

CAUSE NO. _____

_____	§	IN THE JUSTICE COURT
PLAINTIFF	§	
	§	
v.	§	PRECINCT NO. THREE
	§	
_____	§	
DEFENDANT	§	LAVACA COUNTY, TEXAS

PETITION: SMALL CLAIMS CASE

Defendant(s) address: _____

COMPLAINT: The basis for the claim which entitles Plaintiff to seek relief against Defendant is: _____

RELIEF: Plaintiff seeks: ☐ damages in the amount of \$_____, ☐ return of personal property as described as follows (be specific): _____, which has a value of \$_____. Additionally, Plaintiff seeks the following:

SERVICE OF CITATION: Service is requested on Defendant(s) by: ☐ personal service at home or work, ☐ registered mail, ☐ certified mail, return receipt requested. If required, Plaintiff requests alternative service as allowed by the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. Other addresses where Defendant(s) may be served are: _____

☐ I hereby request a jury trial. The fee is \$22 and must be paid at least 14 days before trial.

☐ I hereby consent for the answer and any other motions or pleadings to be sent to my email address as follows: _____

Plaintiff's Printed Name

Signature of Plaintiff
or Plaintiff's Attorney

Defendant's Information (if known):

Date of birth: _____

Last three digits of Driver License: _____

Last three digits of Soc. Sec. No.: _____

Phone No.: _____

Address of Plaintiff
or Plaintiff's Attorney

City

State

Zip

Phone & Fax No. of Plaintiff
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NOTICE OF DEFENDANT'S LAST KNOWN MAILING ADDRESS

The undersigned certifies that the last known mailing address of the defendant in this case is:

Defendant's Name:

Defendant's Last Known Mailing Address:

(Signature of Plaintiff or Plaintiff's Attorney of Record)

Date

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

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SERVICEMEMBER'S CIVIL RELIEF ACT AFFIDAVIT

Instructions: The Servicemember's Civil Relief Act applies to a civil proceeding in the Justice Courts. Before entering a default judgment against an individual defendant, the plaintiff must file with the court an affidavit stating whether or not the defendant is in military service, showing necessary facts to support the affidavit, or stating that the plaintiff is unable to determine whether or not the defendant is in military service, if that is the case. The requirement for an affidavit may be satisfied by a written, signed document declared to be true under penalty of perjury. If it appears that the defendant is in military service, the court may not enter a judgment until after the court appoints an attorney to represent the defendant. If the court is unable to determine if the defendant is in military service, the court may require the plaintiff to file a bond in an amount approved by the court. To obtain certificates of service or non-service under the Servicemember's Civil Relief Act, you may access the public website: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/applj/scra/scraHome.do>. This website will provide the current active military status of an individual.

Plaintiff being duly sworn under oath swears that Defendant is: *(check one)*

- ☐ not on active duty in the military
- ☐ on active military duty and/or is subject to the Servicemember's Civil Relief Act of 2003
- ☐ has waived in writing his/her rights under the Servicemember's Civil Relief Act of 2003
- ☐ military status is unknown at this time

PLAINTIFF

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on _____, 20____.

NOTARY (OR CLERK OF THE JUSTICE COURT)

**Penalty for making or using false affidavit – a person who makes or uses an affidavit knowing it to be false, shall be fined as provided in Title 18, United States Code, or imprisoned for not more than one year or both.*