

ROLE PLAY

Judge Ulloa: All right counsel, we are here for our Jurisdiction Hearing. Are the parents present?

Brenda: Your honor. I'm the social worker supervisor. The parents are not present today. The father is in Mexico. Mom is currently in federal immigration custody.

Volunteer: Your honor, I was appointed on this case at detention for the father. I haven't really spoken to him. So he is not waiving Hague Notice, so I believe the Department needs to notice him in Mexico.

Veronica: I think Dad showed up at detention, and even then, we can always have an investigator do that down there.

Brenda: Actually, it's just across the border, one of my social workers goes down there all the time. We are pretty sure of his address so I can make sure, we bring him his notice.

Volunteer: I don't think that satisfies notice your honor.

Judge Ulloa: Why not?

Veronica: I mean it's just across the border. Like literally 15 minutes.

Volunteer: Your honor I think we need to continue this Jurisdiction hearing. My client doesn't have notice.

Judge Ulloa: How long would that take?

Brenda: Your honor, I would say at least five months.

Judge Ulloa: That's way over time.

Veronica: I mean, if we did it through our investigator we could get it done probably next week.

Judge Ulloa: Okay, I'm going to continue 30 days to allow the Department to effectuate notice.

Volunteer: Your honor, I'm going to object, we still need to notice the father through the proper procedure. I think that's the Hague Convention.

Judge Ulloa: Objection noted counsel.