

**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF
CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA**

In the Interest of:

A child.

Case Number: _____

File Number: _____

Sex: _____ **DOB:** _____ **Age:** _____

SUMMONS AND PROCESS

To: Name (Child): _____ and Name (Custodian): _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code

City, State, Zip Code

A Petition has been filed in this Court concerning the above-named child. A copy of that Petition is attached to this Summons. This is a Summons requiring you to be in court. If you fail to come to court as required you may be held in contempt of court and punished accordingly. A party shall be entitled to have an attorney in the proceedings and the Court will appoint an attorney if the party is an indigent person. A child shall be appointed an attorney.

NOW THEREFORE, you, the child named above, are commanded to be and appear on the date and time stated below, and to remain in attendance from hour to hour, day to day, month to month, year to year, and time to time, as said case may be continued, and until discharged by the court, and you are commanded to lay any and all business aside and to be and appear before the Juvenile Court of Chatham County, Georgia, located at 197 Carl Griffin Drive, Savannah, Georgia on the ___ day of _____, 20___ at _____ o'clock __.M., and you, the said parent, guardian or legal custodian named above, are likewise hereby commanded to be and appear with the aforesaid child in said court at the time and place above stated, each of you then and there to make defense thereto and to show cause why the said child and all parties named herein should not be dealt with according to the provisions of the law.

WITNESS, the Honorable Thomas L. Cole, Judge of said Court, this the ___ day of _____, 20___.

Clerk/Deputy Clerk
Juvenile Court of Chatham County

**ORDER DIRECTING CHILD'S PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR LEGAL CUSTODIAN TO
APPEAR PERSONALLY AT THE HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PERSON HAVING
PHYSICAL CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF THE CHILD TO BRING SUCH CHILD TO
THE HEARING.**

SO ORDERED this ___ day of _____, 20___.

Judge of the Juvenile Court

READ CAREFULLY

- This Summons requires you to be present at a formal hearing in the Juvenile Court. You must DRESS APPROPRIATELY for Court and BE ON TIME. No Cell Phones may be used in the courtroom without prior approval of the Judge.
- The child and other parties involved have the right to be represented by a lawyer at all stages of these proceedings. If you want a lawyer, you may choose and hire your own lawyer. If you want to hire a lawyer, please contact your lawyer immediately.
- If you want a lawyer but are not able to hire a lawyer without undue financial hardship, you may ask for a lawyer to be appointed to represent you.
- After consideration of your financial circumstances, if the Court finds you to be financially *unable* to hire a lawyer, then a lawyer will be appointed to represent you. You must let the Court, a court officer, and/or DJJ know immediately if you want a lawyer for your case.
- If you need an interpreter or special assistance for Court, please call the Clerk at 912-652-6700 five days prior to your Court date. *Si usted necesita un intérprete o la ayuda especial en la corte, por favor de llamar al 912-652-6700 cinco días antes de su cita la corte.*

PROOF OF SERVICE TO CHILD

I hereby certify that on the ____ day of _____, 20__, I personally served a true copy of the within Summons and Process and a true copy of the attached Petition on _____, the child in this case.

Authorized Signature

Badge #

PROOF OF SERVICE TO PARENT OR LEGAL CUSTODIAN

I hereby certify that on the ____ day of _____, 20__, I served a true copy of the Summons and Process and a true copy of the attached Petition on _____, custodian of the child, by delivering to and leaving the same with _____.

Authorized Signature

Badge #

RETURN OF NO SERVICE

I, the undersigned officer, after making diligent search, was unable to find the persons within named, to wit: _____, within the jurisdiction of this Court, and service of Summons and Process upon said person was therefore not made.

This the ____ day of _____, 20__.

Authorized Signature

Badge #

ORDER TO TAKE CHILD INTO IMMEDIATE CUSTODY

It appearing to the Court, from the allegations of the sworn Petition and otherwise, that the general welfare and safety of the within named child, _____, requires that the custody of the child be immediately assumed.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the officer serving this Summons and Process shall at once take said child into immediate custody and deliver said child without delay to:

Savannah Regional Youth Detention Center Other: _____

to be held there pending further Order of this Court or its authority.

SO ORDERED, this the _____ day of _____, 20__.

Judge Chatham County Juvenile Court, Georgia

**RETURN OF OFFICER TAKING CHILD
INTO IMMEDIATE CUSTODY**

Pursuant to the Order of this Court, I did, on the _____ day of _____, 20__, take the within named child, _____, into custody and delivered the child to:

Savannah Regional Youth Detention Center Other: _____

Authorized Signature

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