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Superior Court of Washington, County of Thurston
Family and Juvenile Court

James Fowler
Petitioner (Person starting this case) DOB

vs.
Jennifer Conio
Respondent (Person responding to this case) DOB

Case No.

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Petition for Protection Order

Clerk's Action: 1

Petition for Protection Order

What kind protection order do you want? There are different orders based on the type of harm and how the parties know each other. **See definitions in Attachments A and B.**

1. Choose the type of protection order that best fits your situation. Check only one.

☒ Domestic Violence – Protection from an intimate partner or family or household member who has committed domestic violence, nonconsensual sexual conduct or penetration, unlawful harassment, or stalking. (PTORPRT)

☐ Sexual Assault – Protection from someone who has committed sexual assault. (PTORSXP)

91 ☒ Stalking – Protection from someone who has committed stalking. (PTORSTK)

☐ Vulnerable Adult – Protection from someone who has abandoned, abused, financially exploited, or neglected a vulnerable adult (or threatened to do so). (PTORVA)

Important! If you are asking for a Vulnerable Adult Protection Order, you must complete **Attachment B: Vulnerable Adult** as part of this Petition.

☐ Anti-Harassment – Protection from someone who has committed unlawful harassment. (PTORAH) (fee may be required)
Conduct also includes (check all that apply): ☐ stalking ☐ hate crime
☐ single act/threat of violence including malicious and intentional threat or presence of firearm/weapon causing substantial emotional distress
☐ family or household member engaged in domestic violence
☐ nonconsensual sexual conduct or penetration or a sex offense

2. If more than one of the protection order types listed above fits your situation, list any additional order types here: Stalking

3. Who should the order restrain? ("Restrained Person")

Name: Jennifer Como

Restrained Person's age: [] Under 13 [] 13 to 17 [] 18 or over [] unknown

Who should be protected? Check all that apply. Depending on the type of order, you can protect yourself and/or children, or you can file on behalf of a vulnerable adult, or another adult who cannot file for themselves.

4. **Who should the order protect?** ("Protected Person") (Check all that apply.)

☒ **Me.** My name is James Fowler
(You must be age 15 or older.)

☒ **Minor Children.**

☒ I am the minor's ☒ parent [] legal guardian [] custodian.

☒ I am age 18 or older and the minor is a member of my family or household.
(For domestic violence petitions only.)

[] I am age 15 to 17. The minor is a member of my family or household. I have been chosen by the minor and am capable of pursuing their stated interest in this case.

Child's Name	Age	Sex	Race	Lives With	How related to you	How related to Restrained Person
Jordan Como	11	FM	W	James Fowler	child	my child mother

Important! If the restrained person is a parent of any of the children, complete **Attachment C: Child Custody**. If you are **not** a parent of any of the children, complete **Attachment D: Non-parents protecting children (ICWA)**. You must include these Attachment/s with your Petition if they apply.

[] **Someone else.** (List your name as Petitioner at the beginning of this form. Describe who you are filing for here.) I am filing to protect:

☒ a vulnerable adult (name) James Fowler
(See definition and complete Attachment B.)

[] an adult (name) _____
who does not meet the definition of a vulnerable adult, but who cannot file the petition themselves because of age, disability, health, or inaccessibility.
(Do not check this for vulnerable adult or domestic violence petitions.)

What is the age, disability, health or inaccessibility concern that makes the adult unable to file themselves? (Examples: the adult is hospitalized, temporarily incapacitated, or in jail/prison.)

5. **Service address.** What is your address for receiving legal documents? You have the right to keep your residential address private. You may use a different mailing address for receiving legal documents.

Mail: 7823 3RD Ave SE unit-B Lacey, WA 98503

Email (if you agree to receive legal documents by email): james.w.fowler@yahoo.com

6. **Interpreter**

Do you need an interpreter? ☒ No ☐ Yes, Language: _____

Important! You may need to request an interpreter separately. You will get instructions with an order setting your hearing.

How do the parties know each other?

7. Check all the ways the protected person is connected or related to the restrained person:

Intimate Partners – Protected person and restrained person are intimate partners because they are:

- ☒ current or former spouses or domestic partners
☐ parents of a child-in-common (unless child was conceived through sexual assault)
☐ current or former dating relationship (age 13 or older) who
☐ never lived together ☐ live or have lived together

Family or household members - Protected person and restrained person are family or household members because they are:

- ☐ parent and child ☐ stepparent and stepchild
☐ grandparent and grandchild ☐ parent's intimate partner and child
☐ current or former cohabitants as roommates
☐ person who is or has been a legal guardian
☐ related by blood or marriage (specify how) _____

Other (examples: coworker, neighbor, acquaintance, stranger)

Connection to Washington State. This helps decide if the court has authority (jurisdiction).

