

HON. PETER B. OHMAN  
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE  
MONTANA EIGHTEENTH  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT,  
GALLATIN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF:  
**M.C.**

A YOUTH IN NEED OF  
CARE.

**Cause No. DN-24-27A  
SUMMONS / CITATION FOR  
PUBLICATION**

**TO: AUSTON COOPER**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights and Permanent Legal Custody ("the Petition") regarding, **M.C.**, the child who is the subject of the above-captioned proceedings brought pursuant to Title 41, Chapter 3 of the Montana Code Annotated, has been filed in Cause No. DN-24-27A in Montana Eighteenth Judicial District Court, in Gallatin County by the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Child and Family Services Division (CFS), located at 220 W. Lamme St., Suite 2, Bozeman, MT 59715.

The Petition requests that CFS be granted the following relief: Termination of Parental Rights and Permanent Legal Custody. A copy of the Petition is filed with the Clerk of District Court for Gallatin County, (406) 582-2165, and is hereby served upon you at this time.

The child who is the subject of the proceedings, **M.C.**, was born on October 15, 2024, in Bozeman, MT. The child's mother is Brittany Nicole Fisher. The child's biological father is Auston Eugene Cooper.

**NOW, THEREFORE, YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED** to appear at the hearing regarding the Petition that is set on the 6th day of February, 2026 at 1:30p.m., at the Gallatin County Justice Center located at 515 South 16th Ave., Bozeman, Montana, then and there to show cause, if any you may have, why CFS should not be granted the relief requested in the Petition.

**NOTICE: Your failure to appear at the hearing will constitute a denial of interest in the child, which denial may result, without further notice of this proceeding or any subsequent proceeding, in judgment by default being entered for the relief requested in the Petition.**

You have the right to be represented by an attorney in these proceedings. If you are unable to afford an attorney, the Court will have an attorney appointed to represent you.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 7th day of January, 2026.

Sandy Erhardt

Clerk of District Court

S/ By: Deputy Clerk

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