

**CHILD ABDUCTION SECTION  
REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION**

**QUESTIONNAIRE**

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
CHILD ABDUCTION SECTION  
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## NOTICE

The Child Abduction Unit of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office exists to (1) aid Los Angeles County parents who have had children abducted, (2) to prosecute those who have violated child abduction criminal laws in appropriate cases, and (3) to enforce orders on behalf of the Los Angeles Superior Court pursuant to our duties under Family Code sections 3130/3131.

At no time does the District Attorney represent you. You are a victim and/or a witness. In criminal matters the District Attorney represents the People of the State of California. Under our civil, Family Code duties, the District Attorney acts as an aid to the Superior Court and does not represent anyone.

Since we do not represent you, there is no attorney-client relationship. Therefore, any information you provide the District Attorney's Office is not confidential and may be subject to disclosure pursuant to court rules or at the discretion of the staff of the District Attorney's Office. Your address and telephone number will not be released to the other parent without your authorization. The other party's address will not be released to you without their authorization or by order of the court.

**IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A COURT ORDER REQUIRING SERVICE OR A COURT ORDER FOR CUSTODY/VISITATION, YOU MUST OBTAIN ONE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** Assistance is available at the RESOURCE CENTER, ROOM 426, 111 N. Hill St., (213) 893-9754. If you have a ongoing visitation problem and a valid court order, you must bring the problem before the Court (Order to Show Cause re: Contempt) before the District Attorney's Office can consider handling your case. If you have an order which states "reasonable visitation," you must petition the Court to specify your visitation right, otherwise, the court order is unenforceable. If you and the other party have verbally changed the terms of the order, you may need to go back into court for a new order. In order to bring any action before the Court, you must file the proper documents. The District Attorney is not a private attorney and cannot file papers for you. There are several way to file: hire an attorney, contact legal assistance organizations (they will advise you whether they will be able to help you) and/or file the documents yourself.

**Once the District Attorney initiates a case, the decision on how to proceed and resolve that case is within the sole discretion of the office of the District Attorney.** If prosecution is pursued, and the suspect is convicted, you as the victim/witness have a right to address the sentencing Judge by giving statements to the probation officer prior to sentencing of the suspect. You also can make a statement at the time of sentencing.

Your case will be handled by a qualified Investigator who is a peace officer of the State of California. The Investigator who is assigned to your case may not be the same Investigator who took the initial report.

The first priority of this office is the location and return of those children who have been abducted and to protect those children.

The questionnaire you file with the District Attorney's Office is a POLICE REPORT. Every person who reports to the District Attorney's Investigator or other police officer that a crime has been committed (in this case, parental child abduction) and knows the report to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor and can be prosecuted (Sec. 148.5 Penal Code). Further, you are declaring UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY that the information is true and correct. (Sec. 118 Penal Code).

There are civil penalties, levied by the Superior Court, for filing false information on documents filed with the court. The maximum fine for those penalties is \$1000.

I have read and understand the above notice

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Victim parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

**STATEMENT OF INTENT:**

Are you willing to appear at all court hearings necessary regarding this issue? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to appear at all investigative interviews necessary regarding this issue? \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Victim parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness



**FACTS OF YOUR CASE:**

Is this an abduction situation? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, describe the circumstance surrounding the abduction. (i.e., how was the suspect able to take the child(ren), from where & on what date was the child(ren) taken, etc.):

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Was this abduction reported to any other agency? \_\_\_\_\_

If so: Which Agency? \_\_\_\_\_

When was it reported? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the suspect have assistance from anyone else in taking the child(ren)? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, give names & addresses of all such persons & describe how they assisted: \_\_\_\_\_

Date you last had contact with suspect: \_\_\_\_\_

How and where was this last contact made?: \_\_\_\_\_

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How, where, & on what date was the last contact with the child(ren) made?: \_\_\_\_\_

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**COURT ORDER INFORMATION**

Type of court order (divorce, temporary restraining order, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of court order: \_\_\_\_\_

County/State where filed: \_\_\_\_\_ Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Any other court order: \_\_\_\_\_ Any court action pending: \_\_\_\_\_