8. **Why are you filing in this county and state?** Check *all* that apply.

- ☒ The protected person lives in this county now, or used to live in this county but left because of abuse, or this is the nearest court to where I live or used to live.
☒ An incident that made me want this protection order happened in this county or state.

9. **Restrained Person's residence.** Where does the restrained person live?

☒ In Washington State in (city or county) Thurston

☐ Outside of Washington State

☐ Unknown

Are there other court cases involving the parties or any children?

10. **Other court cases.** Have there been any other court cases between any of the people involved in this case or about any children? Include court cases happening now and in the past and requests for protection that were denied or have expired. (Examples: criminal no contact order, civil protection order, family law restraining order, protection order from another state, tribal order, military orders, parenting plans, divorce, landlord-tenant, employment, property, assault, police investigations. File copies in this court case of everything you want the court to review.)

☐ No ☐ Yes. If yes, fill out below.

Type of Case (see examples)	Court Location (City or County and State)	Court Type (Superior/ District/Municipal/ Tribal/Military)	Case Number (if known)	Status (active/ dismissed/pending/ expired, unknown)
Parenting Plan	Thurston	Superior	14-3-00620-5	Completed
Protection order	"	"	"	Terminated
restraining order	"	"	"	Terminated

Other details: _____

Do you need immediate protection? If needed, you can ask for a Temporary Protection Order that starts now, before the restrained person gets notice. This protection can last up to 14 days or until the court hearing (whichever comes first).

11. **Immediate Protection:** Do you need a Temporary Protection Order to start immediately, without prior notice to the restrained person? ☒ Yes ☐ No

12. **Immediate Weapons Surrender:** Do you want a temporary order that requires the restrained person give up all firearms, other dangerous weapons, and concealed pistol licenses right away, and prohibits the restrained person from getting more?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes to 11 or 12, explain why: What serious immediate harm or irreparable injury could occur if an order is not issued immediately without prior notice to the restrained person?

(Briefly explain how you or anyone else might be harmed if you do not get protection now.)

she has shown Jordan a pistol before that she has. Jennifer is stalking Jordan at her school & has tried 3 ways Jordan through other kids at school & has been seen walking the edge of the school grounds waiting to catch Jordan.

What protections do you need? Check everything you want the court to order.

13. I ask for a protection order with these restraints against the Restrained Person:

General Restraints

A. ☒ **No Harm:** Do not cause any physical harm, bodily injury, assault, nonconsensual sexual conduct or nonconsensual sexual penetration, and do not harass, threaten, or stalk
☒ protected person ☒ the minors named in section 4 above
☐ these minors only: _____

B. ☒ **No Contact:** Do not make any attempts or have any contact, including nonphysical contact, directly, indirectly, or through third parties, regardless of whether those third parties know of the order, except for service of court documents with
☐ protected person ☒ the minors named in section 4 above
☐ these minors only: _____
☐ these members of the protected person's household: _____
☐ **Exception** (if any): Only this type of contact is allowed: _____

Exceptions about minors, if any, provided in **P** below.

C. ☒ **Stalking Behavior:** Do not harass, follow, monitor, keep under physical or electronic surveillance, cyber harass (as defined in RCW 9A.90.120), or use phone, video, audio or other electronic means to record, photograph, or track locations or communication, including digital, wire, or electronic communication of
☒ the protected person ☒ the minors named in section 4 above
☐ these minors only: _____
☐ these members of the protected person's household: _____

D. ☒ **Exclude and Stay Away:** Do not enter, return to, knowingly come within, or knowingly remain within 1,000 feet or other distance (specify) _____ of
☒ the protected person ☒ protected person's vehicle
☐ protected person's school ☒ protected person's workplace
☒ protected person's residence ☒ protected person's adult day program
☐ the shared residence
☒ the residence, daycare, or school of ☐ the minors named in section 4 above
☒ these minors only: Jordan Rein Fowler Lomo
☐ other: _____

Address: The protected person chooses to (check one)

