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IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF IOWA

IN RE MARRIAGE OF CONNIE S. FRANCIS AND RAYMOND E. FRANCIS

Upon the Petition of)
CONNIE S. FRANCIS,)
Petitioner-Appellee,)
And Concerning)
RAYMOND E. FRANCIS,)
Respondent-Appellant.)

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Appeal from the Iowa District Court for Scott County (33014), J.L. Burns, Judge.

Raymond appeals from a modification of dissolution decree. **AFFIRMED.**

Seymore M. Raben, Davenport, for respondent-appellant.

William E. Davis, Davenport, for petitioner-appellee.

Considered by Donielson, P.J., and Hayden and Sackett, JJ.

PER CURIAM 131

The parties' marriage was dissolved on December 18, 1984. Their three minor children's physical custody was placed with Connie. Connie was unemployed and Raymond was earning $1,420 net per month. Raymond was ordered to pay $400 per month for the three children.

On December 1, 1987, the oldest child, Scott, moved in with his father, Raymond. Connie did not object. On March 17, 1988, Raymond filed an application for modification of dissolution and requested the transfer of Scott to his physical care. Connie did not resist this request. Raymond also applied for a reduction in his child support because he would be paying support for two instead of three children. Connie is now employed and earns a net of $527 per month and Raymond now earns $1,640 net per month.

The trial court modified the decree and transferred Scott's physical care to Raymond, but refused to reduce Raymond's child support payments of $400 per month.

Raymond appeals. We affirm.

Our review is de novo. Iowa R. App. P. 4.

The fact Connie is now employed and earns a monthly salary was within the contemplation of the trial court at the time of the parties' dissolution of marriage.

The trial court determined which of the parties was best able to contribute to the support of the minor

children. The court did not put the entire financial support obligation on Raymond. The court concluded Connie's entire income, plus the support of $400, will be needed to support the two children remaining in Connie's physical custody. We agree with the trial court. See In re Marriage of Mueller, 400 N.W.2d 86, 88 (Iowa App. 1986).

Raymond is directed to pay $400 to Connie to apply upon her appellate attorney fees.

AFFIRMED.