

StillProof – Pattern Report: Coercive Control via Parenting Communication

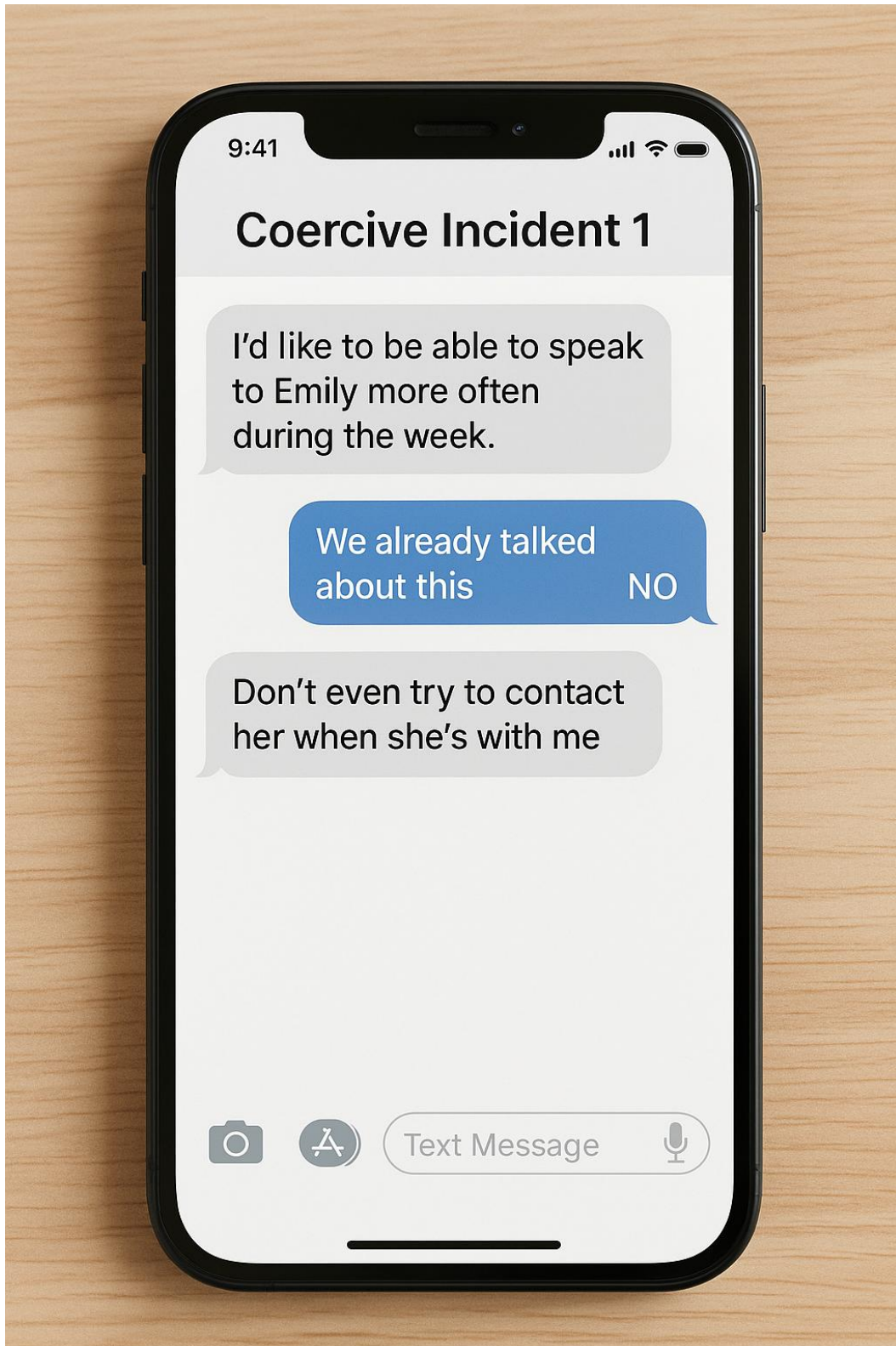
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Subject: Parenting Communication Pattern Analysis

