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Jazz's Boozer files for divorce

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Jazz forward Carlos Boozer filed for divorce Thursday in Miami-Dade County circuit court from his wife of 6 1/2 years, CeCe.

The Boozers' marriage was described as "irretrievably broken" in court documents obtained Friday by The Tribune .

Howard M. Rudolph, Boozer's attorney in West Palm Beach, Fla., confirmed the filing. "He's a good guy and his wife's a decent person, too," Rudolph said. "We're going to try to work it out in an amicable way."

Terry L. Fogel, who is representing CeCe, did not return a message. Neither did Boozer or his agent, Rob Pelinka. Jazz general manager Kevin O'Connor declined to comment.

The Boozers have three young sons -- 2-year-old Carmani and twin 19-month olds Cameron and Cayden -- and Boozer's petition requests shared parental responsibility, with allowances made for his basketball schedule.

The petition states that the Boozers' house in Miami is listed for sale, with Boozer requesting that CeCe have temporary use of the residence while Carlos have "exclusive use, possession and ownership" of their home in Salt Lake City.

Boozer additionally asks that neither party be designated the "primary residential custodian" of the children and offers to pay appropriate child support, including the possibility of setting up trusts for the children.

According to the petition, the Boozers were married Aug. 10, 2002 in Durham, N.C.

Their oldest son, Carmani, was diagnosed with sickle cell disease and underwent a bone marrow transplant in September 2007. The stem cells used in the transplant were harvested from Boozer's twin sons.

The Boozers shared the story of Carmani's battle last season, during which Boozer was selected to the All-Star Game for a second time and the gold-medal winning U.S. Olympic team. Carmani was declared medically cured in May.

The Jazz were in Miami two weeks ago to play the Heat on March 14. Boozer flew in early to be with his family and said they had been living in Utah while he was recovering from knee surgery before returning to Miami with him for the All-Star break.

Boozer's personal life was the subject of speculation during last season's playoffs. He told a Tribune reporter his family returned to Miami because the Utah spring weather was too variable with Carmani still in the window for recovery following the transplant.

Boozer missed 44 games this season with a left knee injury. He is under contract to return to the Jazz for the 2009-10 season at \$12.7 million, but can opt out of that contract and become a free agent this summer.

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