

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF WAKE

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
FILE NO. _____

_____ , Plaintiff, v. _____ Defendant.
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**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE
BY PUBLICATION**

The Plaintiff, first being duly sworn and deposes, and states:

1. That I am a citizen and resident of Wake County, North Carolina and am the Plaintiff herein.
2. That pursuant to the North Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 4(j1), I exercised due diligence and made great efforts to locate the whereabouts of the Defendant consisting of:

_____.

(list all steps taken to exercise due diligence)

3. That based upon my due diligence, it is my belief that Defendant's location is
 in _____ County *(insert name of County)*, in the State of _____ *(insert name of State)* or
 unknown. *(check one box)*
4. That despite such efforts, the exact whereabouts of the Defendant are still unknown. As a result, circumstances warrant the use of Service by Publication.
5. That Notice of Service of Process to the Defendant was published in the _____ *(insert name of publication)* asking the Defendant to respond, published in _____ County *(insert name of County)*, in the State of _____ *(insert name of State)*. An Affidavit of Publication is attached hereto and incorporated by reference. *(Attach Affidavit provided by the publication.)*

Plaintiff

VERIFICATION

_____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is the _____ in the above-entitled action, that he/she has read the foregoing document and knows the contents thereof, that the same are true of his/her own knowledge, except as to those matters and things stated upon belief, and as to those matters and things, he/she believes them to be true.

I certify that the following person personally appeared before me this day, and I have personal knowledge of the identity of the principal I have seen satisfactory evidence of the principal's identity, by a current state or federal identification with the principal's photograph in the form of a _____ a credible witness has sworn to the identity of the principal; acknowledging to me that he/she voluntarily signed the foregoing document for the purpose stated therein, and in the capacity indicated: _____

Date: _____ (SEAL)

_____, Notary Public

(Official Seal)

My commission expires: _____

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of this Affidavit of Service by Publication has been served on the Defendant through filing a copy of this Affidavit with the Wake County Clerk of Court.

Date: _____

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 Plaintiff
 Attorney for Plaintiff