

INTENTION TO PURSUE OR WITHDRAW COMPLAINT FOR RELIEF FROM ABUSE PURSUANT TO 15 V.S.A. §1103

SUPERIOR COURT

STATE OF VERMONT FAMILY DIVISION

Unit

Docket No.

Plaintiff's Name, Defendant's Name, DOB, Defendant's Street Address, City, State, Zip

I understand my request for emergency relief has been denied. I hereby withdraw my request for final abuse order sought under 15 V.S.A. §1103.

OR

In spite of the fact that my request for emergency relief was denied, I intend to pursue my request for final abuse order under 15 V.S.A. §1103. I request a hearing be set.

Plaintiff's Signature, Date

A HEARING will be held at: Name and Street Address of Court

on (date) at (time) AM/PM

Clerk

RETURN OF SERVICE

Vermont Superior Court Family Division, County, Docket Number

Plaintiff vs. Defendant

On (date) at AM/PM I personally served this Denial, Complaint, Intent to Pursue or Withdraw & Affidavit upon:

Name of Person by

Name, Title, & Agency of Serving Officer - PLEASE PRINT, Signature, Date

Fees: Service = \$, Total = \$, Acceptance of Service: Name of Defendant, hereby accept service of this Order, Defendant's Signature, Date, Time AM/PM

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"IMPORTANT NOTICES"

**INFORMATION FOR PLAINTIFF AND DEFENDANT
ABOUT REPRESENTATION BY AN ATTORNEY**

Although you may represent yourself at any hearing during these proceedings, you may wish to consult with or be represented by an attorney. If you hire an attorney to represent you, your attorney is required to tell the court and the other party that they will be representing you. Both parties have the right to receive "notice" before any hearing that the opposing party will be represented by an attorney. The Family Court Rule requires that such notice must be given to the opposing party or their attorney in person, by telephone, or in writing and it must be given far enough in advance of the hearing to permit them to hire an attorney too. If you do not provide such notice to the opposing party, and if the party without an attorney asks, the court will postpone the hearing for a reasonable time to allow the unrepresented party to obtain an attorney.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR DEFENDANT

At the hearing to be held on the date and time specified on the face of this notice, the court will decide on whether to issue or deny a final order. After the hearing, an order may be issued, which may remain in effect as long as the judge decides, concerning relief from abuse, possession of the home and custody of the children. If you fail to appear at the hearing, an order may be issued against you granting the plaintiff's requests for relief as the court deems appropriate.