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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO
JUVENILE DIVISION

SUMMONS

In the Matter of:

Case Number: 20253112

D.C.

AN ALLEGED ABUSED, NEGLECTED and/or DEPENDENT CHILD

To an Officer with Authority to Serve, you are commanded to summon:
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PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO

SUMMONS

You are hereby summoned to appear in **Pickaway County Juvenile Court, 207 S. Court Street, Circleville, Ohio 43113** before **Judge Shelly Harsha** within and for said County on **06/30/2025 at 01:15 PM** for the **ADJUDICATION/DISPO** on a Complaint filed by Pickaway County Job & Family Services. The sworn complaint filed in this Court is attached.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

1. **Right to Counsel:** You are entitled to a lawyer in all proceedings in Juvenile Court. The Court will appoint a lawyer to provide legal representation if you cannot afford a lawyer and meet certain requirements.
2. The Court may be reached by telephone at (740) 474-3117, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. to arrange for the prompt appointment of counsel for indigent persons. If you wish to be represented by a lawyer, but believe you cannot afford one, please contact the Court as soon as possible. Ohio law requires all persons requesting Court appointed counsel to pay an application fee of \$25.00 within seven (7) days of the request for counsel. If you do not wish to be represented by a lawyer, you must sign a waiver of counsel in open Court.
3. If the Court makes an adjudication of dependency, neglect, or abuse (finds the allegations contained in the attached complaint are true), this may result in one of the following:
 - An award of **permanent custody**, which permanently takes from the parent all parental rights, duties, privileges, and obligations, including the right to consent to the adoption of the child(ren); or
 - Placement of the child in a **planned permanent living arrangement** with a public children services agency or private child placing agency, if a public children services agency or private child placing agency request the Court to place the child in a planned permanent living arrangement and the Court finds, by clear and convincing evidence, that a permanent planned living arrangement is in the best interest of the child and that one the following exist:
 1. The child, because of physical, mental, or psychological problems or needs, is unable to function in a family-like setting and must remain in residential or institutional care.
 2. The parents of the child have significant physical, mental, or psychological problems and are unable to care for the child because of those problems, adoption is not in the best interest of the child, as determined in accordance with division (D) of section 2151.41 (2151.414) of the Revised Code, and the child retains a significant and positive relationship with a parent or relative.
 3. The child is sixteen years of age or older, has been counseled on the permanent placement options available to the child, is unwilling to accept or unable to adapt to a permanent placement, and is in an agency program preparing the child for independent living.

- An award of **legal custody** of the child to either parent or to any persons who files a motion requesting legal custody of the child. "Legal custody" means a legal status that vests in the custodian the right to have physical care and control of the child and to determine where and with whom the child shall live, and the right and duty to protect, train, and discipline the child and to provide the child with food, shelter, education, and medical care, all subject to any residual parental rights and responsibilities. An individual granted legal custody shall exercise all rights and responsibilities personally unless otherwise authorized by any section of the Revised Code or by the Court.
- An order of **temporary custody**, which will cause removal of the child from the parent's legal and physical custody until the Court terminates the order or permanently divests the parent of all parental rights.
- An order of **protective supervision**, which will permit the child to remain in the parent's legal and physical custody subject to any conditions and limitations the Court prescribes.
- Order the removal from the child's home until further order of the Court any person who committed abuse as described in Section 2151.031 of the Revised Code against the child, who caused or allowed the child to suffer neglect as described in section 2151.03 of the Revised Code, or who is the parent, guardian, or custodian of a child who is adjudicated a dependent child and order any person not to have contact with the child or the child's siblings.
- An order implementing a **case plan**, a document that sets forth specific goals in a case and the means by which they will be achieved. A case plan generally requires the establishment of general goals for the child consistent with the best interest and special needs of the child, including the establishment of priorities dealing with the best interest of the child. Case plans will usually require visits to the home by caseworkers from Pickaway County Children's Services and may include, but are not limited to, 1) psychological evaluations; 2) parent education classes; 3) substance abuse assessments and treatment; 4) mental health assessments and treatment; 5) domestic violence education; and/or 6) individual and/or family counseling.
- If a parent, guardian, or custodian of the child is bound by the terms of the journalized case plan and fails to comply, the Court can hold that parent, guardian, or custodian in **contempt** of Court for failure to comply. A finding of contempt may result in the imposition of a fine and/or jail sentence.