☐ keep their address confidential ☐ list their address here: 7823 3rd

ave SE Lacey WA 98503

unit-B

- E. ☐ **Vacate shared residence:** The protected person has exclusive right to the residence that the protected person and restrained person share. The restrained person must immediately vacate the residence. The restrained person may take the restrained person's clothing, personal items needed during the duration of the order, and these items (*specify*): _____ from the residence while a law enforcement officer is present.
- F. ☐ **Intimate Images:** Do not possess or distribute intimate images of a protected person, as defined in RCW 9A.86.010. The restrained person must take down and delete all intimate images and recordings of a protected person in the restrained person's possession or control and cease any and all disclosure of those intimate images.
- G. ☒ **Electronic Monitoring:** The restrained person must submit to electronic monitoring. Example: location tracking via ankle bracelet. (*Restrained person must be age 18 or older.*)
- H. ☒ **Evaluation:** The restrained person shall get an evaluation for:
☒ mental health ☒ chemical dependency (drugs)
- I. ☐ **Treatment:** The restrained person shall participate in state-certified treatment for:
☐ sex offender ☒ domestic violence perpetrator
- J. ☐ **Personal Belongings:** The protected person shall have possession of essential personal belongings, including the following:

- K. ☐ **Assets:** Do not transfer jointly owned assets.
☐ **Finances:** Provide the following financial relief: _____
- L. ☐ **Vehicle:** The protected person shall have use of the following vehicle:
Year, Make & Model _____ License No. _____
- M. ☒ **Restrict Abusive Litigation:** Do not engage in abusive litigation as set forth in chapter 26.51 RCW or in frivolous filings against the protected person, making harassing or libelous communications about the protected person to third parties, or making false reports to investigative agencies.
- N. ☒ **Pay Fees and Costs:** The restrained person must pay fees and costs of this action. This may include administrative court costs, service fees, and the protected person's costs including lawyer fees.

Firearms and Other Dangerous Weapons

- O. ☒ **Surrender Weapons:** The restrained person must immediately surrender to law enforcement and not access, possess, have in their custody or control, purchase, receive, or attempt to purchase or receive firearms, other dangerous weapons, or concealed pistol licenses.

Important! The court may be required to order the restrained person to surrender firearms, other dangerous weapons, or concealed pistol licenses even if you do not request it.

Does the restrained person have or own firearms?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I don't know

Complete **Attachment E: Firearms Identification** if Yes.

Would the restrained person's use of firearms or other dangerous weapons be a serious and immediate threat to anyone's health or safety?

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ I don't know

Even if the restrained person does not have firearms now, has the restrained person ever used firearms, other weapons, or objects to threaten or harm you?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, describe what happened.

She has threatened to shoot Jordan when Jordan, lived with her and Jordan has expressed her fears with me.

Is the restrained person already not allowed to have firearms?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ I don't know

If Yes, why? _____

Minors

- P. ☐ **Custody:** The protected person is granted temporary care, custody, and control of
☐ the minors named in section 4 above
☐ these minors only: _____

Exceptions for Visitation and Transportation (including exchanges, meeting location, and pickup and dropoff) of Minors (if any): _____

Visitation listed here is an exception to any No Contact provision in B above.

(Only for children the protected and restrained person have together.)

- Q. ☒ **Interference:** Do not interfere with the protected person's physical or legal custody of:
☐ the minors named in section 4 above
☐ these minors only: _____

- R. ☒ **Removal from State:** Do not remove from the state:
☒ the minors named in section 4 above
☐ these minors only: _____

- ~~S. ☐~~ **School Enrollment:** Do not enroll or continue attending as a student in the elementary, middle, or high school that a protected person attends: (name of school)

(Only if both the restrained person and a protected person are students at the same school. Can apply to students 18 or older. Includes public and private schools.)

Describe any continuing physical danger, emotional distress, or educational disruption to a protected person that would happen if the restrained person attends the same school.

