

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LAWRENCE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Plaintiff(s)

Vs

No. \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ C.A.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant(s)

**PETITION FOR CONTEMPT OF ORDER OF CUSTODY**

AND NOW, (Plaintiff)/(Defendant), \_\_\_\_\_, files a Petition for Contempt of Order of Custody against (Plaintiff)/(Defendant), and in support thereof, avers the following:

1. Plaintiff is \_\_\_\_\_ (Mother/Father) who currently resides at \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Defendant is \_\_\_\_\_ (Mother/Father) who currently resides at \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The parties hereto are the parents of the following minor (child/children) CHILD'S INITIALS ONLY who reside at \_\_\_\_\_.
4. On \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_, the Honorable \_\_\_\_\_, entered an Order of Custody in the Court of Common Pleas of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. A true and correct copy of said Order of Court is marked Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made part hereof.
5. Since the entry of said Order of Court, (Mother/Father) has willfully failed to comply with the custody provisions as required by this Honorable Court, in spite of the fact that (Mother/Father) has been and continues to be physically able to comply with the terms thereof. **Specifically, set forth facts showing willful failure to obey the Order of Custody. Specify Details Here:** \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. (Mother)/(Father) has incurred substantial counsel fees and costs as a result of (Mother's)/(Father's) contempt.
7. (Mother)/(Father) should be responsible for (Mother's)/(Father's) reasonable counsel fees and costs.

WHEREFORE, (Plaintiff)/(Defendant) respectfully requests that this Honorable Court enter an Order adjudicating (Mother)/(Father) in Contempt of Court and (set forth specific requests for relief, i.e., transfer of custody, make-up time with the child/children, counsel fees, costs and expenses, incarceration, etc.)

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Respectfully submitted,

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(Plaintiff)/(Defendant) name

Address

Phone

**VERIFICATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, verify that the statements set forth in the foregoing Petition are true and correct. I understand that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S.A. Section 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

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**NOTICE AND ORDER TO APPEAR**

You, \_\_\_\_\_, (Plaintiff)/(Defendant), have been sued in court.

Legal proceedings have been brought against you alleging you have willfully disobeyed an Order of Court for (custody/partial custody/visitation).

If you wish to defend against the claim(s) set forth in the following pages, you may but are not required to file in writing with the Court your defenses or objections.

Whether or not you file in writing with the Court your defenses or objections, you must appear in person in Court at the LAWRENCE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 430 COURT STREET, NEW CASTLE, PENNSYLVANIA 16101, Courtroom # \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ (day and date) \_\_\_\_\_ M.

IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR IN PERSON, THE COURT MAY ISSUE A WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST.

If the court finds that you have willfully failed to comply with its order for (custody/partial custody/visitation) you may be found to be in contempt of court and committed to jail, fined or both.

YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER (OR CANNOT AFFORD ONE), GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW TO FIND OUT WHERE YOU CAN GET LEGAL HELP.) THIS OFFICE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT HIRING A LAWYER. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE A LAWYER, THIS OFFICE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT AGENCIES THAT MAY OFFER LEGAL SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS AT A REDUCED FEE OR NO FEE.

LAWYER REFERRAL  
LAWRENCE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER  
430 COURT STREET  
NEW CASTLE, PENNSYLVANIA 16101  
724-656-1921

By the Court:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ J.