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**BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
CHILD ABDUCTION UNIT**

GOOD CAUSE FORM

CONFIDENTIAL

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING PARENT/GUARDIAN

Today's Date: _____

Reporting Parent/Guardian: _____ DOB: _____

SSN: _____ DL #: _____ State: _____

Current Location/Address/Telephone #:

Reported to police? Y N Date/Time: _____

Department: _____ Case #: _____

Have you already filed for custody? Y N If yes,

Date Filed: _____ County: _____

Name of Attorney: _____ Telephone #: _____

Attorney's Address: _____

PLEASE BE ADVISED OF THE FOLLOWING:

In addition to this report to the Kern County District Attorney's Office, you must within at least 30 days, commence a custody proceeding in the Superior Court of the County where the child has been living, setting forth the basis for the immediate bodily injury or emotional harm. If you fail to do so, you could be subject to prosecution for violating Penal Code Section 278.5 and 278.7.

Name(s) of Child(ren):

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| _____ | Sex: _____ | DOB: _____ |
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Location where child(ren) had been living:

Name of other parent/guardian/agency with the right of custody or visitation who may report a child abduction:

Name: _____ DOB: _____

AKA: _____ SSN#: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

PC 278.7.

(a) Section 278.5 does not apply to a person with a right to custody of a child who, with a good faith and reasonable belief that the child, if left with the other person, will suffer immediate bodily injury or emotional harm, takes, entices away, keeps, withholds, or conceals that child.

(b) Section 278.5 does not apply to a person with a right to custody of a child who has been a victim of domestic violence who, with a good faith and reasonable belief that the child, if left with the other person, will suffer immediate bodily injury or emotional harm, takes, entices away, keeps, withholds, or conceals that child. "Emotional harm" includes having a parent who has committed domestic violence against the parent who is taking, enticing away, keeping, withholding, or concealing the child.

(c) The person who takes, entices away, keeps, withholds, or conceals a child shall do all of the following:

(1) Within a reasonable time from the taking, enticing away, keeping, withholding, or concealing, make a report to the office of the district attorney of the county where the child resided before the action. The report shall include the name of the person, the current address and telephone number of the child and the person, and the reasons the child was taken, enticed away, kept, withheld, or concealed.

(2) Within a reasonable time from the taking, enticing away, keeping, withholding, or concealing, commence a custody proceeding in a court of competent jurisdiction consistent with the federal Parental Kidnapping Prevention Act (Section 1738A, Title 28, United States Code) or the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act (Part 3 (commencing with Section 3400) of Division 8 of the Family Code).

(3) Inform the district attorney's office of any change of address or telephone number of the person and the child.

(d) For the purposes of this article, a reasonable time within which to make a report to the district attorney's office is at least 10 days and a reasonable time to commence a custody proceeding is at least 30 days. This section shall not preclude a person from making a report to the district attorney's office or commencing a custody proceeding earlier than those specified times.

(e) The address and telephone number of the person and the child provided pursuant to this section shall remain confidential unless released pursuant to state law or by a court order that contains appropriate safeguards to ensure the safety of the person and the child.