She is reaching out to Jordan through 3way phone calls. stalks the school grounds on the edge. And sends messages to Jordan, that she is waiting for her

Pets

- T. ☐ **Custody:** The protected person shall have exclusive custody and control of the following pet/s owned, possessed, leased, kept, or held by the protected person, restrained person, or a minor child who lives with either the protected or restrained person. *(Specify name of pet and type of animal.):* _____
- U. ☐ **Interference:** Do not interfere with the protected person's efforts to get the pet/s named above.
- V. ☐ **Stay Away:** Do not knowingly come within, or knowingly remain within (distance) _____ of the following locations where the pet/s are regularly found:
☐ Protected person's residence *(home address may be kept confidential.)*
☐ Other *(specify):* _____

Vulnerable Adult

- W. ☒ **Safety:** Do not commit or threaten to commit acts of abandonment, neglect, financial exploitation, or abuse, including sexual abuse, mental abuse, physical abuse, personal exploitation, and improper use of restraints, against the vulnerable adult.
- X. ☐ **Accounting:** Provide an accounting of the disposition of the vulnerable adult's income or other resources.
- Y. ☐ **Property Transfer:** Do not transfer the property of ☐ the vulnerable adult ☐ the restrained person. This restraint can last for up to 90 days.

Other

Z. _____

Do you need help from law enforcement? They may help you get the things you asked for.

14. **Law Enforcement Help:** Do you want the court to order the appropriate law enforcement agency to help you with any of the things listed below?

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Possession of my residence.
☐ Possession of the vehicle I asked for in section L above.
☐ Possession of my essential personal belongings that are located at:
☐ the shared residence
☐ the restrained person's residence
☐ other location: _____
☐ Custody of: ☐ the minors named in section 4 above
☐ these minors only: _____
☐ Other: _____

How long do you need this order to last?

15. Length of Order

(The order will last for **at least one year** unless you ask for something different. Orders restraining a parent from contacting their own children may not exceed one year.)

I need this order to last for: ☐ 1 year ☒ more than 1 year ☐ less than 1 year (specify how long): until mother get Mental health stuff in

If you checked more or less than one year, briefly explain why.

until Jennifer Comd is in compliance with Our Parenting Plan.

Why do you need a protection order? What happened? This is your statement, where you tell your experience.

Be as specific and descriptive as possible. Put the date, names, what happened, and where. Use names rather than pronouns (he/she/they) as much as possible. If you cannot remember the date, put the time of year it happened (around a holiday, winter, summer, how old your child was), or about how long ago.

For all of the questions below, include details:

- Who did what?
- When did this happen?
- How were any statements made? (in person, mail, text, phone, email, social media)
- How did this make you, the minor, or the vulnerable adult feel?

If you need more space to answer any of the questions below, use form PO 010 Statement or attach additional pages.

Privacy Warning! The restrained person will see this Petition and any other evidence you file with the court. This information is also available to the public for anyone to see. You should file health care records, financial documents, and confidential reports under seal. Use form All Civil040 Sealed Cover. If you want to seal explicit or intimate images, you must file a separate motion asking the court to seal these images (GR 15).

16. Most Recent Incident. What happened most recently that made you want a protection order? This could include violent acts, fear or threats of violence, coercive control, nonconsensual sexual conduct or penetration, sexual abuse, harassment, stalking, hate crimes. For a vulnerable adult, include incidents or threats of abandonment, abuse, neglect, and/or financial exploitation. Include specific date/s and details of the incident.

She has tried calling Jordan 3-way. She is spreading rumors to other children in the school, that I am a threat to them and Jordan & she uses them to try and connect with Jordan. I have had a parent come to me and tell me that ~~she~~ she heard kids saying I am the one to watch out for.

In our past Jennifer has used conflict with children before. I seen her (Jennifer) yesterday stalking the school and followed her until she seen me when talking to A student named Emma Taylor, that lives in the neighborhood with Jennifer Coma. Jennifer also was in my neighborhood a week ago and when she passed by she showed a gun sign like she was shooting me.

17. **Past Incidents.** What happened in the past that makes you want a protection order? This could include violent acts, fear or threats of violence, coercive control, nonconsensual sexual conduct or penetration, sexual abuse, harassment, stalking, hate crimes. For a vulnerable adult, include incidents or threats of abandonment, abuse, neglect, and/or financial exploitation. Include specific date/s and details of the incidents.

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- She has threatened me before.
- She made false allegations to CPS, that I was molesting Jordan.
- When I was first ruled to have Jordan, Jennifer fled with her.
- Jennifer has violated a restraining order and used a child to go get Jordan from the back of the school.

18. **Medical Treatment.** Describe any medical treatment you received for issues related to your request for protection.

my blood sugars are super crazy & anxiety is out the roof.

19. **Suicidal Behavior.** Describe any threats of self-harm or suicide attempts by the restrained person.

20. **Restrained Person's Substance Abuse**

Is substance abuse involved? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
If yes, what type of substance abuse? ☒ Alcohol ☒ Drugs ☐ Other

21. **Minors Needing Protection, if any** (If the information is not already included above.)

