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| Attorney for New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency |  |
| By: |   |
|  | Deputy Attorney General |
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|  | Superior Court of New Jersey  |
|  | Chancery Division - Family Part |
| **New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency**, | County of | - Select County -  |  |
| Docket Number: | FN -  |
|  | Plaintiff, | NJSpirit Case Number: |   |
| v. |  |  |
|  | **Civil Action****Order to Show Causefor Investigation** |
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|  |  | Defendant, |
| NJSpirit Participant Number:  |
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This matter, having been brought before the court on , 20 , pursuant to
*N.J.S.A.* 30:4C-12 and *R.* 5:12-1, *et seq*., by the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (the Division), Deputy Attorney General , appearing, and in the presence of:

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| the child |   | [ ]  appearing / [ ]  not appearing, [ ]  spoken language interpreter required language:  represented by |
| Law Guardian |   | , [ ]  appearing / [ ]  not appearing |

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| the child |   | [ ]  appearing / [ ]  not appearing, [ ]  spoken language interpreter required language:  represented by |
| Law Guardian |   | , [ ]  appearing / [ ]  not appearing |

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| Defendant |   | [ ]  appearing / [ ]  not appearing,  |
|  |  | [ ]  notified / [ ]  not notified[ ]  complaint served / [ ]  complaint not served,  |
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| Division Caseworker/Supervisor |   | [ ]  appearing / [ ]  not appearing |
| Division Phone number |   | ext.:  |
| Court Appointed Special Advocate |   | [ ]  appearing / [ ]  not appearing |

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| Other:  |   |   | [ ]  appearing / [ ]  not appearing |

The court has read the verified complaint, affidavits and other supporting documents, and has heard the testimony of and .

The court has determined that an allegation regarding the health, safety and welfare of the child has been made and the defendants have failed to cooperate with said investigation by
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It appears that the best interests of the above-named child(ren) require entry of this Order, and for other good cause shown,

**It is on this day of**   **, 20 , Ordered that:**

**1.** [ ]  Defendant(s) show cause before the Superior Court, Family Part of - Select County - County on the day of , 20 , at   , why an Order should not be entered authorizing the Division to investigate the circumstances of alleged abuse/neglect and directing the defendant(s) to cooperate with the Division in its investigation. The Defendant(s) shall:

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**OR**

[ ]  The relief sought by the Division is denied, and complaint to investigate is dismissed.

**2.** A true copy of the order and supporting documents, if any, be served upon the defendant(s), by the sheriff or such other person as the Division shall designate within days of entry of the order in accordance with *R*. 4:4-4.

**3. Representation**

[ ]  a. The Office of the Public Defender, Office of Law Guardian, is assigned as law guardian for the child(ren). The Division and the Law Guardian are entitled to immediate access to and copies of all educational or early intervention program information and records pertaining to the child(ren) who are the subject of this order without further release. The Law Guardian for the child(ren) is entitled and permitted to have access to and to obtain copies of all records, including but not limited to, medical, mental health, school, drug or alcohol treatment and other records and/or information concerning his/her client, and shall have access to the children at their home, resource family home, school or day care center or treatment facility, and shall be entitled to speak to the children and/or service providers, privately, outside the presence of parents, resource family or school personnel without further release.

[ ]  b. The defendant(s) shall have a right to be represented by counsel of their own choosing, or if they are unable to afford counsel, then to make application to the court for appointment of counsel through the Office of the Public Defender by completion of the Appointment of Counsel form.

**4. It is further ordered that**

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All parties having an interest in this matter may move for dissolution or modification of this Order upon two (2) days’ notice to all parties.

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|  |  , J.S.C. |

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**The defendant shall have the right to be represented by counsel.**

**These proceedings are confidential. The disclosure of any records, reports or information is strictly prohibited and subject to the penalties of *N.J.S.A.* 9:6-8.10b.**

**The failure of the defendant(s) to comply with any provision of this order or their continuing failure to appear may result in the division filing a complaint seeking custody, care or supervision of the children of defendant(s).**

**Attorneys and parties must review the form of order prior to conclusion of the proceeding. Any changes to this order shall be made pursuant to R. 1:13-1.**