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IN THE MATTER OF

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INSTRUCTIONS

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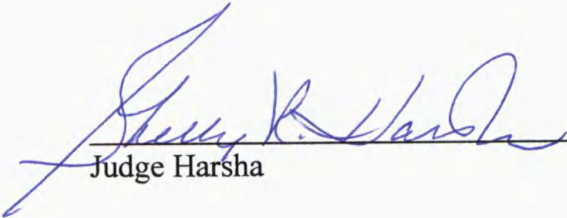
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TO THE CLERK:

*Amended-
Complaint, Complaint, Summons*

Please issue for service the Affidavit and Notice upon Mother, Brittany Messer, by posting in accordance with Pickaway County Local Juvenile Rules. The last known address is 42994 SR 124, Lot 2, Pomeroy, OH 45769.



Judge Harsha

Prepared by:



Dustin Davidson (0104175)
Staff Attorney
Pickaway County Job & Family Services

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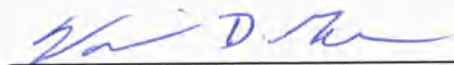
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STATE OF OHIO

COUNTY OF PICKAWAY, SS:

Affiant, being first duly cautioned and sworn, deposes and states that they are an employee of Pickaway County Job & Family Services, and that the current address of Mother, Brittany Messer, is unknown and cannot, with reasonable diligence, be ascertained. The last known address is 42994 SR 124, Lot 2, Pomeroy, OH 45769. Affiant further states that efforts made to learn the address of said party include attempts to locate through the phone book, requests of family for current address, and attempts by child support and law enforcement to locate the name and address(es) 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.



William Groff, Caseworker
Pickaway County Job & Family Services

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence on August 1, 2025.



Notary Public – State of Ohio



Dustin Davidson
Attorney At Law
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My commission has no expiration date
Sec. 147.03 R.C.

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

IN THE MATTER OF

K. F.

DOB: January 25, 2013

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CASE NO.: 20253154

JUDGE HARSHA

NOTICE

SHELLY R. HARSHA
JUVENILE COURT JUDGE
PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO

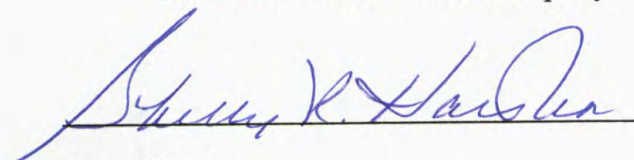
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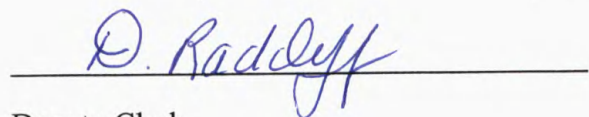
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Mother, Brittany Messer, whose address is unknown, will take notice that a Complaint alleging K. F. to be an Dependent child has been filed in the Juvenile Division of the Court of Common Pleas, Pickaway County Ohio, containing a prayer or request 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 10:30 AM on Thursday, August 21, 2025** at the Pickaway County Courthouse, Pickaway County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division, 207 South Court Street Circleville, Ohio 43113. If the said child is found to be abused, neglected and/or dependent, Final Disposition will take place, if there is no objection, before said Court **at 10:30 AM on Thursday, August 21, 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 parents losing physical and legal custody of the child until the Court terminates the order or permanently divests the parent of all parental rights.
3. The granting of an order of protective supervision to Pickaway County Job & Family Services may result in the parents continuing to have physical and legal custody of the 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

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

IN THE MATTER OF

K.F.

