

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF COLUMBIA COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

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IN RE: NOAH BENTLEY, minor child

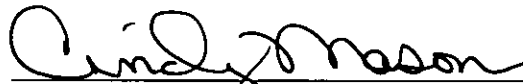
CINDY MASON CLERK  
COLUMBIA COUNTY GEORGIA

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN and  
HALEY ANNE BENTLEY, Residence and Whereabouts Unknown

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action which seeks the termination of the parental rights of HALEY ANNE BENTLEY as to the minor child, NOAH BENTLEY, was filed against you in said Court on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023, and that by reason of an Order for service by publication entered by the Court on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023, you are hereby COMMANDED AND REQUIRED to file with the Clerk of the Juvenile Court and serve upon Travers W. Chance, Petitioners' attorney, whose address is 601 North Belair Square, Suite 13, Evans, Georgia 30809, an answer to the Complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order for Service by Publication and to appear before the Juvenile Court of Columbia County, Georgia in the Judge's Courtroom at 7045 Evans Town Center Boulevard, Evans, Georgia, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. The effect of the termination Order requested shall be to terminate the parental rights and obligations of HALEY ANNE BENTLEY with respect to the minor child, NOAH BENTLEY, and of the child to HER arising out of the parental relationship, including rights of inheritance. The Petitioners, AUTUMN and ZACHARY BRADFORD, have physical custody of said child. A copy of the above-styled petition for Termination of Parental Rights may be obtained from the Clerk of Juvenile Court of Columbia County, Georgia, Columbia County Courthouse, 640 Ronald Reagan Drive, Evans, Georgia 30809. WITNESS the HONORABLE CHARLES E. EVANS, Judge of said Court.

THIS 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.



Clerk of Juvenile Court  
Columbia County Juvenile Court

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA  
STATE OF GEORGIA  
CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 8023J0052

IN THE INTEREST OF :

NOAH BENTLEY

SEX: MALE

DOB: 08/18/2020

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## NOTICE OF EFFECT OF TERMINATION JUDGMENT

**To: James Merritt**

Georgia law provides that you can permanently lose your rights as a parent. A petition to Terminate Parental rights has been filed requesting the court to terminate your parental rights to your child. A copy of the petition to terminate parental rights is attached to this notice. A court hearing for your case has been scheduled for the **9th** day of **October, 2023** at **2:00 p.m.**, at the Juvenile Court of Columbia County, Georgia, located at 7045 Evans Town Center Boulevard, Evans, Georgia 30809.

If you fail to appear, the court can terminate your rights in your absence. If the court at the trial finds that the facts set out in the petition to terminate parental rights are true and that termination of your rights will serve the best interests of your child, the court can enter a judgment ending your rights to your child. If the judgment terminates your parental rights, you will no longer have any rights to your child. This means that you will not have the right to visit, contact or have custody of your child or make any decisions affecting your child or your child's earnings or property. Your child will be legally freed to be adopted by someone else.

Even if your parental rights are terminated: (1) You will still be responsible for providing financial support (child support payments) for your child's care unless and until your child is adopted; and (2) Your child can still inherit from you unless and until your child is adopted. This is a very serious matter. You should contact an attorney immediately so that you can be prepared

for the court hearing. You have the right to hire an attorney and to have him or her represent you. If you cannot afford to hire an attorney, the court will appoint an attorney if the court finds that you are an indigent person. Whether or not you decide to hire an attorney, you have the right to attend the hearing of your case, to call witnesses on your behalf, and to question those witnesses brought against you. If you have any questions concerning this notice, you may call the telephone number of the clerk's office of Columbia County, Georgia which is 706-312-7139.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that I, Travers W. Chance, have this day, prior to filing, served a copy of the within and foregoing NOTICE OF EFFECT OF TERMINATION JUDGMENT upon the Respondent by U.S. Mail with appropriate postage to:

James Merritt  
GDCID# 1000295834  
1941 Phinizy Road  
Augusta, Georgia 30906

This 26 day of July, 2023.

  
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