Has there been any violence or threats towards children? How have the children been affected by the restrained person's behavior? Were the children present during any of the incidents described above? Describe and give details.

The other kids are afraid of me & Jordan because of the things her mother has said, too use the other kids.

22. **Supporting Evidence** (Include anything else you want the court to see that helps prove what you are saying is true. You are responsible for filing your supporting evidence, including police reports, if any. Before you file any attachments, you can black out (redact) any sensitive information. Examples: your home address and account numbers (leave last four digits). If you have audio or video evidence, contact the court for how to submit.)

☐ I am submitting the following evidence with this Petition (check all that apply):

- ☐ Pictures
- ☐ Text/email/social media messages
- ☐ Voice messages (written transcript)
- ☐ Written notes/letters/mail
- ☐ Police report
- ☐ Declaration or statement from witness (name/s):

☒ Other (describe):

Nisqually Middle School
has records of the
stuff as of
late,

Privacy Warning! The restrained person will see this Petition and any other evidence you file with the court. This information is also available to the public for anyone to see, unless it is filed under a sealed cover sheet. Use All Civil 040 Sealed Cover to file financial source documents, personal health care records, and confidential reports. If you want to seal explicit or intimate images, you must file a separate motion asking the court to seal these images (GR 15).

Before you file any attachments, you can black out (redact) any sensitive information. Examples: your home address, account numbers (leave last four digits), minor's names (leave minor's initials). Do not list your address in this petition or any supporting evidence if you want it to remain confidential.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that all the information provided in this petition and any attachments is true and correct.

☐ I have attached (number): _____ pages.

(Signed at (City and State): Dly-WA Date: 9-15-23)
James Fowler James Fowler
Sign here Print name

Attachment A: Definitions (*Always include with petition.*)

"Domestic violence" means:

- (a) Physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or the infliction of fear of physical harm, bodily injury, or assault; nonconsensual sexual conduct or nonconsensual sexual penetration; coercive control; unlawful harassment; or stalking of one intimate partner by another intimate partner; or
- (b) Physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or the infliction of fear of physical harm, bodily injury, or assault; nonconsensual sexual conduct or nonconsensual sexual penetration; coercive control; unlawful harassment; or stalking of one family or household member by another family or household member.

"Sexual conduct" means any of the following:

- (a) Any intentional or knowing touching or fondling of the genitals, anus, or breasts, directly or indirectly, including through clothing;
- (b) Any intentional or knowing display of the genitals, anus, or breasts for the purposes of arousal or sexual gratification of the respondent;
- (c) Any intentional or knowing touching or fondling of the genitals, anus, or breasts, directly or indirectly, including through clothing, that the petitioner is forced to perform by another person or the respondent;
- (d) Any forced display of the petitioner's genitals, anus, or breasts for the purposes of arousal or sexual gratification of the respondent or others;
- (e) Any intentional or knowing touching of the clothed or unclothed body of a child under the age of 16, if done for the purpose of sexual gratification or arousal of the respondent or others; or any coerced or forced touching or fondling by a child under the age of 16, directly or indirectly, including through clothing, of the genitals, anus, or breasts of the respondent or others.

"Sexual penetration" means any contact, however slight, between the sex organ or anus of one person by an object, the sex organ, mouth, or anus of another person, or any intrusion, however slight, of any part of the body of one person or of any animal or object into the sex organ or anus of another person including, but not limited to, cunnilingus, fellatio, or anal penetration.

Evidence of emission of semen is not required to prove sexual penetration.

"Stalking" means any of the following:

- (a) Any act of stalking as defined under RCW 9A.46.110;
- (b) Any act of cyber harassment as defined under RCW 9A.90.120; or
- (c) Any course of conduct involving repeated or continuing contacts, attempts to contact, monitoring, tracking, surveillance, keeping under observation, disrupting activities in a harassing manner, or following of another person that:
 - (i) Would cause a reasonable person to feel intimidated, frightened, under duress, significantly disrupted, or threatened and that actually causes such a feeling;
 - (ii) Serves no lawful purpose; and
 - (iii) The respondent knows, or reasonably should know, threatens, frightens, or intimidates the person, even if the respondent did not intend to intimidate, frighten, or threaten the person.

