## IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

In the	e Interest of:  Case Number:  File Number:
A chi	ild. <u>SUMMONS AND PROCESS – TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS</u>
To:	Name : Address:
	City, State, Zip Code
date a month court. Juver on the at make	on is attached to this Summons. This is a Summons requiring you to be in court. If you fail me to court as required you may be held in contempt of court and punished accordingly. A shall be entitled to have an attorney in the proceedings and the Court will appoint an attorney 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 and time stated below, and to remain in attendance from hour to hour, day to day, month to h, year to year, and time to time, as said case may be continued, and until discharged by the and you are commanded to lay any and all business aside and to be and appear before the account of Chatham County, Georgia, located at 197 Carl Griffin Drive, Savannah, Georgia are
	Clerk/Deputy Clerk Juvenile Court of Chatham County
<u>APPI</u>	ER DIRECTING CHILD'S PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR LEGAL CUSTODIAN TO EAR PERSONALLY AT THE HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PERSON HAVING
	SICAL CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF THE CHILD TO BRING SUCH CHILD TO
<u> 111E</u>	HEARING. SO ORDERED thisday of, 20
	Judge of the Juvenile Court

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## **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 interpretè o la ayuda especial en la courte, por favor de llamar al 912-652-6700 cinco dias antes de su cita la corte.

## NOTICE OF EFFECT OF TERMINATION JUDGMENT - OCGA Section 15-11-284

Georgia law provided that you can permanently lose your rights as a parent. A petition to terminate parental rights has been filed requesting the court to terminate your parental rights to your child(ren). A copy of the petition to terminate parental rights is attached to this notice. A court hearing of your case has been scheduled for the 3rd day of July, 2019 at 11:15 am at the Juvenile Court of Chatham County.

If you fail to appear, the court can terminate your rights in your absence. If the court at the trial finds that the facts set out in the petition to terminate parental rights are true and that termination of your rights will serve the best interests of your child(ren), the court can enter a judgment ending your rights to your child.

If the judgment terminates your parental rights, you will no longer have any rights to visit your child. This means that you will not have the right to visit, contact, or have custody of your child or make any decisions affecting your child(ren) or your child(ren)'s earnings or property. Your child will be legally freed to be adopted by someone else.

Even if your parental rights are terminated:

- 1. You will still be responsible for providing financial support (child support payments) for your child(ren)'s care unless and until your child(ren) is adopted; and
- 2. Your child can still inherit from you unless and until your child is adopted.

This is a very serious matter. You should contact an attorney immediately so that you can be prepared for the court hearing. You have the right to hire an attorney and have him or her represent you. If you cannot afford to hire an attorney, the court will appoint an attorney if the court finds that you are an indigent person. Whether or not you decide to hire an attorney, you have the right to attend the hearing of your case, to call witnesses on your behalf, and to question those witnesses brought against you.

If you have any questions concerning this notice, you may call the telephone number of the clerk's office which is 912-652-6700. <u>Court personnel cannot provide any assistance to you in preparing</u> required paperwork as this would amount to the unauthorized practice of law. This includes

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asking the meaning of certain words, documents, or inquiring of the possible outcomes concerning this notice.

**OCGA Section 15-11-283(b) Notice to Biological Father**: The biological father who is not the legal father may lose all rights to the child named in a petition brought pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 11 of Title 15 and will not be entitled to object to the termination of his rights to such child unless, within 30 days of receipt of notice, the biological father files (1) a petition to legitimate such child; and (2) Notice of the filing of the petition to legitimate with the court in which the termination of parental rights proceeding is pending.

PROOF OF SERVICE TO CHILD

		, 20 , I personally served a true copy of the he attached Petition on, the
Authorized Signature	Badge #	
PROOF OF SE	ERVICE TO PAR	ENT OR LEGAL CUSTODIAN
and Process and a true copy	of the attached Peti	, 20 , I served a true copy of the Summons ition on, custodian of with
Authorized Signature	Badge #	_
	er making diligen , wi	NO SERVICE  t search, was unable to find the persons within the jurisdiction of this Court, and service of refore 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 theday 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 theday of, 20, take the within named child,, into custody and delivered the child to:
( ) Savannah Regional Youth Detention Center ( ) Other:
Authorized Signature Badge #