Jurisdiction: Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia

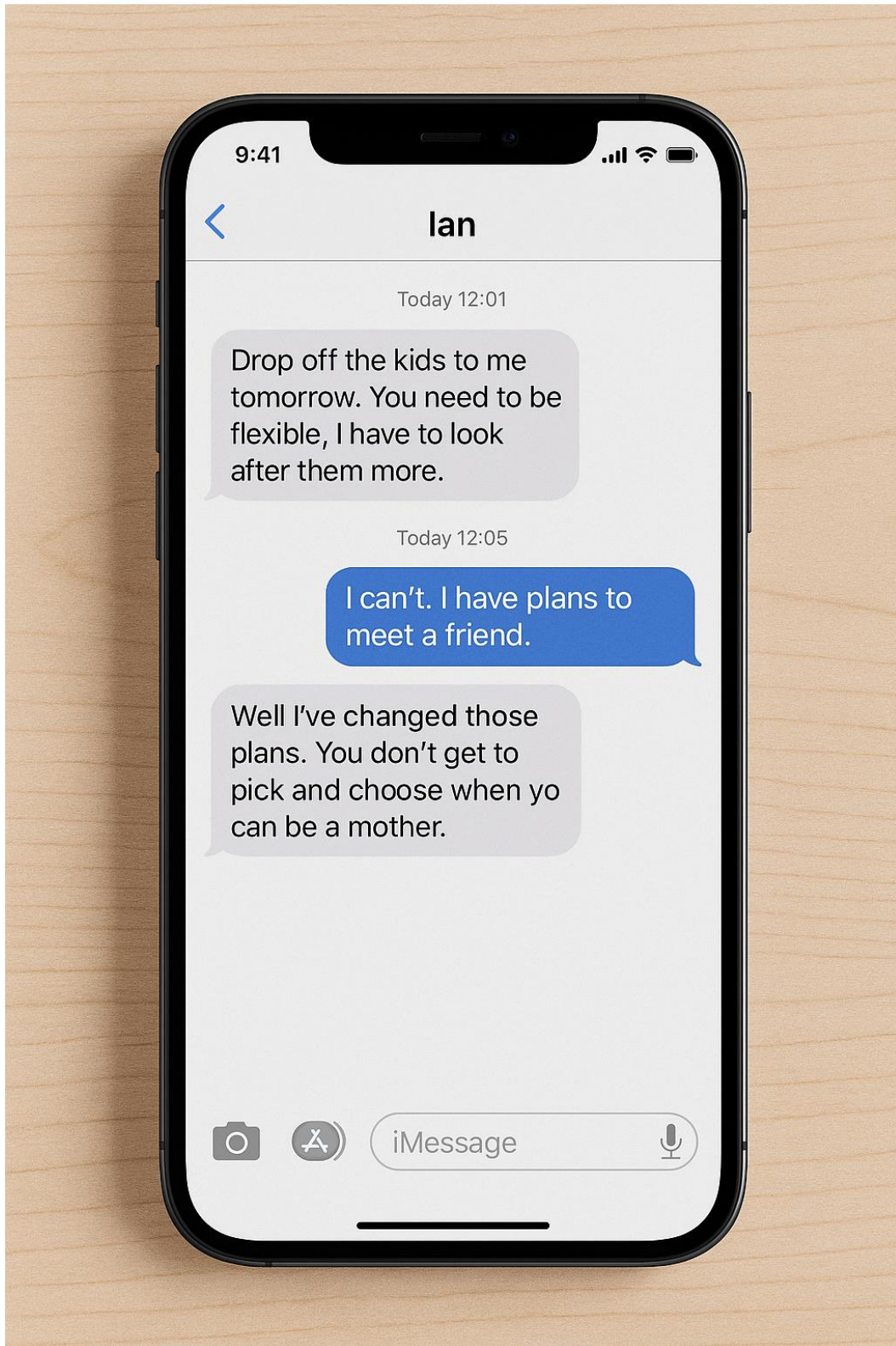
Incident 1 – Blocking Contact

In this exchange, the parent refuses to allow contact with the child during their time, despite a neutral request to speak with the child more often. The use of directives such as “Don’t even try to contact her” constitutes gatekeeping and communication restriction. This may contravene the principles of shared parental responsibility and is relevant to any consideration under s60CC of the Family Law Act 1975.



Incident 2 – Control and Maternal Devaluation

The other party issues a command to alter parenting time with no discussion or court agreement, followed by a statement devaluing the mother's role. Language such as "you don't get to pick and choose when you can be a mother" demonstrates coercive parenting control and psychological pressure. This communication may meet the definition of emotional abuse under s4AB of the Family Law Act 1975.



Incident 3 – Possessiveness and Threat of Legal Retaliation

The parent asserts unilateral authority over the child's time, stating 'he can't go to the birthday party... I can take him if I want.' This is followed by a direct threat to escalate the issue to court, stating, 'If you're not going to cooperate, I'll remember this when we go back to court.' These behaviours indicate a pattern of legal intimidation and possessiveness that undermines co-parenting stability.

