

WARNING: Talk to an attorney before signing this form, if you have any questions about this case or your legal rights. This is a complicated area of the law. It is important that you talk to a lawyer who can explain your legal rights. Without the advice and help of an attorney, you may be putting your rights at risk. To get a referral to an attorney, or if you are poor to the nearest Legal Aid Office, call the State Bar of Texas Lawyer Referral Information Service at 1-800-252-9690. If you are a victim of domestic violence, or if at any time you feel unsafe, you can get confidential help from the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 or legal help from the Texas Advocacy Project Family Violence Legal Line at 1-800-374-4673.

(Print court information exactly as it appears on the Petition to Terminate the Parent-Child Relationship Based on Mistaken Paternity.)

Cause Number: _____

In the interest of

In the _____
Court Number

_____,
First, Middle and Last Name of the Child

District Court County Court of:

a child.

_____ County, Texas

Respondent's Waiver of Service Only (Specific Waiver)

INSTRUCTIONS to Respondent: Talk to an attorney if you have questions. If you decide to use this form:

- Do not sign this form until **at least one day after** the *Original Petition to Terminate the Parent-Child Relationship Based on Mistaken Paternity* has been filed (turned in to the court). If you sign this form before then, you will have to redo it. The official court stamp on your copy of the *Petition* will tell you when it was filed.
- Fill out the *Waiver of Service* completely. You **MUST** include your address.
- Sign the *Waiver of Service* in front of a notary.
- Give the *Waiver of Service* to the Petitioner or file it in the clerk's office.

The person who signed this affidavit appeared, in person, before me, the undersigned notary, and stated under oath:

"My name is: _____
First Middle Last

"I am a Respondent in this case to terminate the parent-child relationship based on mistaken paternity. And, I am:

Check all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> the child's mother | <input type="checkbox"/> a person who has court-ordered visitation rights with the child |
| <input type="checkbox"/> an alleged father of the child | <input type="checkbox"/> a person who is required by law or court order to pay child support for the child |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a managing conservator of the child | <input type="checkbox"/> a guardian of the person or estate of the child |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a possessory conservator of the child | |

"My mailing address is: _____
Mailing Address City State Zip

"My phone number is: (____) _____ - _____. My fax number is: (if applicable) (____) _____ - _____.

"My email address is: _____.

"The last three numbers of my driver's license number are: ____ ____ _____. My driver's license was issued in (State) _____.

Or I do not have a driver's license number.

"The last three numbers of my social security number are: ____ ____ ____.

Or I do not have a social security number.

"I have been given a copy of the *Petition to Terminate the Parent-Child Relationship Based on Mistaken Paternity* filed in this case. I have read it and understand what it says.

"I understand that I have the right to be given a copy of the *Petition for Divorce* by a constable, sheriff or other official process server (legal notice). I do not want to be given legal notice. I give up my right to legal notice.

"I enter my appearance in this case for all purposes.

"I want to be notified of any hearing or trial in this case.

"I understand that I must let the Court and the other party's attorney (or the party if s/he is not represented by an attorney) know in writing if my mailing address or email address changes during this case. If I don't, then any notices about this case will be sent to me at the mailing address or email address on this form.

"I ask the Court not to enter any orders not signed by me or without my getting prior written notice of the date, time and place of any hearing or trial.

Military Status (*Check one.*)

I am not in the military.

I am in the military. I agree to the provisions stated above and I waive only the rights, privileges, and exemptions I have under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act that are contrary to those provisions."

Respondent's signature

Do not sign until you are in front of a Notary

Notary fills out below

State of Texas,

County of _____
(*Print the name of county where this affidavit is notarized.*)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the undersigned Notary, on this date: _____

by _____
(*Print the first and last names of the Respondent who is signing this affidavit.*)

I, the Notary Public, who signature appears below, certify that I am not an attorney in this case.

(*Notary's seal here*)



Notary's signature