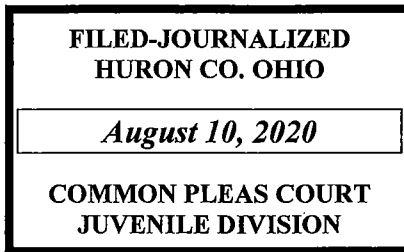


Huron County Common Pleas Court  
Juvenile Division  
Norwalk, Ohio

In the matter of

Trent Weltlin  
Kianna Weltlin

Alleged Dependent Child



Case Number: DNA 2020 00074  
DNA 2020 00075

Date: 10 August 2020

**SUMMONS**

**TO: William T. Weltlin  
233 W. 6th St., Apt. W  
Mansfield, OH 44903**

You are summoned to appear before Judge Timothy L. Cardwell of the Huron County, Ohio Juvenile Court at the Courthouse, 1st Floor, Norwalk, Ohio on the **THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2020, AT 10:00 AM** for **ADJUDICATORY HEARING**. The sworn complaint filed in this Court is attached.

You are notified that:

1. You are entitled to a lawyer in all proceedings in juvenile court. The court may appoint a lawyer or designate a county public defender to provide legal representation if you cannot afford a lawyer and meet certain requirements.
2. Christopher C. Mushett, who may be reached at 419-668-1616 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, is the employee designated by the Court to arrange for the prompt appointment of counsel for indigent persons. If you wish to be represented by a lawyer in this proceeding but believe you cannot afford one, **YOU SHOULD CONTACT THIS PERSON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**
3. If the court makes an adjudication of dependency, neglect, or abuse (finds that the allegations contained in the attached complaint are true) the court may make any of the following orders of disposition:

⇒ Place the child in **PROTECTIVE SUPERVISION**;

⇒ Commit the child to the **TEMPORARY CUSTODY** of a public children services agency, a private child placing agency, either parent, a relative residing within or outside the state, or a probation officer for placement in a certified foster home, or in any other home approved by the court;

⇒ Award **LEGAL CUSTODY** of the child to either parent or to any other person who, prior to the dispositional hearing, files a motion requesting legal custody of the child or is identified as a proposed legal custodian in a complaint or motion filed prior to the dispositional hearing by any party to the proceedings. A person identified in a complaint or motion filed by a party to the proceedings as a proposed legal custodian shall be awarded legal custody of the child only if the person identified signs a statement of understanding for legal custody that contains at least the following provisions:

(a) That it is the intent of the person to become the legal custodian of the child and the person is able to assume legal responsibility for the care and supervision of the child;

(b) That the person understands that legal custody of the child in question is intended to be permanent in nature and that the person will be responsible as the custodian for the child until the child reaches the age of majority. Responsibility as custodian for the child shall continue beyond the age of majority if, at the time the child reaches the age of majority, the child is pursuing a diploma granted by the board of education or other governing authority, successful completion of the curriculum of any high school, successful completion of an individualized education program developed for the student by any high school, or an age and schooling certificate. Responsibility beyond the age of majority shall terminate when the child ceases to continuously pursue such an

education, completes such an education, or is excused from such an education under standards adopted by the state board of education, whichever occurs first.

(c) That the parents of the child have residual parental rights, privileges, and responsibilities, including, but not limited to, the privilege of reasonable visitation, consent to adoption, the privilege to determine the child's religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support;

(d) That the person understands that the person must be present in court for the dispositional hearing in order to affirm the person's intention to become legal custodian, to affirm that the person understands the effect of the custodianship before the court, and to answer any questions that the court or any parties to the case may have.

⇒ Commit the child to the **PERMANENT CUSTODY** of a public children services agency or private child placing agency, if the court determines in accordance with division (E) of section 2151.414 of the Revised Code that the child cannot be placed with one of the child's parents within a reasonable time or should not be placed with either parent and determines in accordance with division (D)(1) of section 2151.414 of the Revised Code that the permanent commitment is in the best interest of the child. If the court grants permanent custody under this division, the court, upon the request of any party, shall file a written opinion setting forth its findings of fact and conclusions of law in relation to the proceeding. The granting of permanent custody takes from the parent all parental rights, duties, privileges, and obligations, including the right to consent to an adoption of the child/ren.