YOUR RIGHTS:

Regardless of whether you are represented by a lawyer, you have the following rights guaranteed by law unless such rights are waived in open Court:

- You have the right to remain silent.
- You have the right to offer evidence on your own behalf and the right to compel the attendance of witnesses at an adjudicatory hearing by the issuance of subpoenas.
- You have the right to compel the prosecuting attorney to prove its case by clear and convincing evidence.
- You have the right to confront, question, and cross-examine any witnesses presented against you.

RIGHT TO APPEAL:

Upon the filing of a Final Entry, you have the right to appeal to the Fourth District Court of Appeals by filing a written notice of appeal with the Court with a copy delivered to the Clerk of the Court of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the filing of the Judgment Entry. You have the right to a record of the proceedings. If you cannot afford a copy of the records, one will be provided to you at no cost to you.

RULES FOR COURT:

When you appear in Court, you must obey the following rules, as proper decorum is necessary for the administration of the Court's business:

- You must be properly attired at all hearings. Tank tops, shorts, sandals, bare feet, etc. are not acceptable. If you are not properly attired, the Court may order the hearing will not go forward.
- No radio or television transmission, voice recording device (other than that used by the Court), making or taking of pictures, pagers, beepers, or other devices shall be permitted, except on consent of the Court and in accordance with Rule 11 of the Rules of Superintendence.

- Any person entering the Juvenile Court is subject to search. No person carrying a bag, case, or parcel shall be permitted to enter and remain in any courtroom without first submitting such bag, case, or parcel to security personnel for inspection.
- Food, beverages, and smoking is prohibited in the courtroom during all hearings.
- In the event children, who are not parties to the case, must be brought to Court, adequate supervision must be provided. The Court is not responsible for the care of children during Court proceedings.
- Any persons appearing before the Court must refrain from using alcohol or illegal substances prior to their appearance. If a person appears under the influence, they may be prohibited entry to the Court.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT, this Jun 9, 2025.

SHELLY R. HARSHA, JUDGE

BY: *D. Radcliff*

DEPUTY CLERK

THE STATE OF OHIO, Pickaway

RETURN

On the 9th day of June, 2025, I served the same on the within named by ____

John Doe posting on county website

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO
JUVENILE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF

CASE NO.: 2025-JUV-112

JUDGE HARSHA

Alleged Abused, Neglected
and/or Dependent Child

COMPLAINT

Shirley J. Harsha
JUVENILE COURT JUDGE
PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO

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Taylor Frazier, being first duly cautioned and sworn, states that they have knowledge of a
minor child residing in Pickaway County, to wit:

Child:	Lawson Lee Capper , DOB: 3-1-25	Resides with
Mother:	Melissa Anderson, 476 Half Avenue, Circleville, OH 43113	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alleged Father:	Berkley Capper, II, 476 Half Avenue, Circleville, OH 43113	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alleged Father:	John Doe, by posting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Paternity is ☐ established – parents married at birth
☐ established – acknowledgement of paternity affidavit
☐ established – genetic testing
☒ not established
☐ unknown

Said minor child appears to be:

☒ A neglected child as defined in ORC §2151.03, that is:

- ☐ (a) Who is abandoned by the child's parents, guardian, or custodian;
☒ (b) Who lacks adequate parental care because of the faults or habits of the child's parents, guardian, or custodian;
☐ (c) Whose parents, guardian, or custodian neglects the child or refuses to provide proper or necessary subsistence, education, medical or surgical care, or treatment or other care necessary for the child's health, morals, or well-being;

