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Oregon eats cost of caring for local boy

► Boy seized in 2008 while visiting stepfather ► Oregon had sought \$7,500, the cost of keeping boy while his mother fought to get him back through courts ► Mother believes her marijuana advocacy was held against her

Oregon has dropped its lawsuit against a Calgary mother who spent more than two years trying to wrest control of her son back from the state's foster system.
 "I feel that I have been vindicated somewhat and I feel that the path has been made a little smoother for me to help my

family get some closure and move forward and have a better life," Lisa Kirkman said outside Calgary provincial court.
 Noah, Kirkman's son, was 10 when he was seized in 2008 during a summer spent in Oregon visiting his stepfather, who wasn't considered a legal guardian.

Oregon officials said they became concerned when they discovered he had social services files in Canada.
 Kirkman explained that the files were open to enable Noah to access mental health programs for his special needs, which include a severe form of attention

deficit hyperactivity disorder.
 It took until June, however, for the courts to give up control of Noah. Even then, the judge in the case expressed reservations, saying he believed Kirkman had abandoned her son by leaving him with his stepfather. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Nenshi. Zipline



► Recording artist Jann Arden, Mayor Naheed Nenshi and Rick Mercer, of the Rick Mercer Report are seen just before Arden drops the hammer on Nenshi, sending him plummeting from the 90-metre tower at Canada Olympic Park.

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