

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF

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In the Matter of the Commitment of
Guardianship and Custody pursuant to
§ 384-b of the Social Services Law of

Docket No.

CIN #
A Child under the Age of Eighteen Years,
alleged to be an Abandoned Child

PETITION
(ABANDONMENT)

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**IF THIS PETITION IS GRANTED, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD
AND YOUR CHILD MAY BE ADOPTED WITHOUT YOUR CONSENT AND WITHOUT
NOTICE TO YOU.**

**IF YOU ARE THE PARENT, FOSTER PARENT OR CUSTODIAN OF THE CHILD, YOU
HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE A LAWYER REPRESENT YOU. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD A
LAWYER, YOU MAY ASK THE COURT TO APPOINT A LAWYER TO REPRESENT YOU
WITHOUT FEE.**

TO THE FAMILY COURT:

The undersigned Petitioner respectfully alleges that:

1. Petitioner(s) _____, (is) (are)

an authorized agency having its office and place of business at [specify, including county]:

foster parent(s) residing at [specify, including county]:

law guardian guardian ad litem filing at the Court's direction, pursuant to Social Services
Law §384-b(3)(b).

2 a. _____ is a male female child under the age of
eighteen years, born on [specify]: _____, at [specify]: _____, who now
resides at [specify, including county]: _____.

b. The subject child is is not a Native-American child, who is subject to the Indian Child
Welfare Act of 1978 (25 U.S.C. §§ 1901-1963). If so, the following have been notified [check
applicable box(es)]: parent/custodian [specify name and give notification date]:

tribe/nation [specify name and give notification date]:

United States Secretary of the Interior [give notification date]:

3. The full name and last-known address of each parent and custodian of the child, if known, are:

Name

Last-Known Address

4. a. The name and last-known address of each other interested party who should be afforded notice
of this proceeding are:

Name

Last-Known Address

b. The name and last-known address of each other person entitled to notice of an adoption pursuant to Domestic Relations Law § 111-a are:

Name

Last-Known Address

c. There are no persons other than those set forth entitled to notice of this proceeding or of an adoption of the child.

5. The child came into the care of an authorized agency on [specify]: _____, under the following circumstances: [include court, county, docket number and date(s) of prior proceedings; if the child was abandoned at the age of five days or younger and a finding of aggravated circumstances was made, so indicate, including date]:

6. (Upon information and belief) (T)(t)he respondent(s), father mother (has)(have) evinced an intent to forego (his)(her)(their) parental rights and obligations as manifested for the period of six months immediately prior to the initiation of this proceeding by [specify]:

7. The parent(s) (was) (were) able to communicate and visit and were not prevented nor discouraged from doing so by the agency.

8. The best interests of the child require the commitment of the guardianship and custody of the child to an authorized agency foster parent(s) for the following reasons [specify; if appropriate, include facts regarding a non-respondent parent]:

9. The child is is not under the jurisdiction of the Family Court. If so, this petition has has not been filed in the Court that exercised jurisdiction over the most recent permanency or other proceeding involving this child. [If it has not been so filed, petitioner must file affirmation, Form TPR-12].

10. No previous application has been made to any court or judge for the relief sought herein (except [specify]):

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner requests an order determining that the above-named child is an abandoned child, and committing the guardianship and custody of the child to an authorized agency foster parent(s), and for such other and further relief as in the interests of the child may be granted.

Dated: _____

Agency by: Foster parent:

Name _____

Title _____

Print or type name

