

Russia Demands U.S. Woman Testify Over Adoption

April 12, 2012

The  Moscow Times

TOMILINO, Moscow Region — The Russian children's rights ombudsman says he wants an American woman who sent her young adopted son back to Russia to testify in a Moscow court.

Torry Hansen was living in Shelbyville, Tennessee in April 2010 when she sent her then-7-year-old son on a plane alone back to Moscow with a note that said the boy was violent and she no longer wanted to keep him.

A Tennessee judge ruled last month that Hansen is liable for child support in a lawsuit brought by her former adoption agency.

Pavel Astakhov said Thursday that he would like Hansen, who has sued him in a Moscow court, to testify at a hearing scheduled for next month.

Astakhov says the boy now lives in a private orphanage that spends the equivalent of about \$2,300 a month on his housing and "psychological correction."

Original url:

<https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2012/04/12/russia-demands-us-woman-testify-over-adoption-a14033>