⇒ Place the child in a **PLANNED PERMANENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT** with a public children services agency or private child placing agency, if a public children services agency or private child placing agency requests the court to place the child in a planned permanent living arrangement and if the court finds, by clear and convincing evidence, that a planned permanent living arrangement is in the best interest of the child, that the child is sixteen years of age or older, and that one of the following exists:

(a) The child, because of physical, mental, or psychological problems or needs, is unable to function in a family-like setting and must remain in residential or institutional care now and for the foreseeable future beyond the date of the dispositional hearing held pursuant to section 2151.35 of the Revised Code.

(b) The parents of the child have significant physical, mental, or psychological problems and are unable to care for the child because of those problems, adoption is not in the best interest of the child, as determined in accordance with division (D)(1) of section 2151.414 of the Revised Code, and the child retains a significant and positive relationship with a parent or relative.

(c) The child has been counseled on the permanent placement options available to the child, and is unwilling to accept or unable to adapt to a permanent placement.

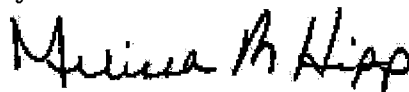
⇒ Order the removal from the child's home until further order of the court of the person who committed abuse as described in section 2151.031 of the Revised Code against the child, who caused or allowed the child to suffer neglect as described in section 2151.03 of the Revised Code, or who is the parent, guardian, or custodian of a child who is adjudicated a dependent child and order any person not to have contact with the child or the child's siblings.

4. Please take notice that in the event you fail to appear, the Court may order a case plan prepared for the child and family which case plan generally requires the establishment of general goals for the child consistent with the best interest and special needs of the child, including the establishment of priorities dealing with the best-interest of the child.. Further, in the event any parent, guardian, or custodian of the child is bound by the terms of the journalized case plan and fails to comply, the Court can hold that parent, guardian or custodian of the child in contempt of court for failure to comply.

WITNESS my signature and the seal of said Court this 10 August 2020.

Timothy L. Cardwell, Judge

By



Deputy Clerk

HURON COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT  
JUVENILE DIVISION  
NORWALK, OHIO

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COMMON PLEAS COURT  
JUVENILE DIVISION

In the Matter of

TRENT WELTLIN

Alleged Dependent Child

: Case No. DNA-2020-74

:  
: COMPLAINT

The undersigned, being first duly cautioned and sworn, deposes and alleges that Lee Graeter, Huron County Department of Job & Family Services, has knowledge that the above-named child under the age of eighteen years, to wit: Trent Weltlin, age 11, DOB: 07/23/2008, appears to be a dependent child in that:

Count 1:

On or about January 1, 2020 through July 6, 2020, in Huron County, Ohio, Trent Weltlin's conditions or environment was such as to warrant the state, in the interests of the child, in assuming the child's guardianship, as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 2151.04(C)(Dependent Child).

The particular facts upon which these allegations are based are:

On 06/20/2020 the Huron County Department of Jobs and Family services received concerns in regards to Trent presenting at the emergency department with bruises and swelling of his face. Trent reported to multiple professionals that the injuries were caused by his custodian, Laura, hitting him in the face with her palm.

Forensic interviews were conducted with both Trent and Kianna on 7/02/2020. It was disclosed that Laura had grabbed Trent's penis and told him she was going to, "cut off his dingaling" because he was standing in time out and she thought he was looking into the bathroom. It was disclosed that Trent received a 20 minute beating with a paddle on his buttocks resulting in bruising; this was inflicted allegedly by a Jeremy White. Jeremy White is also alleged to have spanked Kianna with the paddle resulting in bruising on her buttocks. It was disclosed that Laura keeps a paddle with Trent's name on it at the home because he is a "bad kid" and this paddle is used to spank Trent by Laura and any other caregivers she utilizes to babysit Trent. Trent was stabbed with a meat fork on his left arm by Laura resulting in red marks on his arm.

Therefore, this child is alleged to be Dependent.

