

PLEASE RETURN TO VICTIM UNIT  
COBB COUNTY SOLICITOR GENERAL OFFICE  
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MARIETTA, GA 30090-9638  
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### ABANDONMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

STATE vs. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Defendants Name/ Arrested Party)

Case/Warrant number: \_\_\_\_\_

Courtroom: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State, City, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Day Time telephone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

To prove criminal abandonment, the State must prove that the defendant willfully left the child or children in a dependant condition for more than thirty days. Therefore, in order to meet the elements of the crime, the non-custodial parent must have provided **zero support for a period in excess of thirty days**. Additionally, for the purposes of criminal abandonment, please know that the **State will not recover or negotiate any arrearage or past due accounts**.

In most cases, the custodial parent has civil remedies to collect child support. These remedies include but are not limited to paternity orders, contempt actions and establishing an action with Child Support Recovery Services. These avenues for establishing and collecting child support usually offer more options for attorneys' fees, access to the defendant's financial records and enforcement mechanisms than the criminal abandonment process. **Please educate yourself about your other options.**

In the event you are represented by a civil attorney in any matter associated with this case, please attach written authorization from you attorney allowing us to speak with you. Regrettably, we will be unable to speak with you without written authorization from your attorney.

List the names/birth dates of the child or children you share with the defendant:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List the last date the defendant provided any support, whatsoever:  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Support: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide records of what child support the defendant has paid in the last two years.

What reason does the defendant give for not paying child support?  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever had this defendant or any other person arrested for criminal abandonment of this child or these children? Yes  No

If yes, what was the outcome of that case? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you receive child support through Child Support Services?

Yes  No

Please attach a copy of payment history from Child Support Services for the last 90 days.

Is the child or children receiving State or Federal Assistance?

Yes  No

Nature of services received: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one of the following: Were parents

Married?  Divorced?  Separated?  Never Married?

**If the child or children were born to married parents, please answer the following questions:**

Do you have a Divorce Decree, Settlement Agreement or Temporary Order defining the amount of child support?

Yes  No  Pending

If pending, provide status of pending action. \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a copy of order outlining child support obligation.

Have you ever taken the defendant back to court for contempt?  Yes  No

If so, when and what happened?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**If the child or children were born to unmarried parents, please answer the following:**

Do you have an Order of Paternity?

Yes  No  Pending

Please attach a copy of the Paternity Order.

Did the father sign the birth certificate?  Yes  No

Does the defendant deny being the father?  Yes  No

Do you know of any documents where the defendant has indicated that he is the father?

Yes  No

**This statement is signed and affirmed as true under the penalties of perjury.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_