Which court: \_\_\_\_\_ County/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of action pending: \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney for victim parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Were you and the suspect previously living together? \_\_\_\_\_

During what time? \_\_\_\_\_ Were you married: \_\_\_\_\_ When: \_\_\_\_\_ Where: \_\_\_\_\_

Who initiated the separation and why: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever or are you now being counseled by Family Court Services?: \_\_\_\_\_

If so, who is the counselor?: \_\_\_\_\_

Who is ordered to pay child support?: \_\_\_\_\_

When was the last payment made: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you denied visitation or custody to the suspect?: \_\_\_\_\_ Why: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever received or refused correspondence from the suspect since the separation? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, why? \_\_\_\_\_

Have there been incidents of violence or abuse between you and the suspect: \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_





Last known home telephone number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Other states suspect has frequented or lived & when \_\_\_\_\_

Last known employer & address \_\_\_\_\_

Last known employer's telephone number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Name & address of union: \_\_\_\_\_ Local # \_\_\_\_\_

Is suspect receiving or has suspect ever received SSI, VA Benefits or disability benefits? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what type of benefit, when, & in what county & state: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the suspect receiving or ever received welfare, AFDC, Food Stamps, or similar benefits? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what type of benefit, when, & in what county & state: \_\_\_\_\_

Is suspect disabled? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of work does the suspect normally do? \_\_\_\_\_

Has suspect ever been arrested? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, for what, when & in what city/county was suspect arrested?

Does suspect have a violent temper? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the suspect own or regularly carry a weapon of any kind? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Does suspect have any habits or hobbies that would help us locate him/her? (Does he/she drink at a certain bar, frequent a certain restaurant, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Does suspect have a history of any physical or mental problem that would be a danger to child(ren)'s health or welfare? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a police or medical record on file regarding this problem? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, with what agency? \_\_\_\_\_ Date of report: \_\_\_\_\_

Can anyone testify to this behavior? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, give name and address of such persons: \_\_\_\_\_

Does suspect have a life insurance policy? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, with what company? \_\_\_\_\_

If suspect and children have left the county, how did suspect travel? (airplane, car, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Is suspect a member of any church? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, name & address of church: \_\_\_\_\_

Is suspect a member of any organizations? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, name & address of organizations: \_\_\_\_\_

Does suspect have any bank accounts? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, name of bank(s) and account number(s)(if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Does suspect have any credit cards? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes name of cards and account numbers (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the following information regarding the suspect's family (including brothers and sisters whether natural, step, or half) and friends. Indicate those that will help suspect and those that won't.

Full Name	Age & date of birth	Address	Phone #	Relationship
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Which of these family and/or friends do you think would assist suspect in this case? \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of suspect's current spouse, live in boyfriend/girlfriend and provide general information regarding this person (date of birth, physical description, employer, arrest record, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

If suspect left the area, where do you think he/she would go? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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Name, address and telephone number of attorney representing suspect in this matter: \_\_\_\_\_

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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The following information is needed solely to anticipate a possible defense by the suspect in court.

If you currently have a visitation order, how regularly have you visited the child(ren) in the past? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever been arrested: \_\_\_\_\_ Where: \_\_\_\_\_ When: \_\_\_\_\_

Charges: \_\_\_\_\_ Disposition/outcome: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been charged with a crime against a child (abuse, abandonment, molestation/assault)? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please describe the incident(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever had a physical or mental defect that could affect your ability to care for the child(ren)? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

What reason do you think suspect will give for his/her action in this case? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

IS THERE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE FACTS OF THE CASE, THE SUSPECT, OR THE CHILD(REN) INVOLVED THAT YOU FEEL WOULD BE HELPFUL AT THIS TIME? \_\_\_\_\_

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**IF YOU MOVE, OBTAIN CUSTODY OF THE CHILDREN, OR DECIDE YOU DO NOT WANT THE ASSISTANCE OF THIS OFFICE, YOU MUST NOTIFY THE CHILD ABDUCTION UNIT IMMEDIATELY.**

**ATTACH PHOTOGRAPH OF SUSPECT AND MINOR CHILD(REN)**

Reviewing investigator's signature: \_\_\_\_\_