Child resides with legal custodian:

Child's Father –  
William Weltlin  
233 W 6<sup>th</sup> St Apartment W  
Mansfield, OH 44903-7014

Child's Mother  
Jennifer Weltlin  
181 ½ W 5<sup>th</sup> St  
Mansfield, OH 44902


Child's Custodian  
Laura Saylor  
2971 Court Rd  
Collins, OH 44826-9717

Complainant requests additional service upon the following:

	NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
3.	Lee Graeter	Social Worker	185 Shady Lane Dr. Norwalk, Ohio 44857

Complainant therefore prays this Court to inquire into the alleged dependency of said child and grant temporary or legal custody to a relative or interested party, permanent or temporary custody to the Huron County Department of Job and Family Service with protective supervision or permanent planned living arrangements.

JAMES JOEL SITTERLY,  
Huron County Prosecutor

  
Richard H. Palau, #0040326  
Assistant Huron County Prosecutor  
12 East Main Street, 4th Floor  
Norwalk, Ohio 44857  
(419)668-8215

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY

  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
SANDI MIROS  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
FOR THE  
STATE OF OHIO  
My Commission Expires  
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COMMON PLEAS COURT  
JUVENILE DIVISION

In the Matter of : Case No. DNA-2020-75  
**KIANNA WELTLIN** :  
Alleged Dependent Child : **COMPLAINT**

The undersigned, being first duly cautioned and sworn, deposes and alleges that Lee Graeter, Huron County Department of Job & Family Services, has knowledge that the above-named child under the age of eighteen years, to wit: **Kianna Weltlin, age 10, DOB: 08/01/2009**, appears to be an abused and dependent child in that:

Count 1:

On or about January 1, 2020 through July 6, 2020, in Huron County, Ohio, **Kianna Weltlin's** conditions or environment was such as to warrant the state, in the interests of the child, in assuming the child's guardianship, as defined in **Ohio Revised Code Section 2151.04(C)(Dependent Child)**.

The particular facts upon which these allegations are based are:  
On 06/20/2020 the Huron County Department of Jobs and Family services received concerns in regards to Trent Weltlin presenting at the emergency department with bruises and swelling of his face. Trent reported to multiple professionals that the injuries were caused by his custodian, Laura, hitting him in the face with her palm.

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Therefore, this child is alleged to be abused, and dependent.  
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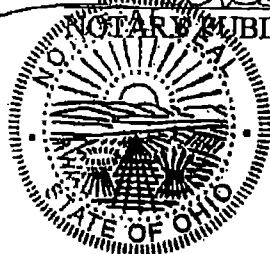
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Norwalk, Ohio 44857  
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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY

  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
SANDI MIROS  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
FOR THE  
STATE OF OHIO  
My Commission Expires  
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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF HURON COUNTY, OHIO  
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In the matter of	:	Case Nos.	DNA 2020-00074
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Alleged Dependent Child	:		

**PRAECIPE FOR SERVICE BY POSTING AND MAIL AND INSTRUCTIONS  
TO THE CLERK PURSUANT TO LOCAL RULE 69 AND JUVENILE RULE  
16(A)**

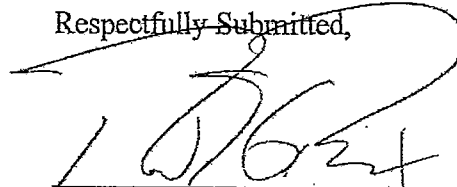
TO THE CLERK: Please cause service upon William Weltlin by posting and mail pursuant to Local Rule 69 and Juvenile Rule 16(A) by:

1. Directing this party, the Huron County Department of Job and Family Services, through its counsel, to post the notice (a copy of which is attached) in a conspicuous space for a period of a minimum 7-day consecutive period at each of the following locations:
  - (a) The Juvenile Court of Huron County, Ohio located at 2 East Main Street, Norwalk, Ohio.
  - (b) The Huron County Department of Job and Family Services located at 185 Shady Lane Drive, Norwalk, Ohio.
  - (c) The Huron County Office Building located at 12 East Main Street, Norwalk, Ohio.
  - (d) The Huron County Juvenile and Probate Court Website, [www.hcjpc.com](http://www.hcjpc.com).
2. Causing a Summons and the attached pleadings to be mailed by regular U.S. mail, address correction requested, to William T. Weltlin, at his last known address of 233 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Apt. W Mansfield, OH 44903.
3. Obtaining a certificate of mailing from the United States Postal Service. If the Clerk is then notified of a corrected or forwarding address within the seven day period that the notice is posted, the Clerk shall cause the Summons and accompanying pleadings to be mailed to the corrected or forwarded address; and