Alleged Abused, Neglected
and/or Dependent Child

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COMPLAINT

SHERRY A. HARSHA
JUVENILE COURT JUDGE
PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO

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

Child:	K.F. [REDACTED], age 12 years, DOB: 1-25-13	Resides with
Mother:	Brittany Messer, 42994 SR 124, Lot 2, Pomeroy, OH 45769	<input type="checkbox"/>
Father:	Daniel Forsythe, 1894 Vaughn Street, Columbus, OH 43223	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal Custodian:	Glenna Adams, Homeless (Haven House)	<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 alleged as follows:

Glenna Adams, date of birth March 16th 1958, is currently homeless and has recently been staying at a homeless shelter with the minor child [REDACTED], date of birth January 25th 2013. Ms. Adams is the legal custodian of [REDACTED]. Ms. Adams was recently evaluated for Dementia due to signs of forgetfulness and will undergo further testing soon. Ms. Adams has reported things happening to her and the minor child in the parking lot of the homeless shelter, but upon later review of surveillance footage, these reports were found unsubstantiated. Referral sources indicate [REDACTED] has taken on the role of caregiver for Ms. Adams.

WHEREFORE, due to the legal custodian's homelessness and apparent mental condition, Complainant prays this Court 1) find the child abused, neglected, and/or dependent as alleged, 2) make a disposition of Temporary Custody to Dennis Adams, former spouse of Glenna Adams, 3) order the Pickaway County Job & Family Services to provide Protective Supervision in this matter, and 4) make any other orders the Court deems necessary pursuant to R.C. § 2151.353.

Haley Hedrick

Haley Hedrick, 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 April 14, 2025.

Stephanie J Eitel
Notary Public



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Notary Public
State of Ohio
My Comm Expires 4-28-27

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

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SHIELLY L. HARSHA
JUVENILE COURT JUDGE
PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF

K.F.

20253154

JUDGE HARSHA

Alleged Abused, Neglected
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AMENDED COMPLAINT

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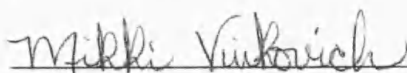
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Mikki Vinkovich, Program Manager
Pickaway County Job & Family Services
1005 S. Pickaway Street, P.O. Box 610
Circleville, Ohio 43113-0610

Sworn to and subscribed before me on April 14, 2025.



Dustin Davidson
Attorney At Law
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My commission has no expiration date
Sec. 147.03 R.C.


Notary Public

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

IN THE MATTER OF

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20253154

JUDGE HARSHA

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

To the Clerk:

The undersigned certifies that an accurate copy of the Complaint was served on April 14,
2025 upon:

- Mother, Brittany Messer, by Certified Mail or hand delivery;
- Father, Daniel Forsythe, by Certified Mail or handy delivery;
- Alex Pomerants, Attorney for Father, by email or courthouse mailbox;
- Legal Custodian, Glenna Adams, by Certified Mail or hand delivery;
- Jaci Bowe, Attorney for Glenna Adams, by courthouse mailbox;
- Kristina Walkowicz, GAL for Glenna Adams, by courthouse mailbox;
- Pickaway County Job & Family Services by the courthouse mailbox; and
- CASA by the courthouse mailbox.



Dustin J. Davidson (0104175)
Staff Attorney
Pickaway County Job & Family Services

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

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Jul 7, 2025 11:24:14
SHELLY R. HARSHA, J
PROBATE/JUVENILE C
PICKAWAY COUNTY,

SUMMONS

In the Matter of:

K.F.

Case Number: 20253154

AN ALLEGED ABUSED, NEGLECTED and/or DEPENDENT CHILD

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

Glenna Adams-
3936 Ironton Rd
Columbus, OH 43207

Brittany Messer
42994 St. Rt. 124 Lot-2
POMEROY, OH 45769

DANIELFORSYTHE

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 **08/21/2025 at 10:30 AM** for the **ADJ/FINAL DISPO/LEGAL CUSTODY** 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 Jul 7, 2025.

SHELLY R. HARSHA, JUDGE

BY: *D. Radcliff*

DEPUTY CLERK

THE STATE OF OHIO, Pickaway

RETURN

On the 7TH day of JULY, 2025, I served the same on the within named by
PREPARED FOR HAND SERVICE BY CLERK TO BRITTANY MESSER, DANIEL FORYSTHE,
GLENN A. ADAMS, PLACED IN COURT MAILBOX, CASA, ATTR. WALKOWICZ, ATTR. BOWE,
ATTR. ATTR. POMERANTS
