

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
FORMAT IN A STEPPARENT ADOPTION

VIRGINIA

In The Circuit Court of (city and county)

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
BY (name of agency)
Agency Case No.
Virginia Adoption Case No.
Chancery No. (if applicable)
(current date)

In Re: Adoption of _____
(child's name)

Also Known As _____
(show all names by which child is known)

To Be Named _____

By _____
(male petitioner's name)

And _____
(female petitioner's name)

(street address)

(specify city or county)

To the Honorable (Judge's name), Judge of the Circuit Court of the (city/county):

The (name of agency) having received an order of reference to make an investigation in the above-styled case, pursuant to Section 63.1-219.35, Code of Virginia, makes the following report:

The child to be adopted is a (race and sex) born (date of birth) in (place of birth) (state whether birth information has been verified and show birth registration number, if available). He/she is identified as (child's name) on his/her birth certificate. He/she is (state the relationship of the child to the petitioners).

Suitability of the petitioners to adopt:

Ages, races, educational background, date of marriage, (state whether verified), sex and ages of children.

Former marriages, place, date, method of termination (state whether verified), ages and whereabouts of children of former marriages.

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Employment of the petitioners, all income, savings, investments, insurance, debts, including mortgage and time payments, and real estate owned.

Description of the home and community, members of the household, relationships, and housekeeping standards.

Religion of the petitioners, personality, community activities, and physical and mental health.

Condition of the Child:

Name, age, school grade and achievement, if applicable, and health condition. Physical, mental and emotional development. Relationship with petitioners, other members of the household, peers and adults.

Separation from natural parents:

Circumstances of the birth, reason for separation, way in which separation occurred.

Physical description of all parents, ages, races, verified marital status of the mother at the time of the child's conception and birth, educational backgrounds, employment, physical and mental health history, and personality. Names of the natural parents not to be used.

Attitudes toward adoption.

Consent:

State who consents, by what authority and in what manner.

Circumstances of the placement:

State when and how the child came to live with both petitioners.

Evaluate the care the child receives, adjustment in the home, the petitioners' adjustment to the child and the suitability of the adoption. If the adoption is not in the child's best interest, the recommendation should include a statement regarding custody and/or visitation rights, if applicable.

Agency's Recommendation:

Suggested wording for final order: The (name of agency) recommends that the final order of adoption be entered, omitting the interlocutory order and period of probation, as provided by Section 63.2-1210, Code of Virginia.

Suggested wording for amount of fee assessed: The (name of agency) recommends that the petitioners be assessed a fee in the amount of \$_____, or recommends that no fee be assessed to the petitioners.

Respectfully submitted,

(Superintendent/Director)

(name of agency)

OR

John Doe
Superintendent/Director

By

(name and title of person signing report)

Prepared by: (caseworker's name)