

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE
)	SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG)	DOCKET NO.: 2022-DR-42-2669
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South Carolina Department)	
of Social Services.)	
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Ana Gloria Lopez-Mendoza et al)	ORDER FOR PUBLICATION
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Defendant(s).)	
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IN THE INTEREST OF:)	
Yeili Lopez (01/01/2006))	
<u>Minor(s) Under the Age of 18 Years.</u>)	

HAVING READ the petition of the Plaintiff herein, and appearing that this is an action involving the abuse and/or neglect of the above captioned child, Defendants, Ana Gloria Lopez-Mendoza and Edgar Lopez, and further, that Defendants, Ana Gloria Lopez-Mendoza and Edgar Lopez, cannot after due diligence, be located.

Plaintiff has been unable to serve the Defendants, Ana Gloria Lopez-Mendoza and Edgar Lopez due to the fact that the Defendants would not release their address to the caseworker and a CLEAR search was completed (copy attached to Affidavit of Due Diligence), but showed that the search was inconclusive.

IT IS ORDERED that a newspaper of general circulation within the City of San Pedro Sula, Country of Honduras will most likely give these Defendants notice of this proceeding:

ORDERED that service in this matter be made on the Defendants, Ana Gloria Lopez-Mendoza and Edgar Lopez, by publishing the Summons and Notice in a newspaper of general circulation in, City of San Pedro Sula, Country of Honduras once weekly for three consecutive weeks; and it is further,

ORDERED that service of summons by mail be waived.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

S/ Angela G. Marr
FAMILY COURT JUDGE
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

July 27 _____, 2023
Spartanburg, South Carolina

A CERTIFIED COPY
Shirley M. Carr
CLERK OF COURT
SPARTANBURG COUNTY
BY: Anna Duncan D.C.
DATED 07 28 2023

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Plaintiff,)	
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vs.)	
)	PETITION FOR PUBLICATION
Ana Gloria Lopez-Mendoza, et al.,)	
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Defendant(s),)	
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IN THE INTEREST OF:)	
Yeili Lopez (01/01/2006))	
<u>Minor(s) Under the Age of 18 Years.</u>)	

The Plaintiff would respectfully show this Court that:

1. This is an action involving the abuse and/or neglect of the above captioned minor child.
2. Due and diligent search has been made for Ana Gloria Lopez-Mendoza and Edgar Lopez, but defendants cannot be located in the City of San Pedro Sula, Country of Honduras.
3. It is necessary to obtain jurisdiction of Ana Gloria Lopez-Mendoza and Edgar Lopez, by publication of the Summons in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of San Pedro Sula, Country of Honduras as provided for in S.C. Code Ann. § 15-9-740, (1977), and, a newspaper of general circulation in said County most likely to give the defendants notice of these proceedings.
4. That service of the Summons by mail be waived because the place of residence of the defendants are unknown and cannot be ascertained after the exercise of reasonable diligence.
5. Plaintiff has been unable to serve the Defendants, Ana Gloria Lopez-Mendoza and Edgar Lopez due to the fact that the Defendants would not release their

address to the caseworker and a CLEAR search was completed (copy attached to Affidavit of Due Diligence), but showed that the search was inconclusive.

6.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays that this Court issue its order authorizing service of the Summons and Notice by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of San Pedro Sula, Country of Honduras such being designated as the newspaper most likely to give notice of these proceedings, and for such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

S. C. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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7/25, 2023
Spartanburg, South Carolina.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	IN THE FAMILY COURT
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South Carolina Department of Social Services.)	
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Plaintiff,)	AFFIDAVIT OF DUE DILIGENCE
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Ana Gloria Lopez-Mendoza and Edgar Lopez)	
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Defendants)	
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In the Interests of:)	Case No.: 2022-DR-42-2669
Yeili Lopez (DOB: 01/01/2006))	
Minor child under the age of eighteen.)	
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PERSONALLY appeared before me, a notary public for South Carolina, the undersigned, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am an employee with the Department of Social Services assigned to this case.
2. A complaint has been filed in this matter alleging that these parties and children are within the jurisdiction of the court and that the Court has jurisdiction of the subject matter of these proceedings.
3. Ana Gloria Lopez-Mendoza and Edgar Lopez are the alleged parents of the minor child Yeili Lopez and it is necessary and proper that Ana Gloria Lopez-Mendoza and Edgar Lopez be notified of these proceedings and be made a party to this action if located.
4. The whereabouts of Ana Gloria Lopez-Mendoza and Edgar Lopez cannot be ascertained after a reasonable and diligent inquiry has been made in that regard, which inquiry has included, among other things, the following:
 - a. The parent locator services of DSS Child Support Enforcement/SCDSS Title IV-D system on June 1, 2023. Such a search includes the following databases:

