

IN THE INTEREST
OF THE MINOR CHILD(REN)

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:

NUMBER _____
JUVENILE COURT
CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA

PETITION FOR VOLUNTARY TRANSFER OF CUSTODY

The petition of _____ (all legal custodians of the child unless otherwise indicated in Paragraph III of the petition), domiciled in the parish of _____, respectfully represent(s):

1.

That petitioner(s) reside at the following address(es): _____

_____.

2.

That petitioner(s) is/are related to the minor child as _____.
(mother, father, grandparent,...)

As indicated on the **CERTIFIED COPY** of the child(ren)'s **BIRTH CERTIFICATE(S) attached hereto.**

3.

The minor child(ren) at issue in these proceedings is/are:

_____ Name	_____ DOB
_____ Name	_____ DOB
_____ Name	_____ DOB
_____ Name	_____ DOB

4.

The name and address of the **mother** of the child(ren):

Name

Address

5.

The name and address of the **father** of the child(ren):

Name

Address

6.

The name and address of all **other legal custodians** of the child(ren):

Name

Address

Name

Address

7.

Is there any **judgment** awarding legal custody of the minor child(ren) to any person?

_____ yes _____ no

8.

If yes (question 7), please provide the following information:

Name of court where proceedings filed: _____

Date of Judgment: _____

Terms of Custody Judgment: _____

As indicated in **JUDGMENT attached hereto**.

9.

That a () mother () father () legal custodian, namely _____
Name and relationship

_____ is unable to join in this petition for the

following reasons: _____

10.

That petitioner(s) desire(s) to knowingly and voluntarily transfer custody of the above
named children to _____,

which individual(s), institution or agency reside(s) at the following address: _____

and who have the following relationship(s) with the children: _____

11.

That petitioner(s) desire(s) to transfer ___ physical custody **OR** ___ legal custody (**indicate one**) for the period of time _____

_____ (**specify intended duration**) in accordance with the following terms and conditions: _____

(may include provisions for support and/or visitation).

12.

That petitioner(s) desire(s) this transfer of custody for the following reasons:

_____.

13.

Has the Department of Children and Families, Office of Community Service, or Child Protective Services recommended to you that this petition be filed?

Yes

No

14.

If yes (question 13), state that name of the Department of Children and Family Services worker making the recommendation and the reason(s) from the recommendation with particularity.

Name: _____

Reason: _____

15.

If the Department of Children and Families has recommended that this petition be filed, you have a right to counsel. Have you consulted with an attorney?

Yes

No

16.

That _____ has/have agreed to and does/do desire to accept custody of the child(ren) to the extent and under the terms and conditions stated in this petition, as more fully appears in the attached **AFFIDAVIT OF ACCEPTANCE attached hereto.**

17.

The Petitioner _____ does _____ does not desire that an attorney at law be appointed as **CURATOR** to represent _____ who is/are an absentee and/or unknown parents/legal custodian.

WHEREFORE, petitioner(s) pray(s) that after hearing, there be judgment herein transferring custody of the children _____, to _____, to the extent, and under the terms and conditions set forth in this petition.

*******IF IN PROPER PERSON, PETITION SHOULD BE SIGNED IN PRESENCE OF A NOTARY.**

Signature of Petitioner(s) or Counsel for Petitioner(s)

Address of Petitioner(s) or Counsel for Petitioner(s)

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME on this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

NOTARY PUBLIC

***REQUIRED ATTACHMENT:**

- (1) **Certified copy of birth certificate for each child Petitioner seeks to transfer.**
- (2) **Copy of any prior judgments awarding custody of the minor child(ren).**

PLEASE SERVE:

___ Father (name and address):

___ Mother (name and address)

___ New Custodian (name and address):

___ Department of Children and Families
(name and address):
1525 Fairfield Avenue, Room 424
Shreveport, Louisiana 71101

___ Attorney for parents (name and address):

**(Service only required if petitioner
answered yes in Paragraph 13)**

___ Attorney for Children
(name and address)

AFFIDAVIT OF VERIFICATION

STATE OF LOUISIANA:

