

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
FAMILY COURT
DOMESTIC RELATIONS BRANCH**

TEANNA CARRINGTON,

Plaintiff,

v.

LATASHA CARRINGTON &

MICHAEL ROBINSON,

Defendants.

**Case No. 2025 DRB 000091
Judge WELLNER**

ORDER FOR POSTING BY THE CLERK

This third-party custody case involves the parties and minor child Micah Carrington, born March 28, 2008. On May 2, 2025, Plaintiff filed a motion asking for an extension of the time to serve and file proof of service of process on Defendant Robinson, the child's putative father. Plaintiff says she believes he is deceased, but she has been unable to locate proof of death and plans to file a motion for alternative service by publication or posting. The Court granted her request on May 3, 2025 and continued the initial hearing to July 8, 2025.

On June 16, 2025, Plaintiff filed a motion for alternative service by posting. She says she has not been able to secure proof of Mr. Robinson's death and still believes Defendant Robinson is the child's putative father. She describes and attaches screenshots of her efforts in trying to locate Defendant Robinson to serve him, if he is alive. She says she has run into some difficulties in her search due to not knowing certain identifications for Mr. Robinson.¹

¹ Plaintiff says she is unable to search District of Columbia Jail Records or run a Servicemembers Civil Relief Act search due to not knowing Mr. Robinson's date of birth or social security number.

The Court finds, based on Plaintiff's representations, that she meets the requirements for alternative service under Super. Ct. Dom. Rel. R. 4(c)(4)(A)(ii). Plaintiff's application to proceed without prepayment of costs was previously approved;² therefore, the Court also finds that she meets the requirements for service by posting in the clerk's office and on the court's website. *See* Super Ct. Dom. Rel. R. 4(c)(4)(D). As required by the rules, the Clerk of the Court will post the notice below for a period of twenty-one calendar days.

On April 24, 2025, Plaintiff filed an affidavit of service filled out by a third party. The affidavit says the third party personally served Defendant Carrington at her residence on April 11, 2025 with a copy of the summons. The affidavit does not indicate that this third party also served Defendant Carrington with a copy of her complaint for third party custody. Plaintiff may re-file her proof of service saying exactly what Defendant Carrington was provided. Plaintiff must do so by the deadline previously noted by the Court. If she needs assistance with service, she should immediately visit the Family Court's Self-Help Center in room JM-570 or call that office at 202-879-0096; contact the Family Law Assistance Network ("FLAN") at (202) 844-5428 or flan@dcbar.org; or go online to www.lawhelp.org/dc for general legal information and resources.

The Court reminds Plaintiff that given the minor child's age – he will be nearly 17-1/2 years old by the time of the initial hearing – Plaintiff may wish to consider alternatives to pursuing a third-party custody case. For more information about such alternatives, she may wish to contact the DC KinCare Alliance, a nonprofit organization that supports non-parent caregivers of children. The organization's free legal help line is 202-505-5803. More information is available at <https://www.dckincare.org>.

Accordingly, it is hereby

² Plaintiff's counsel entered a limited appearance solely for the purpose of filing the instant motion.

ORDERED that Plaintiff's motion for alternative service by posting, filed June 16, 2025, is **GRANTED**. It is further

ORDERED that the parties **SHALL APPEAR** for a hearing on Plaintiff's complaint on **July 8, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom 103**. Failure to appear at this hearing (or any other scheduled hearing) may result in the Court subjecting the absent party to sanctions, default, or dismissal. It is further

ORDERED that the **Clerk of the Family Court of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia SHALL POST** the following Order for a period of twenty-one calendar days:

Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Case No. 2025 DRB 000091

Teanna Carrington, Plaintiff

v.

Latasha Carrington and Michael Robinson, Defendants


On January 13, 2025, Plaintiff Teanna Carrington filed a Complaint for Third Party Custody concerning minor child M.C., born March 28, 2008.

The Court will hold a hearing in this case on **July 8, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., in Courtroom 103** of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, located at 500 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001. If Michael Robinson, or any person claiming to be the minor child's father does not appear at the hearing or otherwise respond to Plaintiff Carrington's complaint, the Court may grant Plaintiff Carrington's requested relief without further input.

So ordered on June 17, 2025.
Judge Steven M. Wellner

SO ORDERED.

DATED: June 17, 2025



Steven M. Wellner

Associate Judge

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