SC Department of Motor Vehicles;

SC Employment Security Commission;

SC Directory of New Hires;

SC Temporary Assistance for Need Families (TANF);

Electronic Parent Locator Network (which covers seven southeastern states);

Accurint (a nation-wide address clearinghouse); and

Federal Parent Locator Network.

- b. The following free Internet searches: Google Search, and Public Index Search.
- c. Inquiries with relatives and other individuals in addition to the custodial parent when the custodial parent does not have or has not provided information regarding the whereabouts of a non-custodial parent;
- d. The CHIPS data base for FI and SNAP for current or historical information;
- e. Local detention center and SCDC databases; and
- f. The Responsible Father Registry.

In addition to the above search, I have also made the following efforts to obtain Ana Gloria Lopez-Mendoza and Edgar Lopez address: CLEAR Search attempted on April 19, 2023 and showed as inconclusive (See attached emails).


5. The last known addresses of Ana Gloria Lopez-Mendoza and Edgar are: Living in the Country of Honduras, City of San Pedro Sula.

6. The child does not know the address or precise whereabouts of the parents. In addition, Caseworker was in contact with Mother at the beginning of the case by email and text. However, Mother has ceased replying to Caseworker and has not provided updated contact information.


7. Even after reasonable and diligent efforts have been made to locate Ana Gloria Lopez-Mendoza and Edgar Lopez, the exact whereabouts of Ana Gloria Lopez-Mendoza and Edgar Lopez cannot be located or reasonably ascertained to be given notice of this action as required by the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure and by S.C. Code Sections 63-7-700, 1650, 1660 and/or 1700.

8. I make these statements as of my own knowledge, saving and accepting those matters upon information and belief, and as to those, I believe them to be true.

Further, Affiant sayeth not.


Mikaela Hawes
South Carolina Department of Social Services

SWORN TO BEFORE ME this
18th Day of July, 2023.



Amy T. Stanko
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: 11/13/2023

Stanko, Amy T

From: Hawes, Mikaela
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 4:06 PM
To: Stanko, Amy T
Cc: Rhoden, Rob C
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: DSS referral - Yelli L

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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CLEAR Search History Workspace Admin Tools Alerts

SEARCH RESULTS: "Lopez, Edgar, HONDURAS, 04/25/1982" 🔍 📄 🗑️ 📁 ☰

No results were found for the search criteria you entered.

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SEARCH RESULTS: "Lopez-Mendoza, Ana, HONDURAS, 04/15/1989"



No results were found for the search criteria you entered.

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Thank you very much

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On Apr 19, 2023, at 2:58 PM, Stanko, Amy T <Amy.Stanko@dss.sc.gov> wrote:

Rob: Let me know the minute you have the name of a paper in San Pedro Sula.

Mikaela: email me the CLEAR Search once Ben sends to you.

Thanks,

From: Rhoden, Rob C <Rob.Rhoden@dss.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 10:39 AM
To: Hawes, Mikaela <Mikaela.Hawes@dss.sc.gov>; Beatty-Elmore, Grenisha <Grenisha.Beatty-Elmore@dss.sc.gov>
Cc: Ferguson, Trina <Trina.Ferguson@dss.sc.gov>; Stanko, Amy T <Amy.Stanko@dss.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Re: DSS referral - Yelli L

Please note below. Let's try to get our order of publication filed before month's end.

Trina, once we have a merits date, please notify Mr. Rutledge.

Thank you,
RCR

From: David Rutledge <rutledgelawfirm@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 7:47 PM
To: Rhoden, Rob C <Rob.Rhoden@dss.sc.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: DSS referral - Yelli L

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yes, I can help

The Merits review hearing will have to be done first. Of course you have to serve. On the day that you have it I can do the motion for Special Immigrant Visa right afterwards.

