and from abusing, harassing, physically and mentally assaulting, intimidating or harming him in any manner whatsoever. and from soliciting anyone else to threaten to commit acts of violence against **Mr. Buford** and his property in any manner whatsoever. It is further

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ORDERED, ADJUDGED and **DECREED** that the realty known as 4014 Meadow Road, Nashville, TN 37218-1939 is **Mr. Buford**'s separate realty as it was purchased prior to the marriage. **Ms. Hill** accumulated no interest in this realty during the marriage. Accordingly, all right, title, and interest of **Ms. Hill** in and to the parcel of improved realty known as 4014 Meadow Road, Nashville, TN 37218-1939, shall be divested out of **Ms. Hill** and the same right, title, and interest shall be vested in **Mr. Buford** as his sole and separate property in fee simple absolute. This realty is more particularly described above in paragraph 5. It is further

ORDERED, ADJUDGED and **DECREED** that **Mr. Buford** shall be awarded all right, title, and interest in and to the parties' timeshare purchased through Hilton Grand Vacations (Contract Number 115-642719) and Wyndham Vacation Resorts (Contract number 002002100105) free and clear of any claims from **Ms. Hill** **Mr. Buford** shall be responsible for any indebtedness associated with these items and shall indemnify and hold **Ms. Hill** harmless thereon. It is further

ORDERED, ADJUDGED and **DECREED** that **Mr. Buford** shall be awarded all right, title, and interest in and to his 2015 Dodge Charger, Fifth Third bank account, appliances, furniture, furnishings, and other bank accounts and personal property solely in his name, possession and under his control, free and clear of any claims from **Ms. Hill**. **Mr. Buford** shall be responsible for any indebtedness associated with these items and shall indemnify and hold **Ms. Hill** harmless thereon. Conversely, **Ms. Hill** shall be awarded all right, title, and interest in and to any vehicles, bank accounts and personal property solely in her name, possession and under her control, free and clear of any claims from **Mr. Buford**. **Ms. Hill** shall be responsible for any indebtedness associated with these items and shall indemnify and hold **Mr. Buford** harmless thereon. It is further

ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that **Ms. Hill** shall be responsible for all debts she has incurred in <u>her name only</u> since the date of the separation of the parties, which was 07/01/2021, and shall indemnify and hold **Mr. Buford** harmless thereon. Likewise, **Mr. Buford** shall be responsible for all debts he has incurred in <u>his name only</u> since the date of separation of the parties and shall indemnify and hold **Ms. Hill** harmless thereon. It is further

ORDERED, ADJUDGED and **DECREED** that both parties shall take notice of the provisions contained in Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-4-134, which states that this Final Decree of Divorce

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does not necessarily affect the ability of a creditor to proceed against a party or a party's property, even though the party is not responsible under the terms of the Decree for an account, any debt associated with an account or any debt. Accordingly, it may be in a party's best interest to cancel, close or freeze any jointly held accounts It is further

ORDERED, ADJUDGED and **DECREED** that Laura Tek, **Mr. Buford**'s attorney, shall be awarded a judgment of $ 4,375.00 for her reasonable attorney's fees against the Defendant, **Ms. Hill**. This award of attorney's fees shall be a judgment against **Ms. Hill** in favor of Ms. Tek for which execution shall issue, if necessary. This award shall be considered alimony *in solido* and nondischargeable in bankruptcy. It is further

ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that all Court costs in this cause shall be taxed to the Defendant, **Ms. Hill**, for which execution may issue, if necessary.

ENTERED this 15 day of January 2025.

HON. PHILLIP ROBINSON, JUDGE

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing document has been served on the following by:

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This 12th day of January 2025.

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