"Unlawful harassment" means:

- (a) A knowing and willful course of conduct directed at a specific person that seriously alarms, annoys, harasses, or is detrimental to such person, and that serves no legitimate or lawful purpose. The course of conduct must be such as would cause a reasonable person to suffer substantial emotional distress, and must actually cause substantial emotional distress to the petitioner; or
- (b) A single act of violence or threat of violence directed at a specific person that seriously alarms, annoys, harasses, or is detrimental to such person, and that serves no legitimate or lawful purpose, which would cause a reasonable person to suffer substantial emotional distress, and must actually cause substantial emotional distress to the petitioner. A single threat of violence must include:
 - (i) A malicious and intentional threat as described in RCW 9A.36.080(1)(c); or
 - (ii) the presence of a firearm or other weapon.

Attachment C: Child Custody

Only **complete** this attachment if you are asking to protect any of the restrained person's children. If **not**, skip or remove this attachment.

Does a Washington Court have authority over the children? Before the court can protect a child, you must tell the court about the children's connection to Washington State. See instructions for help.

1. Children's Home/s

At any time during the past 5 years, have the children lived:

- ☐ on an Indian reservation,
- ☐ outside Washington state,
- ☐ in a foreign country, or
- ☐ with anyone who is not a party to this case?

☒ No. (Skip to 2)

☐ Yes. (Fill out below to show where the children have lived during the last 5 years.)

Dates	Children	Lived with	In which state, Indian reservation, or foreign country
From: To:	<input type="checkbox"/> All children <input type="checkbox"/> (Initials):	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent <input type="checkbox"/> Other (name):	
From: To:	<input type="checkbox"/> All children <input type="checkbox"/> (Initials):	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent <input type="checkbox"/> Other (name):	
From: To:	<input type="checkbox"/> All children <input type="checkbox"/> (Initials):	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent <input type="checkbox"/> Other (name):	
From: To:	<input type="checkbox"/> All children <input type="checkbox"/> (Initials):	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent <input type="checkbox"/> Other (name):	
From: To:	<input type="checkbox"/> All children <input type="checkbox"/> (Initials):	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent <input type="checkbox"/> Other (name):	

2. Other people with a legal right to spend time with the children

Do you know of anyone besides yourself and Respondent who has or claims to have a legal right to spend time with the children?

☒ No.

☐ Yes. (Name/s) _____ has or claims to have a legal right to spend time with the children because:

3. **Authority over the children (Jurisdiction)** (RCW 26.27.201 – .221, .231, .261, .271)

The court can make an order protecting the children because:

☒ **Exclusive, continuing jurisdiction** – A Washington court has already made a custody order or parenting plan for the children and the court still has authority to make other orders for the children.

☐ **Home state jurisdiction** – Washington is the child's home state because (check all that apply):

☐ The children lived in Washington with a parent or someone acting as a parent for at least the 6 months just before this case was filed, or if a child is less than 6 months old, the child has lived in Washington with a parent or someone acting as a parent since birth.

☐ There were times the children were not in Washington in the 6 months just before this case was filed (or since birth if a child is less than 6 months old), but those were temporary absences.

☐ The children do not live in Washington right now, but Washington was the children's home state sometime in the 6 months just before this case was filed, and a parent or someone acting as a parent of the children still lives in Washington.

☐ The children do not have another home state.

☐ **No home state or home state declined** – No court of any other state (or tribe) has the jurisdiction to make decisions for the children **or** a court in the children's home state (or tribe) decided it is better to have this case in Washington **and**:

- The children and a parent or someone acting as a parent have ties to Washington beyond just living here; **and**
- There is a lot of information (substantial evidence) about the children's care, protection, education, and relationships in this state.

☐ **Other state declined** – The courts in other states (or tribes) that might be the children's home state have refused to take this case because it is better to have this case in Washington.

☐ **Temporary emergency jurisdiction** – The court can make decisions for the children because the children are in this state now **and** were abandoned here **or** need emergency protection because the children (or their parent, brother, or sister) were abused or threatened with abuse. (Check one):

☐ A custody case involving the children was filed in the children's home state (name of state or tribe): _____. Washington should take temporary emergency jurisdiction over the children until the Petitioner can get a court order from the children's home state (or tribe).

☐ There is **no** valid custody order or open custody case in the children's home state (name of state or tribe): _____. If no case is filed in the children's home state (or tribe) by the time the children have been in Washington for 6 months, (date): _____, Washington should have final jurisdiction over the children.

☐ Other reason (specify): _____