

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
FAMILY COURT**

In the Matter(s) of:

<hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">(Child's Name)</p>	<p>Case No. _____ Social File No. _____ X-Ref Number _____ Date of Birth _____</p>
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Next Hearing Type/Date: _____
Associate/Magistrate Judge _____

INITIAL HEARING / FURTHER INITIAL HEARING ORDER

This matter came before the Court on the ____ day of _____, 20____.
Mark individuals in attendance with check in box to the left of the name.

PARTIES AND COUNSEL

<input type="checkbox"/> _____, Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> _____, Mother's Counsel
<input type="checkbox"/> _____, Father	<input type="checkbox"/> _____, Father's Counsel
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ (child)	
<input type="checkbox"/> _____, Respondent	<input type="checkbox"/> _____, GAL
<input type="checkbox"/> _____, SW	<input type="checkbox"/> _____, AAG

OTHER PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE

<input type="checkbox"/> _____, _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____, _____
<input type="checkbox"/> _____, _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____, _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Birth Mother

Name _____
Date of birth ____/____/____
Date of death ____/____/____
 Current/ Last known address _____

The Government shall initiate a search for the birth mother and file an affidavit by the _____ day of _____, 20__, regarding efforts to locate her and/or effectuate service.

Birth Father

Name _____
Date of birth ____/____/____
Date of death ____/____/____
 Current/ Last known address _____

The Government shall initiate a search for the birth father and file an affidavit by the _____ day of _____, 20__, regarding efforts to locate him and/or effectuate service.

PATERNITY

Paternity of _____ was adjudicated on _____, 20__.
Case number: _____

An Affidavit Concerning Paternity has been received from:

An Affidavit of Denial of Paternity has been received from:

A paternity test was scheduled/completed:
For whom: _____ Date _____
Case number: _____ Result: _____

An order for a paternity test has been entered. See Attachment A.

Father has not been identified

Since the identity of the birth father remains at issue, the birth mother shall appear before this Court at the next hearing to address the issue and her failure to appear may result in her arrest (D.C. SCR-General Family Rule D)

OR

The birth mother has completed testimony stating she cannot identify Respondent's father or provide any identifying information.

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT NOTICE

Based upon the Court's inquiry of the parties, the respondent(s) _____

is/are
 is/are not
subject to the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. §1901, et seq.

(If the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. §1901, et seq. applies, attach ICWA initial hearing order addendum.)

NOTICE OF HEARING AND SERVICE OF PROCESS

After a hearing and upon consideration of an oral report from _____,
(name) (affiliation, occupation)

the Court makes the following findings:

As to NOTICE of the initial hearing to the parties

_____ was
(mother) was not provided with notice of the initial hearing

_____ was
(father) was not provided with notice of the initial hearing

_____ was
(other) was not provided with notice of the initial hearing

As to SERVICE of the petition upon the parties

Five Day-Hold (D.C. Code §16-2312(g); Neglect Rule 9(a)):
Based upon the Government's request and the reasons for the request, the Court **HEREBY GRANTS** the Government's request for additional time to file the petition.

Parties entitled to service

Means of service

Mother: _____ In open court Other service _____ (date)
 Service has not yet been effectuated

Father: _____ In open court Other service _____ (date)
 Service has not yet been effectuated

Other: _____ In open court Other service _____ (date)
 Service has not yet been effectuated

SHELTER CARE AND PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION

The child(ren) was/were removed from the home on the _____ day of _____, 20____.
 The child(ren) _____ was/were not removed from the home.

The Government is not requesting shelter care for _____

The Government is requesting shelter care for _____

- A Probable Cause Hearing was held and the Court determined that there is:
- Probable Cause to believe that the allegations set forth in the petition are true.
 - No Probable Cause to believe that the allegations set forth in the petition are true.

A Waiver of Probable Cause has been completed and filed with the Court.

The Court finds that there is good cause to continue the Probable Cause Hearing under D.C Code §16-2312(g) for a period not to exceed five days. (Super. Ct. N. R. 14(h))

A Probable Cause Hearing is scheduled for the ____ day of _____, 20__.

Based upon the evidence presented and argument of all counsel, the Court concludes:

Shelter care is required for the child(ren): _____, in accordance with

D.C. Code §16-2310:

To protect the person of the child, or

No person or agency is currently available to provide supervision and care for the child, and the child appears unable to care for himself and that

No alternative resources/arrangements are currently available to the family to adequately safeguard the child without requiring removal.

