

## **SURI v. KATIE GENERAL FACTS**

It is the year 2020 in Hollywood. Suri Cruise is 14, and the star of her own television show, “Suri Missouri”. This program has led to lucrative recording deals, DVD sales, a “tween” clothing line at Walmart, and a line of dolls. Suri’s mother, Katie Holmes, has been extremely involved in building Suri’s career; her management is the reason for Suri’s success.

Katie’s career is not going too well. In 2009, Tom Cruise was abducted by aliens, and has since been presumed dead. Katie has since poured her energy into raising Suri, and turning her into an international superstar. Also, Katie has control over Suri’s money, both from her acting, and the money Tom left her. Katie has spent all of the money she made in her own early career, and has been going through Suri’s money fast, as Katie harbors an embarrassing addiction to Pinkberry. Suri disagrees with how her mother is handling her finances, and Suri does not want Katie to squander everything. In accordance with Hollywood laws, Suri cannot control her own assets until she is 18, unless she is emancipated.

Suri and Katie do not see eye to eye on Suri’s career. Suri thinks “Suri Missouri” is immature and stupid, and she would rather pursue more adult projects. Suri has been discussing more adult projects with Mel Gibson. Mel Gibson is a reformed, born-again Christian, who despises the use of alcohol and drugs, and wants Suri to star in his controversial new film entitled “Passion of the Christ 2.” In Hollywood, a minor cannot be featured in an R rated film without parental consent.

Suri has been known to dabble with illegal drugs and alcohol, but she has been able to keep this out of the media. Suri must make sure that this information does not reach Mel Gibson; otherwise he will refuse to cast her for this role. Further, under the laws of Hollywood, any minor associated with substance abuse problems (under the age of 18) must enter a mandatory rehabilitation program for two years, and must be supervised by a parent.

In addition, Katie does not approve of Suri’s boyfriend, Sean “SP” Federline. Katie would rather see Suri date Cruz Beckham, and has been trying to break up Suri and SP and set up Suri with Cruz.

Katie, a devout Scientologist, disapproves of SP primarily because of his religion. Katie thinks SP has been poisoning Suri’s mind, and influencing her faith. Since dating SP, Suri has abandoned the Church of Scientology and attends services with him regularly.

Suri wants to get away from her mother, she wants to make her own career choices, she wants to stay with SP, and she to manage her own money. Suri has threatened to bring an action in family court to become legally emancipated from Katie. Before making the motion, Suri’s lawyers have agreed to meet with Katie’s lawyers to negotiate an alternative to the drastic emancipation action.