



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF _____ COUNTY, MISSOURI

Judge or Division: _____	Case Number: _____
In the Interest of: _____	
_____, Juvenile Officer,	Plaintiff
vs.	
_____, Mother and	
_____, Father	
_____,	Defendants

(Date File Stamp)

**Summons
Termination of Parental Rights**

The State of Missouri to: _____

 Name and Address

You are summoned to appear before the above-named Court and to file your pleading to the petition for Termination of Parental Rights, a copy of which is attached hereto, and to serve a copy of your pleading upon _____, Attorney for the Plaintiff, whose address is _____, all within 30 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

You are further summoned to appear before this Court in Division _____, at _____ (address) on _____ (date) at _____ (am/pm) for a hearing on the petition for Termination of Parental Rights.

(Seal of Circuit Court)

Clerk of the Court

Date

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE to parent or guardian of the person of the juvenile: You are notified that you have the right to counsel and if you are indigent and unable to retain counsel, the Court will appoint counsel for you upon your request (Section 211.462 RSMo. 1994)

Return
(For Official Use Only)

I certify that I have served the within summons in _____ County, Missouri:

PERSONAL SERVICE by delivering a copy of the summons and a copy of the petition to the within named _____ on _____ (date) at _____ am/pm.

MEMBER OF FAMILY by leaving a copy of the summons and a copy of the petition at the dwelling place or usual abode of said _____ with _____, a person of his or her family over the age of 15 years, on _____ (date) at _____ am/pm.

NON EST by making a diligent search for and failing to find the within-named _____ for reason that _____.

Date

SHERIFF OF _____ County, Missouri
By _____
Deputy Sheriff

JUVENILE OFFICER OF _____ County, Missouri
By _____
Deputy Juvenile Officer

Sheriff's Fees

Summons \$ _____

Non Est \$ _____

Mileage \$ _____ (____ miles @ \$.____ per mile)

Total \$ _____

NOTE ON USE: *Serve copy of summons. If service cannot be obtained, SERVICE COPY shall be sent by registered mail to last known address. Make return or certify mailing on original summons. File the return registered receipt in Court's case file folder attached to certificate of mailing.*

To The Juvenile, Parents, Guardian Or Other Respondent

You are to be present with said juvenile at all hearings in this case, as your right to the custody and control of the juvenile will then be determined. This summons must be served upon you at least twenty-four hours before the time set for the hearing, unless you have signed a waiver of service. The hearing may be set over to a later time at your request, if the Court finds you have a good reason for the request. If at the first hearing the allegations in the petition are denied, the Court may set this case for trial at a later date. If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Court may enter a judgment against you.

You Have the Following Rights

- (1) The allegations in the petition are not assumed to be true, but must be proven by competent evidence presented to the Court.
- (2) You have the right to have an attorney present to assist you at all Court hearings, or you may waive your right to an attorney. If you do desire to be represented by an attorney, you should begin now to obtain his services. If you cannot afford to pay an attorney and you wish to have an attorney to represent you, the Court has the power to appoint an attorney to represent you, without charge. However, in the event the Court does appoint counsel for you, the Court may, after notice and hearing, order you to make reimbursement for all or part of the cost of representation. You should make known to the Court your desire to have an attorney appointed for you.
- (3) When a petition is filed, the Court is required to give you written notice of the date of hearing by summons, unless you have signed a waiver of service, in which case you may be notified by mail of the time and place of the hearing.
- (4) If a statement or testimony is given by you, it may be used against you in Court. You have a right to question any witness who appears at the hearing or to bring with you any witness. If you request, the Court shall order persons to be present as your witnesses.
- (5) At the end of the hearing when the Court has reached a decision, you have the right to appeal the Court's decision to a Missouri Appellate Court.
- (6) If the Court finds the facts in the petition to be true, it may make orders affecting the juvenile and the juvenile's custodian concerning the care, custody and control of the juvenile including the termination of your parental rights.