☐ (d) Whose parents, guardian, or custodian neglects the child or refuses to provide the special care made necessary by the child's mental condition;

☐ (e) Whose parents, legal guardian, or custodian have placed or attempted to place the child in violation of §5103.16 and §5103.17 of the Revised Code;

☐ (f) Who, because of the omission of the child's parents, guardian, or custodian, suffers physical or mental injury that harms or threatens to harm the child's health or welfare;

☐ (g) Who is subjected to out of home care child neglect.

☒ An abused child as defined in ORC §2151.031, that is:

☐ (a) Is the victim of "sexual activity" as defined under ORC §2907 where such activity would constitute an offense under that chapter, except that the court need not find any person has been convicted of the offense in order to find that the child is an abused child;

☐ (b) Is endangered as defined in ORC §2919.22, except that the court need not find that any person has been convicted under that section in order to find that the child is an abused child;

☐ (c) Exhibits evidence of any physical or mental injury or death, inflicted other than by accidental means, or an injury or death which is at variance with the history given of it;

☒ (d) Because of the acts of the child's parents, guardian, or custodian, suffers physical or mental injury that harms or threatens to harm the child's health or welfare;

☐ (e) Is subject to out-of-home care child abuse.

☒ A dependent child as defined in ORC §2151.04, that is:

☐ (a) Who is homeless or destitute or without adequate parental care, through no fault of the child's parents, guardian, or custodian;

☐ (b) Who lacks adequate parental care by reason of the mental or physical condition of the child's parents, guardian, or custodian;

☒ (c) Whose condition or environment is such as to warrant the state, in the interests of the child, in assuming his guardianship;

☐ (d) To whom both of the following apply:

(1) He is residing in a household in which a parent, guardian, custodian, or other member of the household committed an act that was the basis for an adjudication that a sibling of the child or any other child who resides in the household is an abused neglected or dependent child.

(2) Because of the circumstances surrounding the abuse or neglect or dependency of the sibling or other child and the other conditions in the household of the child, the child is in danger of being abused or neglected by that parents, guardian, custodian, or member of the household.

The facts are as follows:

Baby, [REDACTED] was born 3-1-25 to Mother, Melissa Anderson. Mother delivered at Berger Hospital at 39 weeks. Mother did not receive any prenatal care. Mother tested negative for all substances at birth, but did test positive in December, 2024 for THC and amphetamines during an ER admission at the hospital. Child is not having any withdrawal issues. Mother appeared at the hospital to be dirty, with soiled hands and body, with matted hair. Historically, Mother has had


6 other children who were placed in the permanent custody of children's services. Those Children are as follows: J.C. (DOB 10/22/2007); B.C. (DOB 10/27/2008); S.C. (DOB 10/27/2008) (voluntary surrender); T.C. (DOB 11/22/2016); D.C. (DOB 11/11/2018); and A.C. (DOB 1/8/2020). Agency is asking for temporary custody due to concerns that Mother does not have the ability to safely care for the child when discharged from the hospital. Mother is reporting she does not have any items for the child at home. Mother has shown delayed responses and concern for cognitive ability. Mother is not reported to have any family able to help care for the child. Alleged Father is Berkley Capper, II.

WHEREFORE, Complainant prays this Court find the child abused, neglected, and/or dependent as alleged, make a disposition of Temporary custody to the Agency, an alternative order at the appropriate time of permanent custody to Pickaway County Job and Family Services, (By-pass), and make any other orders the Court deems necessary pursuant to R.C. §2151.353.

Taylor Frazier

Taylor Frazier, Caseworker
Pickaway County Job & Family Services
1005 S. Pickaway Street, P.O. Box 610
Circleville, Ohio 43113-0610

Sworn to and subscribed before me on March 3, 2025.

