

Judge blocks Urlacher's request for extended visit with son

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The court battle between Chicago Bear Brian Urlacher and the Joliet woman who gave birth to his son 13 months ago is heating up.

A Will County Judge ruled Monday that Urlacher could not have an extended vacation visitation this month with his son. Urlacher had wanted the boy to stay at his Lake Forest home until football training camp begins in Bourbonnais on July 26.

The boy's mother, Tyna Robertson, 34, had objected.

She said the child is too young to spend nights away from her, especially now that the boy is teething and wakes up frequently during the night.

Overnight stays allowed

Judge Ludwig Kuhar agreed that several weeks of extended visitation was too long at this point in the child's life. But he also ruled that Urlacher could have his son for overnight stays starting Monday.

Overnights would cut down the time the boy spends shuttling between Joliet and the Lake Forest home.

Urlacher shares with his

Brian Urlacher after a game last season.



Tyna Robertson (center) walks into the Will County Courthouse Monday in Joliet with her lawyer, Steve Lake. —LIZ WILKINSON ALLEN/HERALD NEWS

ex-wife and two daughters.

Urlacher had complained that most of his visitation time on Mondays and Tuesdays was taken up by the long drive. That prompted Robertson's attorney Steve Lake to tell Urlacher that he might have considered that when he had unprotected sex with Robertson.

"This child could have been born in Florida or California or anywhere else you

chose to have one-night stands," Lake said to Urlacher.

Mom: Player missed 22 visits

That was just one sign that the custody trial scheduled for October could get nasty. Robertson testified that Urlacher had missed 22 scheduled visitations with his son since March, sometimes with only an hour's notice.

Urlacher's lawyer, Donald Schiller, threw a few barbs of his own, saying he wants more financial information on Robertson's "mysterious" life. And he said records on numerous lawsuits filed

against Robertson through the years would show she has an "uncontrollable temper."

The two sides also squabbled about who would drive to pick up or drop off the boy on visitation days. Robertson balked at having to drive to Urlacher's home.

"I don't work for Brian," she said. But Kuhar wanted to stick to the hearing at hand and asked the lawyers to save the digs.

Urlacher looked pleased after he was given permission to have his first overnight stay with his son. He pumped his fist in victory. But the burly football player wouldn't

comment as he was ripping off his tie in the elevator on the way out of the Will County Courthouse.

Linebacker fighting for custody

"I only talk to sports reporters," he said. Urlacher wants full- or part-time custody of the boy, and a trial is scheduled for October. At the end of the visitation hearing, Kuhar reminded Urlacher and Robertson that they have 17 years to go until the child they conceived is 18 years old.

"We'd like you to be able to agree to things," Kuhar said.

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