

IN THE YOUTH COURT OF _____ COUNTY,
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

In the Interest of _____, a Child

Cause No.: _____ Youth Court
File No.: _____

PETITION TO TAKE CHILD INTO CUSTODY
(Abuse and neglect)

The State of Mississippi, by and through the undersigned Petitioner, files this Petition to take into custody _____, a Child, whose address is _____
(if unknown, designate the child by any name or description that identifies the child with reasonable certainty), and whose age is _____ (if unknown, specify that the child is believed to be of an age subject to the jurisdiction of the Youth Court), for reasons that custody is necessary because

___ the Child is endangered or another person would be endangered by the Child;
___ to insure the Child's attendance in court at such time as required;
___ a parent, guardian or custodian is not available to provide for the Child's care and supervision;

and that

___ reasonable efforts have been made to maintain the child within the Child's own home, but that circumstances warrant the Child's removal;
___ the circumstances are of such an emergency nature that no reasonable efforts have been made to maintain the Child within the Child's own home;

the same being supported by facts and circumstances as set forth below or attached hereto:

Specify facts and circumstances and/or attach 'Report of Child in Need of Supervision' or 'Report of Abuse and Neglect' _____;

that there is no reasonable alternative to custody; and that taking the child into custody would be in the State's and the Child's best interest;

WHEREFORE, the State prays that the Court issue an Order for the Sheriff of _____, County, Mississippi to take into custody the Child, and that same Child

___ be brought immediately before the Court;
___ be taken to _____, a shelter placement to be held pending review of the Court's order.

Petitioner

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Youth Court Clerk