

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MEIGS COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES,

Petitioner,

VS.

No. 2025-CV-37

HEATHER LEFEVERS, Mother and DAMON WARE, Father
Respondents.

IN THE MATTER OF: Jesse Ray Lefevers, b. 03/20/2014,
CHILD UNDER EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

It appearing to the Court from the allegations of the Petition, Motion for Publication and the Affidavit of Diligent Search that the whereabouts of Respondents Heather Lefevers and Damon Ware, are unknown and cannot be ascertained by diligent search, therefore, the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon Respondents, Heather Lefevers and Damon Ware. It is, therefore, ORDERED that said Respondents be served by publication with the following notice to be inserted in each publication one (1) time per week for four (4) consecutive weeks. Publication shall run in both a physical newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the Respondents was last known to reside and a secondary news Web site in the county in which the notice was published.

It is further ORDERED that if Respondents, Heather Lefevers and Damon Ware, does not enter an appearance or otherwise Answer the Petition, further personal service or service by further publication shall be dispensed with and service of any future notices, motions, orders or other legal documents in this matter may be made upon the Respondents by filing same with the Circuit Court Clerk of Meigs County, Tennessee.

NOTICE TO:

Respondents, Heather Lefevers and Damon Ware, the State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS in regards to the minor child, Jesse Ray Lefevers, born on March 20, 2014; it further appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts are unknown. You are hereby **ORDERED** to appear in the Circuit Court of Meigs County, Tennessee located at 17214 TN-58, Decatur, Tennessee, on the **15th day of June 2026 at 9 a.m.** to personally answer the PETITION. Failing to appear for the hearing on this date and time, without good cause, pursuant to the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure, will result in the loss of your right to contest the petition. You may view and obtain a copy of the Petition and any other subsequently filed legal documents at the Meigs County Juvenile Court Clerk's Office.

ENTERED THIS 25th day of February, 2026.

Honorable Michael Pemberton, Judge

STATE OF TENNESSEE

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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