

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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Rule 16

Case No.

IN RE:

FATHER, JOHN DOE, whose last known address is UNKNOWN, otherwise whose place of residence is UNKNOWN, and cannot by reasonable diligence be ascertained, will take notice that a COMPLAINT was filed on JANUARY 29, 2026, IN LAKE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT, regarding the minor child(ren), KATIE SMITHTRO, DOB: JANUARY 16, 2026, Mother of the child(ren), - KELCEY HIRST.

JOHN DOE IS REQUIRED TO APPEAR for a PRETRIAL/ADJUDICATION on MARCH 3, 2026, at 3:00 P.M., ADJUDICATORY HEARING on APRIL 3, 2026 at 9:30 A.M., and a DISPOSITIONAL HEARING on APRIL 22, 2026 at 2:00 P.M., AT THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, JUVENILE DIVISION, 53 E. ERIE STREET, PAINESVILLE, OHIO 44077.

**You may be eligible for Court-Appointed Counsel if you are a party in one of the following cases:**

- 1) A case in which you face the possibility of being incarcerated in any facility;
- 2) If you are a parent or custodian of a child/children and a government agency has alleged that the child/children are abused, neglected, or dependent;
- 3) If it is alleged that you may be in "Contempt of Court" or a party has filed a "Motion to Show Cause" against you.

**NOTICE:** You have the right to be represented by an attorney at every hearing in this case. If you wish, however, you may waive your right to an attorney. If you cannot afford an attorney, one may be appointed for you if you are found to be indigent and you are eligible for Court-Appointed Counsel as outlined above. **TO OBTAIN COURT-APPOINTED COUNSEL, YOU MUST MAKE APPLICATION IN PERSON SEVEN (7) DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR HEARING DATE.** To avoid delay, you should secure an attorney before the date indicated above. **ARACELI GUERRA SANCHEZ, WHO MAY BE REACHED AT TELEPHONE NUMBER (440) 350-3127 MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 AM AND 4:30 PM, IS THE EMPLOYEE DESIGNATED BY THE COURT TO ARRANGE FOR THE PROMPT APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL FOR INDIGENT PERSONS.**

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/S/ Judge Michael L. DeLeone

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