Stephanie J Eitel
Notary Public
The notary seal is circular with a sunburst design in the center. The words "NOTARIAL SEAL" are at the top and "STATE OF OHIO" are at the bottom.
Stephanie J Eitel
Notary Public
State of Ohio
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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO
JUVENILE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF

DAWSON LEE CAPPER

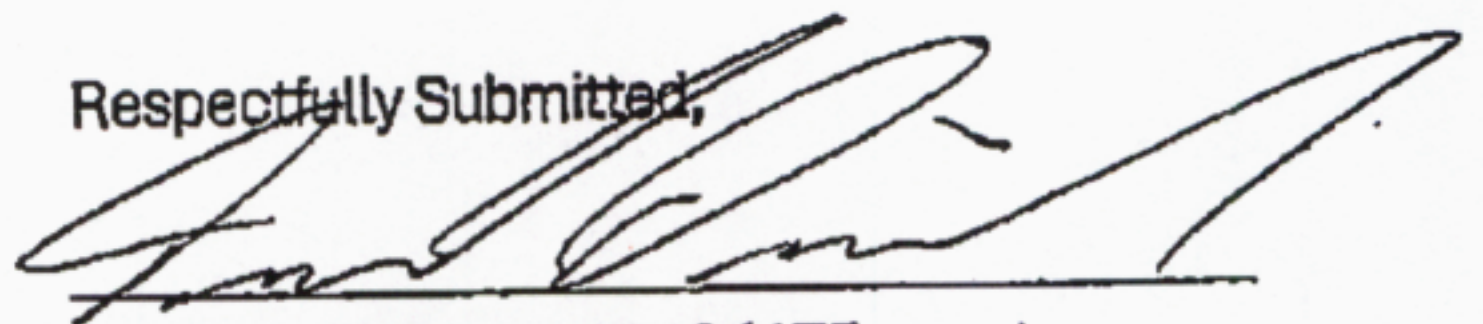
: CASE NO.: 2025-JUV- 112
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: JUDGE HARSHA
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: INSTRUCTIONS

To the Clerk:

Please serve the following parties to the above captioned case by the method indicated with notice of hearing, summons and a copy of the Complaint.

- Mother, Melissa Anderson, by personal service at the Shelter Care hearing or at 476 Half Avenue, Circleville, OH 43113, by Certified Mail;
- -Alleged Father, Berkley Capper, II, by personal service at the Shelter Care hearing or at 476 Half Avenue, Circleville, OH 43113, by Certified Mail;
- Alleged Father, John Doe, service by posting at a later time;
- Pickaway County Job & Family Services by the courthouse mailbox; and
- CASA by the courthouse mailbox.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dustin J. Davidson #0104175

Attorney for Pickaway County Job and
Family Services

1005 South Pickaway Street

Circleville, OH 43113

Phone: (740) 571-8473

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO
JUVENILE DIVISION


SHELLY R. HARSHA
JUVENILE COURT JUDGE
PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF : CASE NO.: 2025-JUV-112
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D.C. : JUDGE HARSHA
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DOB: 3/1/2025 : NOTICE

Father, John Doe, whose address is unknown, will take notice that a Complaint alleging D.C. to be an Abused, Neglected, and Dependent child has been filed in the Juvenile Division of the Court of Common Pleas, Pickaway County Ohio, containing a prayer or request for temporary custody of the Minor Child to Pickaway County Job & Family Services. Said Complaint will be heard before the Juvenile Court in Circleville, Ohio, Pickaway County, at **1:15 p.m. on Monday, June 30, 2025** at the Pickaway County Courthouse, Pickaway County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division, 207 South Court Street, Circleville, Ohio 43113. If the Minor Child is found to be abused, Final Disposition will take place, if there is no objection, before said Court at **1:15 p.m. on Monday, June 30, 2025**.