A Family Team Meeting was convened on _____, 20__, and

no alternative placements were identified, or

potential alternative placements are being notified and evaluated pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §671(a), as amended.

A Family Team Meeting will be convened on _____, 20__, and alternatives to shelter care placement will be sought, notified and evaluated pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §671(a), as amended.

In evaluating the harm that may result from placement out of the home, the Court has considered:

The child(ren)'s attitude/adjustment toward out of the home placement.

The child(ren)'s bond with the parent(s)/guardian(s)/custodian(s).

The disruption to the child(ren)'s school and social relationships.

Shelter care is not required for the following reasons:

PLACEMENT ORDER

ORDERED that the child shall be placed in:

CONDITIONAL RELEASE

ORDERED that the child(ren), _____ shall be **CONDITIONALLY RELEASED** to _____, parent non-parent, and the following conditions or restrictions shall apply:

Based upon the evidence presented and representations made, the Court finds that placement under conditional release as stated above will provide safe and appropriate care for the child(ren).

SHELTER CARE

ORDERED that the child(ren), _____, shall be placed in **SHELTER CARE in the custody, care and control of the Child and Family Services Agency** and the following conditions or restrictions shall apply:

Child(ren) is/are placed in a: Child's name

<input type="checkbox"/> Kinship home _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Foster home _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Group home _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical facility _____

SAFETY OF THE CHILD AND CONTRARY TO WELFARE FINDING

Child(ren) Cannot Safely Remain At Home:

Based upon the evidence and representations presented **the Court finds that continuation in the home would be contrary to the welfare of the child(ren)** _____

AND

The reasons that the child(ren) cannot safely remain in the home are :

- Physical/sexual abuse of the child(ren) or threatening conduct toward the child(ren) in that:
- Neglect or maltreatment of the child(ren) in that:
- Unexplained illness or injury in that:
- Mental or physical impairment of the parent/caretaker, incarceration or hospitalization in that:
- Other:

Describe details in support of reasons that each child cannot safely remain in the home:

**EFFORTS/SERVICES TO PREVENT REMOVAL
AND REASONABLE EFFORTS FINDING**

The Agency has made the following efforts to prevent the removal of the child(ren) from the home:

AND based upon the evidence and/or information presented at the hearing as described above, the Court finds that the Agency:

Has made reasonable efforts to prevent the child(ren)'s removal from the home. OR
 Has Not made reasonable efforts to prevent the child(ren)'s removal from the home for the following reasons:

OR

The Agency has been unable to make efforts to prevent removal of the child(ren) from _____ due to incarceration or extraordinary circumstance(s)
(name and relationship to child)
which include:

Based upon the evidence and/or information presented at the hearing as described above, the Court finds that the Agency **has been unable to provide services to the above specified persons, and**

THEREFORE, the fact that **no reasonable efforts were made is hereby deemed reasonable.**

**REASONABLE EFFORTS FOR AGGRAVATED CIRCUMSTANCES
OR CRIMINAL CONDUCT UNDER 42 USC §671(a)(15)(D) AND D.C. CODE §4-1301.09a**

Based upon the evidence presented and the argument of all counsel, the Court finds the following:

- Birth Mother
- Birth Father
- Other _____
- Subjected the child, a sibling of the child, or another child to cruelty, abandonment, torture, chronic abuse or sexual abuse;
- Committed the murder or voluntary manslaughter of a sibling of a child who is the subject of the petition, or another child or of any other member of the household of the parent;
- Aided, abetted, attempted, conspired or solicited to commit the murder or voluntary manslaughter of a sibling of a child who is the subject of the petition, or another

- child, or of any other member of the household of the parent;
- Committed an assault that constitutes a felony against the child who is the subject of a petition before the Family Division of the Superior Court, a sibling of such a child or another child;

OR

- The parent(s)' parental rights have been terminated involuntarily with respect to a sibling on the ____ day of _____, 20____, in _____
(Name of Court)

Therefore, it is the finding of this Court that no reasonable efforts to prevent the child(ren)'s removal from the home are required to be made.

Therefore, it is the finding of this Court that no reasonable efforts are required to be made to reunify the child(ren) with **Birth Mother** **Birth Father**

THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED that based upon the Court having made both findings above, an expedited permanency hearing shall be set within 30 days of today's date.

