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Writing Assignment

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1. Penobscot County Probate Court, Wednesday, September 25, 2019, Bangor Daily News on page D2.
2. Penobscot County called Shane Patrick Cutler to court to relinquish his parental rights of his child. He must stand before the court Tuesday, October 29 to accept his custody rights taken away or to fight it. The petitioners are Dana Michelle Herbest and Caleb Allan King with attorney Angela M. Farrell, Esquire. Kiefer Wesley O'dell Cutler will also have her rights taken away.
3. The stories from this publication could vary but it would involve finding out what Cutler did to have his custody rights taken away from his child. I did a thorough search on this guy and he didn't make any headlines. He also wasn't in the Maine Sex Offender Registry so I don't think the hearing was about sexual assault. So it could be assumed that Mr. Cutler might have committed emotional or physical abuse to the child or severely neglected the child.
4. **My questions are:**
 - Why is his custody right being taken away?
 - What was the nature of his crimes?
 - Is he a threat to other people?
 - Who else might have been affected by his conduct?
5. **Sources I would contact to get more information.**
 - Maine Sex Offender Registry (already did that to rule it out).
 - Penobscot County Probate Court to ask about the ruling and details of the case.
 - Dana Michelle Herbest and Caleb Allen King are petitioners so I would see if they had any comments on the matter.
 - The Bangor Daily News might have some more context or developing story.
 - Shane Patrick Cutler might actually want to make a statement defending himself.
 - His wife Kiefer Wesley O'dell Cutler might be interesting contact as well.