MEMORANDUM DECISION ON REHEARING

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COURT OF APPEALS OF INDIANA

In the Matter of the Termination of the Parent-Child Relationship of:

K.H. (Minor Child)

And

P.V. (Father),

Appellant-Respondent,

v.

The Indiana Department of Child Services,

Appellee-Petitioner.

November 4, 2015

Court of Appeals Case No. 79A02-1412-JT-858

Appeal from the Tippecanoe Superior Court

The Honorable Faith A. Graham, Judge

The Honorable Crystal A. Sanders, Magistrate

Trial Court Cause No. 79D03-1403-JT-10

Riley, Judge.

In a memorandum decision, our court affirmed the trial court's Order terminating the parental rights of Appellant-Respondent, P.V., to his minor child, K.H. *In re Termination of the Parent Child Relationship of K.H.*, No. 79A02-1412-JT-858, 2015 WL 4642586 (Ind. Ct. App. Aug. 5, 2015). In our decision, we included the following footnote:

In accordance with the revised Administrative Rule 9(G), certain evidence was submitted to our court which is declared confidential and must be excluded from public access. *See* Ind. Administrative Rule 9(G)(2); Ind. Code § 31–39–1–2 (declaring the confidentiality of juvenile court records). Despite the parties' non-compliance with the Administrative Rule, we have endeavored to maintain confidentiality on appeal. However, as a number of facts derived from the confidential records are "essential to the resolution of litigation[,]" we have included confidential information in this decision only to the extent necessary to resolve this appeal. Admin. R. 9(G)(7)(a)(ii)(c).

Id. at *1 n.1.

The State has petitioned for rehearing, arguing that the footnote is not applicable because "neither party in this case was in 'non-compliance with the Administrative Rule [9(G)].'" (State's Petition for Reh'g p. 3). As the footnote indicates, juvenile court records are declared confidential pursuant to Indiana Code section 31-39-1-2. According to Indiana Administrative Rule 9(G)(1)(a), "where all Court Records are declared confidential by statute or another court rule[,]" the entire case must be excluded from public access. As here, where the

entire record—as opposed to only a portion thereof—is excluded from public access, "[t]he green paper requirements set forth in [Indiana Administrative Rule] 9(G)(5)(b) do not apply." Admin. R. 9(G)(5)(b)(iii). Therefore, we grant the State's petition for rehearing for the limited purpose of deleting Footnote 1 regarding Indiana Administrative Rule 9(G). We affirm our decision in all other respects.

Bailey, J. and Barnes, J. concur