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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF _____ COUNTY, OHIO
_____ Domestic Relations Division _____ Juvenile Division

Case No. _____

ORDER (for investigation/home study)

Upon motion of the _____ and for good cause shown, it is hereby **ORDERED** that _____ (hereinafter referred to as the "Investigator") shall complete an investigation as to the character, family relations, past conduct, earning ability and financial worth of the parties to this action and that a report shall be made of said investigation providing recommendations relative to the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities and parenting time for the children, _____

It is further **ORDERED** that, upon presentation of a copy of this order to any agency, hospital, physician, chiropractor, optometrist, dentist, nurse or other medical, dental or optical practitioner, psychologist, psychiatrist, or other mental health practitioner, organization, school, person or office, including, but not limited to the Clerk of this Court, human services agencies, public children services agencies, private child placing agencies, health departments, juvenile courts and juvenile probation departments, the Investigator shall be permitted to inspect and copy any records relating to the child(ren)/parent(s) and/or to confer with any and all professionals who may provide information relative to said child(ren)/parent(s) with respect to issues pending before this Court without the consent of the child(ren) or parent(s).

It is further **ORDERED** that the Investigator shall maintain any information received from any such source as confidential and shall not disclose the same except to report to the Court or as the Court directs or as law permits.

It is further **ORDERED** that the Investigator shall be notified of any hearings, reviews, investigations, mediations, depositions or other proceedings concerning the child(ren) and shall be entitled to attend the same, in his or her discretion.

It is further **ORDERED** that, upon completion, the Investigator's report shall be provided by the Investigator to this Court not less than seven days before trial and the Court will forward copies thereof to counsel of record. Counsel shall not provide a copy of the report to his/her client or to anyone else without the written permission of the Court, nor shall counsel allow the client to read the portions thereof pertaining to anyone but the client specifically; however, counsel may discuss the contents of the report with the client.

It is further **ORDERED** that, in order to facilitate the completion of the investigation and the report thereof, the parties shall immediately schedule appointments with the Investigator for themselves and the child(ren) and shall keep all appointments scheduled. In addition, the parties shall sign and deliver any requested releases for information presented to them by the Investigator and shall cooperate with the Investigator in order to ensure that the investigation and report are completed expeditiously.

Finally, it is **ORDERED** that the costs and fees for the investigation and report shall be paid as follows: _____

Judge/Magistrate

Approved: _____

CERTIFICATION: A copy of this Order was hand-delivered or mailed to the named Investigator, to counsel of the parties and to the parties without counsel this _____ day of _____, 20____.