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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

JAYAKRISHNAN K NAIR, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CHANNA COPELAND, et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. C19-1296 MJP

ORDER

- (1) DENYING EMERGENCY MOTION AND *EX PARTE* TRO APPLICATION
- (2) INSTITUTING A MORATORIUM ON PLAINTIFFS’ MOTIONS

On January 13, 2020, the Plaintiffs (one week after a similar motion was denied) filed an Emergency Motion and Ex Parte TRO Application (Dkt. No. 59) seeking a prohibition against taking Omana Thankamma (invalid mother of Plaintiff Jayakrishnan Nair) off life support and an order that “all decisions regarding [Omana’s] medical care, until she leaves USA, shall rest solely with local liaison Mr. Suresh Muthuswamy alone.” *Id.* at 22. The “emergency,” and the basis for the renewed request, is Plaintiffs’ claim that “Guardian and Harborview want to save costs of [Omana’s] ICU admission by pulling her from life support to murder her.” *Id.* at 1.

1 **Ex Parte Application for TRO**

2 The Court considers four factors in examining Plaintiffs' request for a TRO: (1)
3 likelihood of success on the merits, (2) likelihood of irreparable harm, (3) the balance of equities,
4 and (4) the public interest. Winter v. Natural Res. Def. Council, Inc., 555 U.S. 7, 20 (2008).

5 The Court will not reiterate here the grounds asserted in multiple prior orders for its lack
6 of authority to intervene in a state proceeding which Plaintiffs have yet to prove requires federal
7 involvement. Those grounds still exist and constitute reason enough to again deny Plaintiffs'
8 request.

9 For purposes of the current motion, suffice it to say that Plaintiffs have failed to meet the
10 first requirement for equitable relief in federal court; namely, establishing a likelihood of success
11 on the merits of their claim. Their allegation is that Ms. Thankamma is in imminent danger of
12 being removed from life support. Nowhere in their 93 pages of supporting exhibits do Plaintiffs
13 produce a single piece of evidence that anyone is planning to do what they claim Harborview and
14 the Guardian are plotting to do. In the absence of any proof, their success of likelihood on the
15 merits of their claim is zero. On that basis, the Court DENIES their application for an *ex parte*
16 TRO.

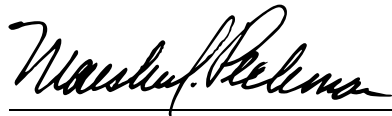
17 **Moratorium on Plaintiffs' motion practice**

18 The motion denied by this order represents Plaintiffs' fourth *ex parte* application for a
19 TRO and (including their unsuccessful "Motion to Terminate Guardianship;" Dkt. No. 8) their
20 fifth non-meritorious request for relief from this Court. Responding to Plaintiffs' attempts to
21 involve the federal courts in their state court proceedings has required the expenditure of
22 considerable judicial resources for what has essentially become a revolving door of repetitious
23 requests and unheeded denials.

1 Until further notice, Plaintiffs are prohibited from filing further motions in this matter.
2 They are, of course, free to respond to any motions filed by Defendants and must respond to any
3 orders of this Court accordingly, but they may not initiate any motions in the above-entitled
4 litigation until notified by the Court that they may do so.

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6 The clerk is ordered to provide copies of this order to Plaintiffs and to all counsel.

7 Dated January 17, 2020.

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9 Marsha J. Pechman
10 United States Senior District Judge