

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
FILE NUMBER _____ CVD _____

Plaintiff

V

Order for Joint Custody

Defendant

This cause coming on for hearing before the undersigned District Court Judge presiding over the Civil Domestic session on _____, 20__ upon a request for custody and/or visitation.

The Plaintiff was/ was not present and was not represented by counsel, and the Defendant was/was not present and was not represented by counsel.

The Court, after reviewing the court file, affidavits and evidence offered by the parties and hearing the arguments of the parties, makes the following findings:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Plaintiff is a citizen and resident of _____ County, _____ . And the Defendant is a citizen and resident of _____ County, _____ .
 2. The parties are the parents of the following listed child(ren):
(include date of birth)
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3. The affidavit as to the status of the minor child(ren), attached to the complaint, is incorporated into this judgment. The minor child(ren) have lived in the state of

North Carolina for more than six months prior to the filing of this action and North Carolina is the home state of the minor child(ren)

4. The Plaintiff is / is not employed at _____ and his/her work hours are from _____ to _____, _____. During work hours, the minor child is in daycare at _____ or stays with _____.

The Plaintiff is/ is not currently married to _____ and has the following other children _____ who do/do not reside in the home.

5. The Defendant is / is not employed at _____ and his/ her work hours are from _____ to _____, _____. During work hours, the minor child is in daycare at _____ or stays with _____.

The Plaintiff is / is not currently married to _____ and has the following other children _____ who do/ do not reside in the home.

6. The Plaintiff's relationship with the minor child(ren) is as follows:

7. The Defendant's relationship with the minor child(ren) is as follows:

8. Plaintiff has the ability to properly promote the physical, emotional and psychological welfare of the children.
 9. Defendant has the ability to properly promote the physical, emotional and psychological welfare of the children.
 10. Other _____
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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing findings of fact, the Court concludes as a matter of law that:

1. North Carolina is the home state of the minor child(ren) and the Court has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter of this action.
2. The Plaintiff and the Defendant are fit and proper persons to have custody of the minor child(ren) and it is in the best interests of the minor child(ren) that joint custody be awarded to the Plaintiff and the Defendant.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

1. The Plaintiff and Defendant shall have joint legal custody of the minor child(ren) with the _____ Plaintiff _____ Defendant having primary physical custody and the _____ Plaintiff _____ Defendant have secondary physical custody.
2. Secondary custody shall include the following:

Weekend visitation from _____ pm on _____ until _____ pm on _____ every _____ every other weekend beginning _____.

Christmas holiday _____

Thanksgiving holiday _____

Spring Break holiday _____

Summer holiday _____

Other _____

3. Exchange of the minor child(ren) shall occur at _____

4. The Plaintiff and Defendant shall each provide to the other party a current address and phone number and notice of any change of the address and/or phone number. Each party may maintain regular phone contact with the minor child(ren) but no phone call shall be made to the child(ren) between the hours of 9:00pm and 7:00am.
5. The Plaintiff and Defendant shall each have full and complete access to the school and medical records of the minor child(ren). Each shall have the right to converse with the medical providers, counselors, teachers, and other school personnel of the minor child(ren).
6. Each party shall have the right to authorize medical treatment for the minor child(ren). Each party shall keep the other informed of the general health and well-being of the minor child(ren), to include illnesses, medical treatments, and

appointments. Each shall notify the other as soon as possible of any hospitalizations.

7. Each party shall have the right to attend parent-teacher conferences and other events at the school or extra-curricular activities of the minor child(ren) and the parties shall keep each other notified and informed of these events and activities.
8. The primary custodial parent shall provide to the secondary custodial parent the web address of the child(ren)'s school so that the secondary custodial parent may access the school schedule and activities. The primary custodial parent shall provide the secondary custodial parent a copy of the child(ren)'s report card(s) within five days of receiving them and information about school pictures in a timely manner.
9. Any plans, arrangements, or disagreements that may arise between the parties, in regard to the minor child(ren), will be discussed between the parties and not in the presence of the minor child(ren). Both parents shall refrain from making any disparaging remarks about the other parent to or in the presence of the minor child(ren). Both parents shall discourage others from making disparaging remarks about the other parent to or in the presence of the minor child(ren).
10. The Cumberland County Sheriff, his deputies, and other appropriate law enforcement officials, are ordered and directed to assist the parties, in any way, to peacefully enforce the provisions of this order.
11. This Court retains jurisdiction to enter any further orders necessary to enforce or modify this order.

This the _____ day of _____, 20__.

District Court Judge