

## **Declaration of Monica Rambeau**

My name is Monica Rambeau, and I was born in Westview, Stetson, on June 18, 1951. I have resided in Westview my entire life. After I graduated from Westview High School in 1969, I accepted a job as a nurse at St. Anthony's Hospital. I received several promotions for my excellent work. I retired from my position as Chief Nurse in 2014, after 45 years at St. Anthony's Hospital.

I met Wanda shortly after she arrived to the United States in 1992. Wanda was born in the former Yugoslavia in 1982. Sadly, her parents died in the Yugoslav Wars, and she was placed in a foster care program for refugee children from Eastern Europe in 1992. I was a foster parent with the refugee program, and Wanda came to live with me for her initial placement. Although it was initially intended to be a temporary placement, we quickly developed a close relationship, and Wanda stayed with me throughout her time in the foster care system. She was an intelligent, polite, and curious child. For example, she would follow me around the hospital so she could talk with patients. She would ask them about their jobs, their families, and their hobbies. In fact, Wanda volunteered at the hospital from the time she turned 14 until she went to college. Many long-term patients told me that they were thrilled to see Wanda and that it made them feel better.

Even after she aged-out of the foster care system, I still maintained a relationship with Wanda as if she was my daughter. I watched Wanda earn her Bachelor's degree, with honors, from Stetson International University in 2003. After graduating, she spent a year volunteering in Leipzig, Germany. She met a man named Jarvis there and, against my advice, fell in love. I have spoken with him by telephone a few times. He has a very sharp mind,

but he has never showed much emotion. Vis makes good money in Europe, so he would send her money when she was in law school and even during her first few years of practice. They never got married; they have always thought of themselves as an unusual couple.

Wanda got pregnant six months after she met Vis and gave birth in Germany to twin boys. Thomas and William are everything to Wanda. Unfortunately, I have never met them. Their father will not let them come to the United States because he is worried they will not go back to Europe, and I do not travel. Wanda and Vis agreed that the boys would stay with him in Germany, but could travel to see Wanda in Europe and South America. She sends them money any chance she can.

Wanda came back to the United States in 2005 to start law school. No one was surprised that Wanda graduated at the top of her class in 2008, and she passed the bar exam on the first try. She has earned a comfortable living as policy counsel for an international medical research company. They have offices in Argentina, the UAE, and Switzerland, so she travels there frequently. If Tommy and Billy are not in school when she travels, Vis will meet her so she can see the boys. I don't think she goes more than a couple of months without seeing them, although the last year has been more difficult with the pandemic. In June 2019, she extended a trip so long that I asked her if she planned on coming back to Westview. She laughed and told me that she could live like Leonardo DiCaprio in *Catch Me If You Can*. I jokingly asked her if she was the first or the second mouse in the bucket of cream.

I have had several health issues since I retired in 2014. I was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2015 and received chemotherapy at that time—luckily I've remained in remission. I had corrective surgery from a fall that dislocated my knee a few years back. Luckily, Wanda takes such good

care of me and is always so generous. If she is in town, she will drive me to and attend my doctor's appointments. If she is away, she hires a nurse or an aide to take me. She also pays all of my medical bills and living expenses. I have never met someone with a bigger heart.

Unfortunately, Wanda is also struggling with her own health issues after a lifetime of chronic kidney disease. But Wanda is strong-willed and will battle this disease so she can watch Tommy and Billy continue to grow up. She also wants to continue her work. She donates so much of her income to international orphanages, foster care programs, and other charities.

The morning that Wanda got arrested may have been one of the worst in my life. The officers came banging on our door, and they treated her like a criminal. She kept crying and asked what she did wrong. When they started talking about stuff she supposedly did back in 2007, I almost lost it. She was in her last year of law school at the time and clerking for a local immigration attorney. These officers have clearly never met a third-year law student to think she would have time to commit crimes. And the fact that they think she did it for money is absurd. Wanda has always earned an honest living.

When the officers looked through our home after arresting Wanda, which I did not know they could do, they found some cash and marijuana. I am embarrassed to say that the marijuana is mine. I used some when I had my fall because it helped me sleep. I even told my doctor about it. He muttered to himself that it was probably better than the opioids he would normally prescribe people to alleviate pain. I only gave it to Wanda to get rid of, but she must have forgotten.

I have always tried my best to take care of Wanda, and she has done the same for me now that I am older. But I promise the prosecutor and the Court that she can continue to live with me while this ordeal plays out. I will

watch her, make sure she is at every hearing, and help her continue to be a contributing member of society. She called me after her arrest and swore that she is innocent and wants to fight the charges.

I swear under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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