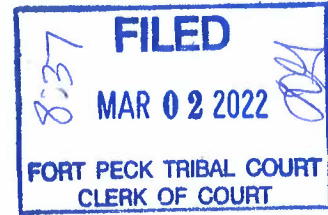


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ASSINIBOINE AND SIOUX TRIBES  
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<p>In the Matter of A.G.:</p> <p>Minor Indian Child.</p> <p>And Concerning: AMANDA GOURNEAU, Appellant,</p> <p>v.</p> <p>FORT PECK TRIBES, ROXANNE GOURNEAU, Appellees.</p>	<p>CAUSE NO. AP #829</p> <p>ORDER GRANTING APPEAL AND DENYING MOTION FOR STAY</p>
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¶ 1 This matter came before the Fort Peck Appellate Court on a Notice of Appeal filed December 3, 2021, challenging the lower court's order of November 18, 2021 granting custody of the A.G. to his grandmother Roxanne Gourneau. Appellant argues that granting the grandmother custody deprived her of her right to reunify with her child.

¶ 2 The FPCOA GRANTS review. In order to effectively evaluate the issues raised by this appeal, this Court imposes the following briefing schedule:

1. Appellant may file a supplemental brief within fifteen (15) days of service of this Order.

2. Appellees must file a response within fifteen (15) days of service of Appellant's brief *or* within thirty (30) days of the date of service of this Order if Appellant does not file a supplemental brief.
3. The parties shall indicate in their briefs whether they are requesting oral arguments be held on the matter. After receiving required briefs, the FPCOA will determine whether oral arguments will be scheduled.

¶3 Appellant's Motion to Stay the Tribal Court Order is denied. The record before this Court does not reflect that the Tribal Court has first had the opportunity to determine the issue.

SO ORDERED the 22nd day of February 2022.

FORT PECK COURT OF APPEALS



Erin Shanley, Chief Justice



Associate Justice



Associate Justice