

**JUVENILE COURT FOR THE PARISH OF JEFFERSON**

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

No.

DIVISION: “ ”

**IN RE: WILLIE JENKINS, III and TONIA EDDINGTON JENKINS  
APPLYING FOR INTRA-FAMILY ADOPTION**

**FILED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**DEPUTY CLERK**

**PETITION FOR INTRA FAMILY ADOPTION**

**NOW INTO COURT**, through the undersigned counsel, come petitioners, **WILLIE JENKINS, III** and **TONIA EDDINGTON JENKINS**, persons of the full age of majority, who state as follows:

I.

Petitioner, **WILLIE JENKINS, III**, who resides at 3912 South I-10 Service Road West, Apt. 169, Metairie, Louisiana 70001, was born on January 19, 1976 and is currently employed as a police officer with the New Orleans Police Department since January, 2005.

II.

Petitioner, **TONIA EDDINGTON JENKINS**, who resides with her husband and petitioner, **WILLIE JENKINS, III**, at 3912 South I-10 Service Road West, Apt. 169, Metairie, Louisiana 70001, was born on July 18, 1978, is currently employed at Interstate Electric Systems as an administrative assistant.

III.

Petitioners, **WILLIE JENKINS, III** and **TONIA EDDINGTON JENKINS**, have been married but once and then to each other, on March 30, 2002 in the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana. (See Marriage Certificate, attached as Exhibit P-1.)

IV.

Petitioner, **TONIA EDDINGTON JENKINS**, whose current mailing address is 3912 South I-10 Service Road West, Apt. 169, Metairie, Louisiana 70001, is the natural mother of the minor child, \_\_\_\_\_, (Date of Birth – October 12, 1997). (Birth Cert. attached as Exhibit P-2.)

V.

On the 16th day of January, 2007, the child's natural mother, **TONIA EDDINGTON JENKINS**, executed an authentic act, pursuant to Louisiana Children's Code Article 1244(A), consenting to the adoption of the minor child, Derrick Cordell Clayton, Jr., by petitioner herein,

**WILLIE JENKINS, III.** (See Consent to Adoption, attached as Exhibit P-3.)

VI.

Further, the child's natural father, Derrick Cordell Clayton, Sr., executed an authentic act, pursuant to Louisiana Children's Code Article 1244(A), consenting to the adoption of the minor child, Derrick Cordell Clayton, Jr. (See Consent to Adoption, attached as Exhibit P-4.)

VII.

Petitioners, **WILLIE JENKINS, III** and **TONIA EDDINGTON JENKINS**, have been actively participating in the child's life for the past eight (8) years, since 1999. Further petitioners have provided emotional and financial support of the minor child, \_\_\_\_\_, for more than the requisite six (6) months.

VIII.

The minor child named in this petition, \_\_\_\_\_, (9 years old), has been living in the home of petitioners, **WILLIE JENKINS, III** and **TONIA EDDINGTON JENKINS**, from their marriage on March 30, 2002 through the present, more than the requisite six (6) months.

IX.

Petitioner, **WILLIE JENKINS, III**, is the husband of the minor child's natural mother, **TONIA EDDINGTON JENKINS**. Hence, this adoption is an intra-family adoption. Also, this private adoption is by consent of the natural mother of the child, and this adoption is in the best interest of the minor child, \_\_\_\_\_ . .

X.

The minor child's natural mother, **TONIA EDDINGTON JENKINS**, via her Consent to Adoption (attached as Exhibit P-3) waives service of process in this and all subsequent adoption proceedings relative to her minor child.

**WHEREFORE**, petitioners, **WILLIE JENKINS, III** and **TONIA EDDINGTON JENKINS**, pray after due proceedings, and in consideration of the best interests of the minor child, this Honorable Court set this matter for hearing on a date that this matter may be heard, not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days; further, that a copy of this Petition for Adoption be served on the Department of Social Services; further, that, in due course, an order issue granting petitioners the intra-family adoption of the minor child, \_\_\_\_\_;

and, further, that the name of the minor child, \_\_\_\_\_, be changed to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Respectfully submitted,

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**ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONERS,**  
**WILLIE JENKINS, III and**  
**TONIA EDDINGTON JENKINS**

**VERIFICATION**

We have read the above and foregoing Petition for Adoption and verify that the facts stated therein are true and correct to the best of our knowledge, information and belief.

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**WILLIE JENKINS, III**

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**TONIA EDDINGTON JENKINS**

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**MOTION TO SET FOR HEARING**

**NOW INTO COURT**, through the undersigned counsel, come petitioners, **WILLIE JENKINS, III** and **TONIA EDDINGTON JENKINS**, who respectfully request that this Honorable Court set the Petition for Intra Family Adoption for hearing. Pursuant to Article 1253 of the Louisiana Children’s Code, the hearing of this matter should be set not less than thirty (30) days or more than sixty (60) days after the filing of this Petition for Adoption.

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**ORDER**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the hearing of the Petition for Intra Family Adoption in this matter be set for the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007 at \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ o’clock a.m. (not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days after the filing of this Petition for Adoption, pursuant to Article 1253 of the Louisiana Children’s Code).

Gretna, Louisiana, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

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**JUDGE, JUVENILE COURT**

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing has been served on the Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, Jefferson Parish Westbank office, 2150 Westbank Expressway, Suite 601, Harvey, Louisiana 70058, via Certified Mail-Return Receipt Requested, properly addressed and postage prepaid, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

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**MICHAEL G. CALOGERO**



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**FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION**

The Petition of Adoption filed by petitioners, **WILLIE JENKINS, III** and **TONIA EDDINGTON JENKINS**, came for final hearing on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

The requirements of law having been met, the court having considered the evidence and the court being satisfied that this adoption is in the best interest of the child;

**IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:**

1. The child known to petitioners as \_\_\_\_\_, be declared for all legal purposes to be the child of the petitioners to the same extent as if the child had been born of the marriage of petitioners, **WILLIE JENKINS, III** and **TONIA EDDINGTON JENKINS**;
2. The name of the child be formally changed to \_\_\_\_\_;
3. The Clerk of Court of this Parish comply with the requirements of the Louisiana Children’s Code and Louisiana Revised Statute 40:79 and forward a certified copy of this Final Decree to the Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, Adoption Petition Unit, and to the State Registrar of Vital Records, Division of Health and Human Resources, for entry of certificate of live birth of \_\_\_\_\_; and,
4. All further contact with the Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, Adoption Petition Unit, be dispensed with.

**READ, RENDERED AND SIGNED** in Gretna, Louisiana, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

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**JUDGE, JUVENILE COURT**