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Sweeney, fiancé call off wedding amid 'issues'

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Sydney Sweeney and fiancé Jonathan Davino have recently faced relationship hurdles, a source exclusively tells *Us Weekly*.

"Sydney and Jonathan have been having major issues but are not fully split," the insider exclusively tells *Us*. "Things are not great right now, but they aren't throwing in the towel yet. They are working on their relationship but have called off the wedding for now."

Sweeney, 27, and Davino, 41, were first linked in 2018, getting engaged four years later. According to the source, all wedding plans have since come "to a halt."

"They were supposed to get married this spring. The wedding is not happening, and they aren't having further discussions about it," the insider claims. "Sydney wanted to cancel everything and couldn't handle the stress."

The insider further tells *Us* that most of Sweeney and Davino's issues surround the actress' packed production schedule.

"A lot of their issues stem from Sydney being extremely busy with work commitments," the source says. "She doesn't have a lot of downtime, and it causes tension in their relationship. Sydney is really focused on her career. Jonathan wishes they were able to spend more quality time together."

Former Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin cannot have contact with adoptive son, judge rules

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Former Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin was ordered by a Louisville judge Tuesday to have no contact with one of his adoptive sons after the son sought an emergency protective order against him earlier this month.

Judge Angela Johnson extended for six months an emergency protective order brought by 18-year-old Jonah Bevin, who alleged Bevin exhibited a pattern of "threatening," "intimidating" and "manipulative" behavior toward him.

The Bevins adopted Jonah from Ethiopia when he was 5. Until a few weeks ago, Jonah was homeless and living in Utah.

Johnson's actions Tuesday were part of an agreement reached between Jonah and his adoptive parents, who first appeared in court together Friday.

Former First Lady Glenna Bevin, who appeared virtually Tuesday, is also barred from contacting Jonah by way of a civil restraining order, though she was not the primary subject of Jonah's protective order. The domestic violence order against her was dismissed.

Glenna filed for divorce from the one-term

governor in 2023; it was finalized this month.

Jonah was granted an emergency protective order against Bevin on March 7. Neither Matt nor Glenna had extensive contact with Jonah for months until recently, when they both contacted him about traveling to Ethiopia to visit his birth mother, whom Jonah had long been told was dead, he testified Friday.

That disclosure unnerved Jonah, who said he has long distrusted "Matthew," including for abandoning him at Atlantis Leadership Academy in Jamaica, where staff were physically and emotionally abusive, he said — an experience detailed in an extensive interview in Kentucky Lantern last month.

Jonah said his adoptive father pressured him to go to the East African nation but provided few details about the trip. As an incentive, Bevin texted Jonah a picture of his biological mom and told him she was alive.

"They'd told me my whole life my mom has been dead. And now they told me she's alive. You told me it was a secret," Jonah said to Bevin in court last week. "I would never keep a secret like that."

Jonah said he feared he was being lured to another country to be abandoned

again, so he sought a protective order to legally prevent his adoptive father from contacting him.

If Bevin does not violate the emergency protective order over the next six months, Johnson said Tuesday, it will be replaced by a civil restraining order. Violating a protective order can result in arrest and up to a year in jail, whereas violating a restraining order carries a lesser criminal penalty.

While the EPO is in place, the former governor — who signed a bill legalizing permitless concealed carry in Kentucky as governor — is barred from possessing any firearms and must stay at least 500 feet away from Jonah.

Both the protective and restraining orders prohibit Bevin from having any "direct or indirect" contact with Jonah, the judge explained.

The agreement also requires the Bevins to turn over to Jonah's attorneys "any information or documents related to (Jonah's) biological family, whether they're alive or not," Jonah's attorney John Helmers said. "That is very important to him."

"Sadly, that should not be required for this young man to learn about his family," Johnson said. "That should be done, regardless. And I'm going

to leave that there."

"Agreed," Bevin nodded and mumbled.

In Friday's initial hearing, Bevin did not have an attorney present and instead represented himself. He directly questioned Jonah, at first referring to himself in the third person.

The hearing eventually devolved into a periodically tense exchange, offering insight into Jonah and Bevin's fraught relationship. Jonah at times raised his voice, and Bevin had to be warned more than once to stop interrupting Jonah's responses.

Zach Buckler, a Lexington-area attorney, represented Bevin on Tuesday. Johnson asked Buckler if his client understood the parameters of the settlement, including that any information related to Jonah's birth parents be disclosed to Jonah's attorneys.

"Have you explained this to your client?" Johnson asked.

"Yes, your honor, my client understands the EPO remains in effect and subjects the violating party to the arrest powers of the police, and that a civil restraining order subjects the violating party to the arrest powers of the court," Buckler said. "I do believe my client is fully informed as to what the requirements are as to what his expectations should be as

it relates to both of those orders."

"While this is in effect, you can't contact him by social media, by third party, by message through a pigeon, you cannot contact him," Johnson told Bevin and his attorney. "You can't post on social media a message that is meant for him. Any violation of this will be considered a criminal offense."

After the hearing, while he waited for the elevator, Bevin did not answer reporters' questions, including why he didn't go to Jamaica to pick up Jonah after he was removed from the facility by the country's child protective services.

Glenna issued a statement through her attorney, Steve Romines.

