



CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Date:	Case Number:
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Tribes (Include Tribal Member ID Number, if available):

CC:

Children:	Dates of Birth:
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To Tribal ICWA Agent:

This notice is given in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act, 1978, 25 U.S.C. §1901 et. seq. and Connecticut Public Act (PA) 23-113 (hereinafter "the Acts"), regarding the proceeding as described below:

Nature of Proceeding

1. An Order of Temporary Custody and Neglect Petition (Exhibit A) has been filed on [insert date] on behalf of the above referenced child(ren), with the [insert court name, address, and phone number]
2. The petition may qualify as a "child custody proceeding" as defined in 25 U.S.C. § 1903 and PA 23-113.
3. Based on information and belief, the above-named child(ren) may be an *Indian Child* as defined in 25 U.S.C. §1903(4) in that the minor(s) is/are the biological child(ren) of [insert parent name and DOB] who stated to personnel at the Department of Children and Families, that this parent is of [insert name of federally recognized or Connecticut recognized tribe] heritage.
4. The Petitioner in the above-entitled matter is Vannessa L. Dorantes, LMSW, Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families. Her address is as follows:

Attn: [Insert workers names and email addresses]
Department of Children and Families
[Insert area office address]
5. The Department of Children and Families is represented by the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Connecticut. Their address is as follows:

Attn: [Insert names of AAGs]
Office of the Attorney General, State of Connecticut
[Insert address]
6. This notice is given under 25 U.S.C. § 1901 et. seq. and PA 23-113 in the event that the above-named child(ren) is/are indeed an Indian Child, to enable the tribe to intervene in the proceedings as provided by the Acts if such tribe deems it appropriate, and to exercise any right under the Acts, including the right to move to reopen the

proceedings in a timely fashion. (Conn. Gen. Stat § 52-212 (1999) provides that judgments may be reopened within four months.) You may request an additional twenty (20) days to prepare for the hearing.

- 7. The next scheduled court date is on **[Insert date and time]** at the [insert court name and address]
- 8. You are also advised that the parents, any Indian custodian of the children, and/or the tribe may petition the Superior Court for Juvenile Matters to transfer this case to the tribal court if the child(ren) are of Indian heritage.
- 9. The proceedings before the Court are confidential. Any information relative to it may not be revealed without the express permission of the Court to anyone who does not need the information in order to exercise the tribe's right under the Act.
- 10. The potential consequences of this proceeding are: commitment.
- 11. If the parent or Indian Custodian of the child(ren) cannot afford an attorney, one will be appointed for them upon application to the Juvenile Court.
- 12. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Court, Counsel of record for the petitioner, the undersigned, or the Department's Attorney [Insert attorney name and phone number]

Signature:	Date:
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Paralegal Name, Paralegal Specialist	Address DCF	cell / office numbers
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CC: (Letter only)

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

Attorney for Mother:

Attorney for Father:

Attorney for the Minor Child:

Assistant Attorney General:

Social Worker: