

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF MCNAIRY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

**STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

PETITIONER

vs.

**NO: 2026-JV-24
NOTICE OF ENTRY REQUIRED**

**CYNTHIA STONE
MELVIN COLLINS**

RESPONDENTS

**IN THE MATTER OF:
CAMERON COLLINS, DOB: 10/08/2014
A CHILD UNDER EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE**

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

It appearing to the Court from the allegations of the Petition, Motion for Publication and the Affidavits of Diligent Search that the whereabouts of the father, Melvin Collins, is unknown and cannot be ascertained by diligent search; therefore, the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon Melvin Collins. It is ORDERED that Melvin Collins be served by publication with the following notice to be inserted in each publication one (1) time per week for four (4) consecutive weeks. Publication shall run in a physical newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the father, Melvin Collins, was last known to reside.

It is further ORDERED that if Melvin Collins does not enter an appearance or otherwise answer the Petition, further personal service or service by further publication shall be dispensed with and service of any future notices, motions, orders or other legal documents in this matter may be made upon Melvin Collins by filing same with the Juvenile Court Clerk of McNairy County, Tennessee.

NOTICE TO:

Melvin Collins, the State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a PETITION TO ADJUDICATE DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT AND FOR TEMPORARY LEGAL CUSTODY AND FOR EX PARTE ORDER in regards to the minor child, CAMERON COLLINS, born on OCTOBER 8, 2014; it further appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts are unknown. You are hereby **ORDERED** to appear in the Juvenile Court of McNairy County, Tennessee located at 300 Industrial Park Drive, Selmer, Tennessee, on the **14TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.** to personally answer the Petition. Failing to appear for the hearing on this date and time, without good cause, pursuant to the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure and the Tennessee Rules of Juvenile Practice and Procedure, will result in the loss of your right to contest the Petition. You may view and obtain a copy of the Petition and any other subsequently filed legal documents at the McNairy County Juvenile Court Clerk's Office.

ENTERED THIS 20th day of July, 2026.

JUDGE VAN MCMAHAN

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