"This situation has been extremely difficult and painful for our entire family. I am glad it is over and the case against me is dismissed," she said. "I love my children and want what is best for all of them."

Outside the courtroom after the hearing, Jonah, smiling, said he "felt like the judge understood" his plight.

"It looks like to everybody that Matt Bevin had everything figured out in his life, but he had nothing figured out," Jonah said.

"There's an image they want people to see, and they don't want an image of what's actually going on in their homes."

"And today, we brought it out. We brought out what he didn't want people to see."

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Germany says Europe must respond to Trump's auto tariffs

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PARIS

President Donald Trump's sweeping tariffs on automobiles drew a sharp reaction Thursday from Germany, which called on the European Union to hit back with a "firm response" to measures that would "harm the U.S. and the EU, and global trade as a whole."

Trump announced Wednesday that he would impose a 25% tariff on cars and car parts shipped to the United States, putting pressure on America's top trade allies around the globe. The tariffs, which he said were permanent, will go into effect on April 3.

The United States is a crucial market for Germany's auto industry, which ships vehicles from automakers like BMW, Mercedes-Benz and Volkswagen to American dealers.

"It must be clear that we will not back down," Robert Habeck, Germany's economy minister, said in a statement on the



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President Donald Trump signs new automotive tariffs Wednesday in the Oval Office of the White House.

social platform X. "Strength and self-confidence are required."

He added that Germany would support the European Commission, the EU's executive arm, as it negotiates with the United States to find a solution that averts a tariff spiral.

France's finance minister, Eric Lombard, called Trump's action "very bad news" and said the only alternative was for Europe to increase its own tariffs on U.S. auto imports.

Trump's announcement, which will apply both to finished cars and trucks that are shipped to the United States and to imported auto parts, sent shares of German automakers tumbling Thursday. Shares of Italian luxury carmaker Ferrari and Swedish manufacturer Volvo also slumped. The rout encompassed

European auto parts makers as well as tire producers Pirelli and Continental.

One of the companies facing the greatest pain is German carmaker BMW. It said in a statement Thursday that a trade war "would not have any benefits," and called on the EU and the United States to "promptly find a trans-Atlantic deal that creates growth and prevents a spiral of isolation and trade barriers."

The prospect of a drawn-out trade war would have wide-ranging effects. "The impacts of this move are clearly detrimental, and are likely to trigger further and fresh retaliatory actions by affected nations," analysts at Bernstein said in a note to clients.

Automakers have the choice of absorbing the cost of the tariffs or passing them on to consum-

ers, the analysts noted. Prices could rise up to \$12,000 per car, and "the resulting inflation could pressure the Trump administration into backing down," they wrote.

Trump's tariffs are hitting the European auto industry at a time when it is facing a transformation and increased international competition, the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association said in a statement.

"European automakers have been investing in the U.S. for decades, creating jobs, fostering economic growth in local communities, and generating massive tax revenue for the U.S. government," said the group's director general, Sigrid de Vries. "We urge President Trump to consider the negative impact of tariffs not only on global automakers but on U.S. domestic manufacturing as well."

Hildegard Müller, the president of Germany's main lobby group for the automobile industry, VDA, called the tariffs "a fatal signal for free and rules-based trade."

The tariffs "represent a considerable burden for both companies and the closely interwoven global supply chains of the automotive industry — with negative consequences for consumers in particular, including in North America," Müller said in a statement.

"The risk of a global trade war, with negative consequences for the world economy and growth, prosperity, jobs and consumer prices, is very high," she added.

Gov. Beshear allows bill weakening coal mine safety to become law without his signature

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Democratic Gov. Andy Beshear has allowed to become law House Bill 196, which will reduce from two to one the number of mine emergency technicians, or METs, who must be present at Kentucky coal mines when there are 10 or fewer miners working.

The bill, passed overwhelmingly in the Republican-dominated legislature, went to the secretary of state's office on Monday without Beshear's signature or veto. It became law on Tuesday.

A mine emergency technician is a miner trained and certified to provide basic medical care in case of injury or sickness. The 40 hours of training required for METs is free and provided by the state.

Supporters of the bill said weakening the law will financially help coal companies that can't always find two trained METs for every shift.

Opponents said the change will put miners at risk. They cited the 2005 death of David "Bud" Morris, who received inadequate medical care from the sole MET on duty at his Harlan County mine after he was struck from behind by a loaded coal hauler.

Morris' widow, Stella, pleaded with lawmakers during her legislative committee testimony this year to keep the requirement for two METs at all coal mines. A second and more competent MET might have saved her husband's life had he been on site, Stella Morris said.

"For the last 19 years, I've had to deal with the fact of knowing had there been another medic on duty that day, we may still have Bud here," Stella Morris said. "My son wouldn't have had to grow up without his father."

Kentucky lawmakers, including some with personal ties to the coal industry, have been trying to weaken the requirement for two METs in smaller coal mines since shortly after they first enacted the law in 2007, partly in response to Morris' death.

The bill that succeeded this year was sponsored by state Rep. John Blanton, R-Salyersville.

Beshear called the bill "a mixed bag" because it reduces the number of METs at small coal mines but increases the number at some large mines. For underground mines only, it adds one additional MET for each additional 50 miners at underground mines that have over 50 miners.

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