

IN THE JUVENILE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF _____
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:

¹
a child

CASE NUMBER: _____
SEX: M/F
DOB: _____

SUMMONS AND NOTICE

A petition has been filed in this court concerning the above-named child(ren). A copy of that petition is attached to this summons.

THIS IS A SUMMONS REQUIRING YOU TO BE IN COURT subject to the provisions set forth in the instructions below regarding alternate appearance. If you fail to appear before the court as required, you may be held in contempt of court and punished by imprisonment for up to twenty (20) days and/or a fine of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

NOW THEREFORE, unless otherwise ordered by this court, you, the party(s) named above, are hereby ORDERED and COMMANDED to be and appear on the date and time stated below, and to remain in attendance from hour to hour, day to day, month to month, year to year, and time to time, as said case may be continued, and until discharged by the court, and you are commanded to lay any and all business aside and to be and appear before the Juvenile Court of _____ County, Georgia, located at _____, _____, _____ County, Georgia **on the _____ day of _____, 2020, at _____ a.m./p.m.**, to answer the allegations of the aforementioned petition and to show cause why the above-named children and all parties named herein shall not be dealt with according to law. Any parent, guardian, legal custodian or any other person having physical custody or control of the above-named child(ren) is hereby commanded to ensure the above-named child(ren)'s presence in likewise manner at said date, time and place.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notwithstanding your requirement to appear before the court at the date and time set forth above, should you be concerned that you are vulnerable to contracting the COVID-19 virus or any other communicable disease, you may contact the **Office of the Judge of the Juvenile Courts of the Tifton Judicial Circuit 229-386-7909** to determine whether it may be possible for alternate arrangements may be made to allow you to testify in some manner other than by personal appearance at the above court proceedings. Please note that your susceptibility to the COVID-19 virus or any other communicable disease **DOES NOT RELIEVE YOU OF YOUR LEGAL DUTY TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COURT WHEN SUMMONED.** Nonetheless, when warranted, this court will make every effort to make alternate arrangements for your personal appearance or, in the event alternate arrangements cannot be made, to ensure your safety during your personal appearance before the court, but you must communicate with the court to assist the court in doing so. To view written guidelines as to how in-court proceedings will generally be conducted to protect the health of those persons appearing before the court, you may review them at www._____.com or the Tifton Judicial Circuit Juvenile Court's Facebook page.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that you should immediately review EXHIBIT A attached hereto for a full explanation of your right to an attorney at all stages of these proceedings.

WITNESS the Honorable Render M. Heard, Jr., Judge of said Court, this the _____ day of _____, 2020.

Clerk, Juvenile Court of _____ County, Georgia

PROOF OF SERVICE TO CHILD

I hereby certify that on the _____ day of _____, 20____, I personally served a true copy of the within summons and process and a true copy of the attached petition on _____, child in this case.

Authorized Signature

Badge #

PROOF OF SERVICE TO PARENT OR LEGAL CUSTODIAN

I have this _____ day of _____, 20____, served a true copy of the within summons and process and a true copy of the attached petition by delivering to and leaving same with _____.

Authorized Signature

Badge #

RETURN OF NO SERVICE

I, the undersigned officer, after making diligent search, was unable to find the persons within named, to wit: _____, within the jurisdiction of said court, and service of said summons and process upon said person was therefore not made.

This _____ 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 welfare of the within named child **Kelsy Lycia Golson** requires that the custody of same be immediately assumed.

IT IS 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 _____ there to be held pending further order of the court or its authority.

SO ORDERED this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Render M. Heard, Jr., Judge of Juvenile Court

RETURN OF OFFICER TAKING CHILD INTO IMMEDIATE CUSTODY

Pursuant to the order of court, I did, on the _____ day of _____, 20____ take the within named child, **Kelsy Lycia Golson**, into custody and delivered this child to _____.

Render M. Heard, Jr., Judge of Juvenile Court

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPEARANCE AT HEARING HELD BY VIDEOCONFERENCE ONLY

Should the hearing to which your notice refers indicate that said hearing is to be held VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING ONLY, **YOU SHOULD NOT APPEAR AT THE COURTHOUSE**, rather, you should make your appearance at the hearing in one of the following manners:

1. Find the meeting invitation URL which is provided in your notice.
2. If no invitation is provided in your notice, you may use the following URL for the Tifton Judicial Circuit Juvenile Court's General Zoom Meeting Room:

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6286278312>
Meeting ID: 628 627 8312

3. You may access the hearing by a desktop computer, laptop computer, iOS device or Android device. Any device used must have full video and audio capabilities. To access:
 - a. From a computer,
 - i. Click on the URL link, set audio/video permissions, and wait in the virtual waiting room until you are admitted into the hearing.
 - ii. If you are unable to enter the hearing through the direct link, you may go to www.zoom.com. Click "Join a Meeting" and enter the meeting ID and your name, set audio/video permissions, and wait in the virtual waiting room until you are admitted into the meeting.
 - b. From a cell phone or other mobile device (either iOS or Android),
 - i. Download the Zoom app and set up the app using your contact information. Follow one of the two instructions above to gain access to the hearing.
4. When a hearing is held by videoconference only, your appearance and participation in the video hearing will satisfy your obligation to appear before the court.
5. Please keep in mind that the video hearing is a **LEGAL PROCEEDING** and is subject to the same rules regarding dress and demeanor which would govern any in-person appearance.
 - a. At the time you access the hearing and continuing during the entire video proceedings, you should be appropriately dressed according to **STANDING ORDER REGARDING DRESS, ATTIRE, AND CONDUCT WHILE ATTENDING COURT PROCEEDINGS IN THE JUVENILE COURTS OF THE TIFTON JUDICIAL CIRCUIT AND GUIDELINES THEREFORE**, a copy of which may be obtained at www.tiftcounty.org/juvenilecourt, on the Facebook page of the Juvenile Courts of the Tifton Judicial Circuit, or in the minutes of the Clerks of the Juvenile Courts of the Tifton Judicial Circuit.
 - b. No actions taken by you or anyone who can be viewed on the camera you are using to transmit video images for the hearing shall adversely affect the integrity of the court process, nor shall any such actions be disrespectful or unduly distracting to the court, the other parties, the witnesses, or the court proceedings themselves.
 - c. If you are called to testify during the proceedings, you shall testify from your own memory, and you may not use any notes, records, other documents, or assistance of any kind to assist you in testifying, unless and until you have first received permission from the court to do so. This prohibition shall include a prohibition against the use of your cell phone or any other electronic device of any kind to assist you in providing any sworn testimony during said proceedings. Finally, during your testimony, you shall not receive any answers, coaching, reminders, or assistance of any kind from any third parties at any time during your direct testimony or cross examination without leave of court.
 - d. Should you or anyone who may be viewed through any camera projecting images into a video hearing knowingly violate any of these rules or should said person(s) engage in any other form of contemptuous conduct during any proceedings being held by video conference only, said person(s) may be subject to any penalty that this court may have imposed during an in-person proceeding. For these purposes, the phrase "in the presence of the court" shall be understood to include any actions that may be viewed on camera or heard over audio during a videoconference only hearing.
 - e. If you have any difficulty accessing the videoconferencing platform, please contact the court at 229-386-7909.

