

COURT ORDER #5
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
COUNTY, OHIO
Division

IN THE MATTER OF:

_____ A Minor
_____ : Case No.
Plaintiff/Petitioner :
vs. : Judge _____
: _____
Defendant/Respondent/Petitioner : Magistrate _____
: **ORDER FOR INVESTIGATION**
: **(HOME STUDY)**

Upon motion of the _____ and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that _____ (“Court Investigator”) shall complete an investigation as to the character, family relations, past conduct, earning ability, health, present living conditions, and financial worth of the following individuals: _____

The Court Investigator has the right to obtain any and all records pertaining to the minor child(ren), including but not limited to, school, medical and counseling records. Upon presentation of a copy of this order to any agency, hospital, physician, chiropractor, optometrist, dentist, nurse or other medical, dental, or optical practitioner, psychologist, psychiatrist, or other mental health practitioner, organization, school, person or office, including, but not limited to the Clerk of this Court, human services agencies, public children services agencies, private child placing agencies, health departments, juvenile courts and juvenile probation departments, the Investigator shall be permitted to inspect and copy any records relating to the child(ren) and the parties to this case and/or to confer with any and all professionals who may provide information relative to said child(ren) or parties without the consent of the child(ren) or parties.

The Court Investigator has the right to interview the child while at school, home or other places where the child may be found. Any and all persons or entities having information shall release it to the Court Investigator, shall speak with the Court Investigator if requested and provide any other requested information. Those individuals being investigated shall sign any requested releases of information so as to allow the investigator to gather the required information

The investigator shall maintain any information received from any such source as confidential and shall not disclose the same except to report to the court or as the court directs or as law permits.

The investigator shall be notified of any hearings, reviews, investigations, depositions or other proceeding that (s)he is required to attend.

A written report of the investigation shall be provided by the Court Investigator to this Court not less than seven (7) days before trial and the Court will forward copies thereof to counsel of record and self-represented litigants. The investigator shall not render an opinion as to the care of children and may only report the investigator's findings on the issues outlined in this Order.

In order to facilitate the completion of the investigation and the report thereof, the parties shall immediately schedule appointments with the Investigator for themselves and the children and shall keep all appointments scheduled. In addition, the parties shall sign and deliver any requested releases for information presented to them by the Investigator and shall cooperate with the Investigator in order to ensure that the investigation and report are completed expeditiously.

The Investigator shall include the following **NOTICE** in **BOLD** print within the body of their report:

This document is being provided to the Court, unrepresented parties and legal counsel of record. If you are an attorney, you may share its contents with your client. However, any additional disclosure of this report must be approved *in advance* by the Court. Any person who copies this report, posts on social media or other mediums or discloses all or portions of the report to another person, without prior approval, shall be subject to Court action including penalties for contempt which include incarceration and fines.

The Court shall impose sanctions of contempt on any person who disseminates the report in whole or in part, to any individual who has not been pre-approved to receive the report. No individual shall be permitted to place the content of the report on any form of social media.

Finally, the costs and the fees for the investigation and the report thereof shall be paid as follows:

Date Approved

Judge/Magistrate

Approved:

CERTIFICATION

A copy of this order was hand-delivered or mailed to counsel of the parties or to the parties without counsel, Court Investigator, and _____ (ie: DJFS, GAL, etc) this _____ day of _____, 20_____. [Receipt of a copy of this order was waived by the parties and/or counsel.

Effective _____