SERVICES TO THE FAMILY, CARETAKER AND CHILD

See **Attachment A** for Services. There are ____ Attachment A's, one for each person to whom services are ordered.

Prior order for services remains in effect **except**:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

ORDERS

It is hereby **ORDERED** that the parents shall provide detailed information concerning potential relative placements to the Agency no later than the ____ day of _____, 20__.

It is hereby **ORDERED**, that no later than the ____ day of _____, 20__, the Agency shall conduct a home study, conduct local records checks and child protection clearances on each adult resident in the home of:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

VISITATION

Visitation between child(ren) and _____ shall be
 Supervised by _____
 Unsupervised

Visitation between child(ren) and _____ shall be
 Supervised by _____

- Unsupervised
 Conditions of visitation:

(Parent(s) must comply with all of conditions. Failure to comply with conditions may result in modification of visitation order.)

- Visitation between _____ is **PROHIBITED** for the following reasons _____

- Visitation between siblings, _____

shall be

- Supervised by _____
 Unsupervised

- Visitation between siblings, _____ shall not occur until further order of this Court for the following reasons:

SCHEDULING ORDER

It is **ORDERED** that the following scheduling order shall be in effect:

- GOVERNMENT PROPOSED STIPULATION:** The Government shall tender a proposed stipulation by the by the ___ day of _____, 20__.

- REPLY STIPULATION:** Reply stipulation by all counsel shall be tendered by the ___ day of _____, 20__.

- DISCOVERY:** The following discovery schedule shall be in effect:

The parties agree to conduct discovery on an informal basis and shall be completed by the pre-trial hearing.

Discovery requests shall be served on or before the ___ day of _____, 20__.

Responses are due on or before the ___ day of _____, 20__.

Absent good cause, all discovery motions to compel shall be filed no more than seven (7) business days after the date responses are due, therefore, they must be filed on or before the ___ day of _____, 20__.

- MEDIATION:** Mediation is scheduled for the ___ day of _____, 20__.

Social Worker's Mediation Report is due two (2) business days prior to the mediation session, therefore, the report must be filed on or before the ___ day of _____, 20____, if the Family Team Meeting report has not been filed.

Mediation Event is to occur at Superior Court Building A, 515 5th Street, NW

DISPOSITION CONTROL DATE: In the event that a Stipulation hearing is held and a Stipulation agreement entered, the disposition is scheduled for the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

PRE-TRIAL: The pre-trial hearing is scheduled for the _____ day of _____, 20____ and the parties are hereby **ORDERED** to comply with the requirements of Superior Court Neglect Rule 17. Pretrial Conference. Rule 17 requires that the Joint Pretrial Statement shall be submitted to the trial judge at least two working days before the Pretrial Hearing. If no Stipulation is reached at Mediation, the attorneys shall complete the Joint Pretrial Statement at the Mediation Conference before being excused. The Joint Pretrial Statement shall contain a statement as to the status of the provision of services ordered and the participation of applicable parties in the ordered services. Requests for recusal shall be made in the Joint Pretrial Statement or will be deemed waived.

TRIAL/DISPOSITION HEARING: The trial and disposition hearing are scheduled for the _____ day of _____, 20____ .

CASE PLAN: A signed and completed Case Plan between the Agency and the parent(s) shall be submitted to the Court no later than the ___ day of _____, 20____.

ICPC application shall be initiated by the ___ day of _____, 20____.

Agency shall provide progress report on status of ICPC process within 30 days after the application is initiated and every 30 days thereafter until approval or denial is received. **The first progress report shall be filed by the _____ day of _____, 20____.**

IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION INFORMATION

A party is incarcerated
Name: _____
Relationship: _____
PDID #: _____
Location and address: _____

An interpreter is needed at each hearing scheduled herein.
Language: _____

A telephone connection is requested for pretrial/trial for _____
(name of participant)
because _____.

NEXT HEARING DATE

The Next Scheduled Court Event will be:

- Mediation
- Further Initial Hearing

- Pre-trial Hearing
- Other _____

Next Hearing Date: ____/____/____

Time: ____ a.m./p.m. **Hearing duration:** _____ hour

Judge: _____

Place: Courtroom _____ of the Main Courthouse at 500 Indiana Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20001

DATE

ASSOCIATE JUDGE/ MAGISTRATE JUDGE