You are hereby notified that:

1. Any party is entitled to a lawyer in all proceedings in Juvenile Court. If a party cannot afford a lawyer and meets certain requirements, the Court will appoint one upon request. If you wish to have a lawyer, but believe you cannot afford one, call Susan Wears at Pickaway County Juvenile Court at 740-474-3117 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, or write the Pickaway County Juvenile Court at Pickaway County Courthouse, 207 South Court Street, Circleville, Ohio 43113.
2. The granting of the Complaint and prayer for temporary custody to Pickaway County Job & Family Services will result in the Parent(s) losing physical and legal custody of the Minor Child until the Court terminates the order or permanently divests the Parent(s) of all parental rights.
3. The granting of an order of protective supervision to Pickaway County Job & Family Services may result in the Parent(s) continuing to have physical and legal custody of the Minor Child under the supervision of Pickaway County Job & Family Services until the Court terminates the order or grants temporary custody to Pickaway County Job & Family Services or another interested party.


Judge Harsha


Deputy Clerk

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO
JUVENILE DIVISION

SHELLY R. HARSHA
JUVENILE COURT JUDGE
PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF

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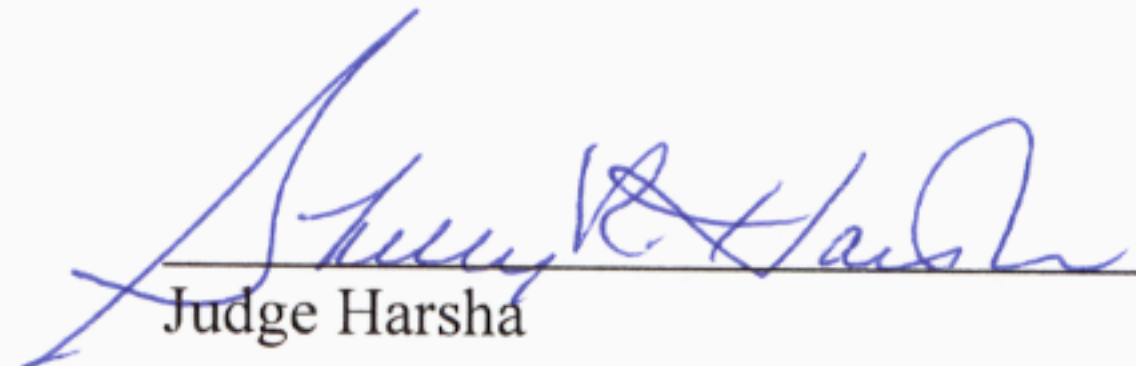
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INSTRUCTIONS

TO THE CLERK:

Complaint and Summons

Please issue for service ~~the~~ Affidavit and Notice upon Father, John Doe, by posting in accordance with Pickaway County Local Juvenile Rules. There is no last-known address for John Doe.


Judge Harsha

Prepared by:



Dustin J. Davidson #0104175

Attorney for Pickaway County Job and
Family Services

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO
JUVENILE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF

D.C.

: CASE NO.: 2025-JUV-112

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: JUDGE HARSHA

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: **AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF OHIO

COUNTY OF PICKAWAY, SS:

Affiant, being cautioned and sworn, states that they are an employee of Pickaway County Job & Family Services and that the current address of Father, John Doe, is unknown and cannot, with reasonable diligence, be ascertained. There is no last-known address for Father, who is unknown. Affiant further states that efforts made to learn the address of said party includes attempts to locate him through the phone book, a request of family for current address, attempts by child support and law enforcement to locate his name and addresses in their records and data banks.

Affiant further states that the service of summons cannot be made and prays for service by posting according to law.

Kimberly Stevens, Admin PCJFS
Kimberly Stevens, Administrator
Pickaway County Job & Family Services

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence on June 6, 2025.



Dustin Davidson
Attorney At Law
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My commission has no expiration date
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Notary Public – State of Ohio

SHELLY R. HARSHA
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