PARISH OF CADDO:

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public duly commissioned, qualified and acting in and for State and Parish aforesaid, personally came and appeared :

_____, who, after first being duly sworn, did depose and state:

Affiant is the petitioner in the foregoing petition and that he has read all of the allegations of fact contained therein and that all of the allegations contained in this petition are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

AFFIANT

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED TO before me, a Notary Public, on this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

NOTARY PUBLIC

*******TO BE SIGNED IN PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC**

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AFFIDAVIT OF ACCEPTANCE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public, personally came and appeared:
_____, individual(s) **OR** a representative of
_____ (name of agency or institution) who, being first
duly sworn, did depose and state:

That affiant is a person of the full age of majority and resides at
_____ (address of individual(s), agency, or institution) in
_____ Parish, Louisiana.

That affiant does knowingly and voluntarily accept ___ physical custody **OR** ___ legal
custody (**indicate one**) of the person of the child(ren) of _____

_____ (name(s) of child(ren) for the period of time

(specify
intended period in accordance with the following terms and
conditions: _____

(may include provisions for support and/or visitation).

AFFIANT

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME on this the ____ day of
_____, 20____.

Notary Public

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O R D E R

CONSIDERING THE FOREGOING PETITION:

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- A. This matter be set for hearing on the ____ day of _____, 20____, at _____ .m. in Section ____ of Caddo Parish Juvenile Court, 1835 Spring Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.
- B. _____ is appointed as curator to represent the absent _____ and a copy of the petition be served on this person through appointed counsel.
- C. _____ is appointed to represent the minor child(ren) _____ and a copy of the petition be served through appointed counsel.
- D. **IF DCFS IS INVOLVED**, _____ is appointed to represent mother and _____ is appointed to represent father in accordance of La Ch C arts. 1517 (a) and (e), 607, and 608.
- E. _____, Licensed Social Worker shall be notified by a certified copy of the petition and all exhibits.
- F. _____ shall investigate the proposed placement and submit a home study of its findings to the Court pursuant to LSA-Ch. C. Art 1518, not later than the ____ day of _____, 20____; and the cost of the home study shall be placed upon mover.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in Chambers, on this the ____ day of _____, 20____, in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

 J U D G E

*Birth certificate attached	*Custody Judgment attached
____ Yes	____ Yes
____ No	____ No
	____ N/A

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J U D G M E N T

THIS MATTER comes on this day for hearing on the issue of a Voluntary Transfer of custody of the minor child(ren), _____ to _____ the accepting parties, _____ present in person; the petitioner(s), _____ present in person; the Curator Ad Hoc (if necessary), _____, present in person on behalf of the absentee parent/custodian, _____. Other persons present and their relationship to child(ren): _____. It appearing to the court that all parties necessary for this adjudication are present in person or through counsel; and further finding the law and evidence to be in favor hereof, for reasons this day orally assigned;

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that:

- A. The transfer of custody of the minor child(ren), _____, from the petitioner(s), to the acceptor(s) of custody, _____, is made knowingly and voluntarily.
- B. There is a factual basis to support the purpose stated in Paragraph 6 of the PETITION FOR VOLUNATRY TRANSFER OF CUSTODY attached hereto.
- C. The parties have been fully advised and understand the nature of this transfer of custody and the respective rights of the parties, in accordance with Paragraph 5 of the PETITION FOR VOLUNTARY TRANSFER OF CUSTODY attached hereto.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that this Court finds as fact that this transfer of custody is in the best interest of the children named herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the rights are reserved of any parent or legal custodian upon whom service was not obtained and for whom no curator was appointed.

RENDERED AND SIGNED in Open Court in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, this ____ day of _____, 20____.

JUDGE