4. after the seven days of posting:  
(a) Noting the name and address and date of each mailing on the docket; and  
(b) Noting on the docket where and when the notice.

In accordance with Local Rule 69 and Juvenile Rule 16(A), the required affidavit is attached.

Respectfully Submitted,



RICHARD PALAU #0040326  
Assistant Prosecutor

#### PROOF OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing instrument was sent by ordinary U.S. mail, hand delivered, sent electronically or deposited into the Courthouse mailbox of the Huron County Public Defender's Office, Attorney for Children, 16 E. Main St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Norwalk, OH 44857; CASA, 2 E. Main St., Norwalk, OH 44857; Huron County Dept. of Job and Family Services, 185 Shady Lane Drive, Norwalk, OH 44857; Matthew Hawley Attorney for mother Jennifer Weltlin, 248 Park Ave, Amherst, OH 44001, Laura Saylor 2971 Court Rd., Collins, OH 44826-9717, on the 10 day of August, 2020.



RICHARD PALAU #0040326  
Assistant Prosecutor



IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF HURON COUNTY, OHIO  
JUVENILE DIVISION

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COMMON PLEAS COURT  
JUVENILE DIVISION

In the matter of : Case No. DNA 2020 00074  
DNA 2020 00075

**TRENT WELTLIN** : Judge Timothy L. Cardwell  
**KIANNA WELTLIN**

Alleged Dependent Child :

**AFFIDAVIT OF PARTY SEEKING SERVICE BY POSTING AND  
MAIL PURSUANT TO LOCAL RULE 69 AND JUVENILE RULE 16(A)**

Now comes the Huron County Department of Job and Family Services, by and through its counsel, and submits the following affidavit of posting as required by Local Rule 69 and Juvenile Rule 16(A).

**AFFIDAVIT**

Now comes, **Nikita McCann**, and under Oath states the following:

1. I am a caseworker for the Huron County Department of Job and Family Services.
2. The Huron County Department of Job and Family Services, 185 Shady Lane Drive, Norwalk, Ohio is a party in the above-captioned matter.
3. The Department now seeks service by posting and mail of William Weltlin, the father of Trent Weltlin and Kianna Weltlin, whose last known address is 233 W 6<sup>th</sup> St Apartment W, Mansfield, Ohio 44903-7014.
4. Father's birth date is September, 10, 1984 and his social security number is XXX-XX-2718.
5. Prior to seeking service by posting and mail, the following reasonable and diligent efforts were made to locate and serve, Father, William Weltlin:
  - Spoke to prior caseworker of efforts to locate William Weltlin.
  - Spoke to family members about William Weltlin's whereabouts as was told there was nothing that family knew other than they believed him to be somewhere in Mansfield, Ohio after a period of time in Chicago.
  - Searched to see if he was on probation in order to locate him.

- Searched child support agency information systems to see if they had a better address from where he had moved.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.



Nikita McCann  
Huron County DJFS  
185 Shady Lane Drive  
Norwalk, Ohio 44857  
(419) 663-5437

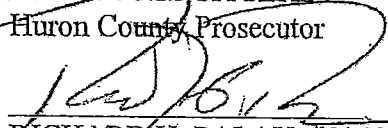
SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO ME ON THE 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF August, 2020.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Michele L. Purdy  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
My Commission Expires 2/25/2021

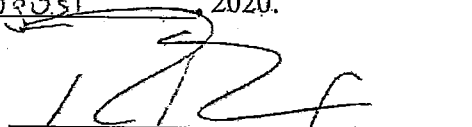
Respectfully submitted,

JAMES JOEL SITTERLY  
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