This must be done before she turns 18.

David J. Rutledge

On Tue, Apr 18, 2023 at 9:40 AM Rhoden, Rob C <Rob.Rhoden@dss.sc.gov> wrote:

David,

Hope this finds you well. I'm writing to see if you'd be able to provide immigration assistance for this young lady (Yelli Lopez, 1/1/06 – turning 18). DSS has legal custody, pending a removal merits hearing, which has been delayed while we try to serve the parents. They are believed to be in Honduras. She's doing pretty well in foster care and attending Dorman.

At a status hearing yesterday, I asked J. Bridges to make some findings for SIJS, but she declined and told us to just refer the matter to an immigration attorney.

The foster care worker is Mikaela Hawes, copied.

Please advise at your convenience.

Thank you and kind regards,

RCR

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Defendants.)
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IN THE INTEREST OF:)
Female Minor (2006))
Minors Under the Age of 18)

IN THE FAMILY COURT
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
2022-DR-42-2669

SUMMONS AND NOTICE

TO DEFENDANTS: Ana Gloria Lopez-Mendoza and Edgar Lopez

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the complaint for removal in and to the minor child in this action, the original of which has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Amy Cox, on October 31, 2022, a copy of which will be delivered to you upon request; and to serve a copy of your answer to the complaint upon the undersigned attorney for the Plaintiff at 630 Chesnee Highway, Spartanburg, SC, 29303 within thirty (30) days following the date of service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time stated, the Plaintiff will apply for judgment by default against the Defendants for the relief demanded in the complaint.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that: (1) the Guardian *ad litem* (GAL) who is appointed by the court in this action to represent the best interests of the children will provide the family court with a written report that includes an evaluation and assessment of the issues brought before the court along with recommendations; (2) the GAL's written report will be available for review twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the hearing; (3) you may review the report at the GAL Program county office.

S. C. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

s/Rob Rhoden(as)

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August 1, 2023

Spartanburg, South Carolina

ESTADO DE CAROLINA DEL SUR)
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CONDADO DE SPARTANBURG)
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Departamento de Carolina del Sur)
de Servicios Sociales,)
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Demandante,)
 vs.)
Ana Gloria Lopez-Mendoza, et al.)
)
Demandados.)
)
EN INTERÉS DE:)
Menor Femenino (2006))
Menores de 18 años)

EN EL TRIBUNAL DE FAMILIA
SÉPTIMO CIRCUITO JUDICIAL
2022-DR-42-2669

CONVOCATORIA Y NOTIFICACIÓN

PARA DEMANDADOS: Ana Gloria Lopez-Mendoza y Edgar Lopez

POR LA PRESENTE SE LE CITA y requerido a responder a la demanda de remoción en y para el menor en esta acción, cuyo original se ha presentado en la Oficina del Secretario del Tribunal para Amy Cox, el 31 de Octubre de 2022, una copia de la cual se le entregará a petición; y a entregar una copia de su respuesta a la demanda al abogado abajo firmante de la Demandante, en 630 Chesnee Highway, Spartanburg, SC, 29303, dentro de los treinta (30) días siguientes a la fecha en que se le entregue a usted, excluido el día de dicha entrega; y si usted no responde a la demanda dentro del plazo indicado, la Demandante solicitará una sentencia en rebeldía contra los Demandados por la reparación exigida en la demanda.

SE LE NOTIFICA ADEMÁS que: (1) el Guardian *ad litem* (GAL) que es designado por el tribunal en esta acción para representar los mejores intereses de los niños proporcionará al tribunal de familia un informe escrito que incluye una evaluación y valoración de las cuestiones presentadas ante el tribunal junto con recomendaciones; (2) el informe escrito del GAL estará disponible para su revisión veinticuatro (24) horas antes de la audiencia; (3) usted puede revisar el informe en la oficina del condado del Programa GAL.

DEPARTAMENTO DE SERVICIOS SOCIALES DE
CAROLINA DEL SUR

f/Rob Rhoden(as)

Rob Rhoden, Matrícula del Colegio de Abogados de
Carolina del Sur No. 69209

Abogado del Demandante

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