

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT – FAMILY DIVISION OAKLAND COUNTY	ORDER TERMINATING RIGHTS OF FATHER WITHOUT RELEASE OR CONSENT	FILE NO.
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In the matter of _____, adoptee
 Full name of child _____ Date of birth _____

1. Date of hearing: _____ Judge: _____ Bar no. _____

2. A petition has been filed to determine the identity of the father and to determine or terminate his parental rights to the child named above, born out of wedlock on _____ to _____
 Date Mother

- who has executed or purposes to execute a release or consent relinquishing her parental rights to the child.
- who has joined with her husband in a petition for adoption.

3. Notice of this hearing has been given or waived as required by law.

4. The court has received evidence as to the identity and whereabouts of the father.

5. The adoptee is an Indian child as defined in MCR 3.002(5) and the court has considered the application of the Indian Child Welfare Act in this matter.

THE COURT FINDS that: (if identity of father is known, check 6. If father is not known, check 8.)

6. The father of the child, born out of wedlock, is _____.
 (check one)

- a. He submitted a verified affirmation of his paternity and a denial of his interest in custody of the child.
- b. He filed a disclaimer of paternity.
- c. He was served with a notice of intent to release or consent at least 30 days before the expected date of confinement specified in that notice but failed to file an intent to claim paternity either before the expected date of confinement or before the birth of the child.
- d. He was given proper notice of this hearing and failed to appear.
- e. He cannot be located after reasonable effort was made. He has not provided support for the mother, has not shown any interest in the child, and has not made provision for the child's care for at least 90 days preceding this hearing.
- f. He appeared and requested custody of the child. The father has not established any custodial relationship with the child or did not provide any support or care for the mother during pregnancy or for either the mother or child after the child's birth. The court inquired into the fitness and the ability of the father to properly care for the child. It would not be in the best interest of the child to grant custody to the father.

7. The mother was married to _____ for part or all of the time from the conception to the date of birth of the child. He is not the father of the child.

8. The identity of the father cannot be determined after reasonable efforts was made. He has not made provision for the child's care and did not provide support for the mother during her pregnancy or during her confinement.

IT IS ORDERED that the parental rights of _____ are terminated.

 Date

 Judge

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