OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI EDMISJE JEAN CARR, CHA

ASHLEY BIONTE JOHNSON

In the Matter of the Presumption of Death of Janitor and Mental Patient Audray Johnson

PETITIONER

Cause No. 19-1626

FINAL JUDGMENT DENYING PETITION FOR PRESUMPTION OF DEATH

THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MATTER was heard by the Court on February 27, 2020, on the Petitioner's request for a presumption of death. The Court finds as follows:

Petitioner is before the court as a self-represented litigant, seeking a finding from the court that her father Audray Johnson is presumed dead under Mississippi law. She wishes to obtain a death certificate to handle her father's estate. Her father was Audray Johnson, a janitor and mental patient who was treated for psychosis and began ingesting lithium carbonate in 1995. The pleadings in this matter indicate the Audray Johnson was treated for Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID).

At the hearing, the Court heard argument from the Petitioner and heard testimony from one witness, Akecheta A. Mornigstar. According to Morningstar's testimony and affidavit, he now occupies the physical body of Audray Johnson. He claims Audray Johnson's spirit expired just over seven years ago, at which time Morningstar was sent here from the heavens. Morningstar testified that he is a General and Ambassador from the Messianic Government that was established in the heavens in 1914; that he was sent here in the form of a hybrid, part human and part angel, to provide the world with precise instructions for obtaining salvation. He submits that he is here to save the world. He now disseminates his mission, purpose, and music via his organization's website, www.necons.org and his personal Youtube channel.

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Mornigstar submits that he is a spiritual being, with musical talents and other phenotypes that Johnson did not display. Morningstar provided examples of several differences between himself and Johnson, like skin tone, height, weight and kidney function. He also provided scriptures from the Bible to support his position, reading from the books of Corinthians, Hebrews, Matthew and John. Morningstar admits that he occupies the physical body of Audray Johnson, but submits that he should not have the responsibility of taking care of "a dead man's family."

Mississippi Code §13-1-23 (2014) states:

Any person who shall remain beyond the sea, or absent himself from this state, or conceal himself in this state, for seven years successively without being heard of, shall be presumed to be dead in any case where his death shall come in question, unless proof be made that he was alive within that time. Any property or estate recovered in any such case shall be restored to the person evicted or deprived thereof, if, in a subsequent action, it shall be proved that the person so presumed to be dead is living.

(Emphasis added).

In this case, Petitioner claims Audray Johnson has been gone from his physical body for over seven years, thus he should be presumed dead. The court takes judicial notice of the fact that Audray Johnson petitioned this court in October of 2017 and obtained an order changing his legal name from Audray Johnson to Akecheta Andre Mornigstar. The court cannot find Audray Johnson has been gone from this state for seven years successively without being heard of when Audray Johnson presented himself to the court for a name change in 2017. The reality is that we are identified by our physical body. Our physical body is given a birth certificate and social security number to identify our person and ultimately a death certificate. Our physical body can be identified by our DNA, fingerprints, and physical appearance. It is uncontested that the physical body of Audray Johnson is the body Morningstar now occupies.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the request for an order finding that Audray Johnson is presumed to be dead is denied.

SO ORDERED this the day of February, 2020.

TIFFANY GRÖVE, CHANCELLOR