

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF _____ COUNTY, TENNESSEE IN

THE MATTER OF:

Case No. _____

NAME: _____ **DOB:** _____

NAME: _____ **DOB:** _____

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A Child(ren) Under 18 Years of Age

VERIFIED PETITION FOR DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT

Comes your Petitioner, _____, and respectfully states as follows:

I. JURISDICTION/VENUE

This Court has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to T.C.A. § 37-1-103. Venue is appropriate pursuant to T.C.A. § 37-1-111, in that the child(ren) resides in this County at _____ and resides with _____.

II. PARTIES

Mother is _____ who resides at _____,

Father is _____ who resides at _____,

Custodian/Guardian is _____ who resides at _____,

_____ who resides at _____,

_____ who resides at _____,

Are the parents/guardian currently serving in the armed forces or reserves? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Unknown
If yes, who? _____

- () The child(ren) or child(ren)'s parent is/are not a member or eligible for membership in a recognized Indian tribe under the federal Indian Child Welfare Act, compiled in 25 U.S.C. § 1901.
- () The child(ren) or child(ren)'s parent is/are a member or eligible for membership in a recognized Indian tribe under the federal Indian Child Welfare Act, compiled in 25 U.S.C. § 1901.
- () It is not known whether the child(ren) or child(ren)'s parent is/are a member or eligible for membership in a recognized Indian tribe under the federal Indian Child Welfare Act, compiled in 25 U.S.C. § 1901.

III. DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT

It is upon Petitioner's information and belief that the above-named child(ren) is/are a dependent and neglected child(ren) within the meaning of T.C.A. § 37-1-102(b)(13) in that:

IV. CUSTODY

The Petitioner further states that the child(ren) who is/are subject to this Petition is/are in danger of irreparable harm and that this Petition is filed in the best interests of the child(ren) and public and that the Petitioner(s) is/are the fit and proper person(s) to be granted custody of the child(ren).

V. OTHER PROCEEDINGS

- I am not aware of any other court proceeding involving the child(ren) that may affect this proceeding.
 There is/are a court proceeding(s) involving the child(ren) that may affect this proceeding as follows:

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- The Petitioner(s) has/have never participated as a party or witness or in any other capacity in any other proceeding concerning the custody of or visitation with the child(ren).
 The Petitioner(s) has/have participated as a party or witness or in another capacity, in the following proceeding(s), concerning the custody of or visitation with the child(ren):

_____.

VI. CHILD(REN)'S PRIOR ADDRESSES

- During the past five (5) years, it is believed that the child(ren) has/have at all times resided with the parent(s)/guardian(s)/custodian(s), _____, at _____.
 During the past five (5) years, the child(ren) has/have lived at the following address(es) and with the following person(s):

_____.

- It is not known where the child(ren) has/have resided during the past five (5) years.

VII. OTHERS CLAIMING LEGAL RIGHTS

- Petitioner knows of no person that is not a party to this proceeding who claims to have legal or physical custody or visitation rights with respect to the child(ren).
 The following person(s), not a party to this proceeding, have or claim to have, legal or physical custody or visitation rights with respect to the child(ren),

_____.

VIII. BEST INTEREST

It is in the best interest of the child(ren) and public that this Petition be brought.

PETITIONER PRAYS,

1. That the Respondent(s) be served with a copy of this Petition, and that the child(ren) be served with a copy of this Petition if the child(ren) is fourteen (14) years of age or older.
2. That a guardian ad litem be appointed for the child(ren).
3. That the Court consider the need to appoint counsel for the parents who may be indigent or as may be otherwise required by law.
4. That at a final hearing of this matter, the Court find the child(ren) to be dependent and neglected within the meaning of the law.
5. () That the Petitioner(s) be granted temporary custody of the child(ren).
6. () That the Petitioner(s) be granted emergency relief pending a Final Hearing in this matter, and the Court enter an ex parte order.
7. That child support be set if appropriate.
8. That the Court grant any other general relief as is necessary.

COMES NOW _____ being first duly sworn, under oath, and states that the facts set out in the Petition above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Petitioner – Print and Sign

Petitioner Address

Petitioner Telephone

Petitioner Email Address

Sworn and subscribed before me this _____
day of _____, 202____.

Juvenile Court Clerk or Officer