

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
FAMILY LAW DIVISION**

**IN RE: THE FORMER MARRIAGE OF:
THOMAS HUDSON,
Petitioner/Former Husband,
and**

**Case No.: 2024-DR-52505
Division:**

**SHAUNTEL HUDSON.
Respondent/Former Wife.**

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RESPONDENT/MOTHER'S MOTION FOR NON-DISSEMINATION ORDER

COMES NOW, the Respondent/Mother, Shauntel Hudson, who hereby files this *Respondent/Mother's Motion For Non-Dissemination Order* and would state as follows:

1. The undersigned counsel is the attorney of record and has been retained by the Respondent/Mother in this instant action.
2. There are in fact two minor children of the parties to-wit: T.H., a male child born in 2009 and B.H., a female child born in 2016.
3. An extremely sensitive and severe circumstance has arisen wherein there is an investigation being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigations, (F.B.I.), arising out of the suspected murder of the Respondent/Mother's stepdaughter.
4. The minor child, T.H., is currently the subject of the active F.B.I. criminal investigation. There is good cause for the need to protect the privacy, sensitivity, and well-being of not only the minor child, T.H., but the other the individual family members involved.
5. The undersigned counsel's office was contacted by several reporters stating that the Petitioner/Father has made comments and they would like to fact check his story.

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6. If the foregoing is correct, then this conduct of the Petitioner/Father may cause substantial risk and harm to not only the minor child and the grieving families but also may impede the active criminal investigation. There is substantial risk that confidential information is being revealed to third parties and the public through electronic communication, social media, or other disclosure, to individuals who are not authorized to receive such information.

7. The press is also reading and televising court documents filed by the parties in this case and then incorrectly televising the information contained within.

8. Disclosure of information of any kind regarding the parties may jeopardize the integrity of this ongoing investigation and may expose minor child, T.H., and the other grieving family members, to significant and possible irreversible harm. The Respondent/Mother is requesting this Court to shield the family from unnecessary and potentially harmful public exposure.

9. Respondent/Mother is requesting a *Non-Dissemination Order*, prohibiting either party from the discussing, disclosing, posting, whether verbally, electronically or through social media, disseminating any information, of any kind, and to seal the court file similar to dependency cases where the court documents are not available to the public, and in addition, specifically concerning:

- a. The F.B.I's active criminal investigation of the minor child, T.H.;
- b. Any disclosure or information regarding active F.B.I criminal investigations that may involve the parties and the minor children of the parties;
- c. Any disclosure or information regarding the pending family court proceedings including any dependency actions;
- d. Any disclosure or information regarding any DCF investigations, including investigations that may or may not, currently be open in: Hernando County, Lee County and Brevard County, Florida.

- e. Any disclosure or information related to law enforcement activity to any third party, whether verbally, electronically or through social media;
- f. Prohibiting any party from providing documents, reports, text messages, photographs, records, or any other materials relating to the minor T.H., any of the parties related to these proceedings, and any parties involved in the active F.B.I. criminal investigation, other than this Honorable Court, the parties legal counsel, Law Enforcement or/or authorized investigators.
- g. Requiring that any further filings referencing the minor child, or the parties of this action, be submitted *UNDER SEAL*, preventing public access to certain public records;
- h. Requiring any sensitive information be redacted including names and other identifying information be removed from public court records;
- i. Restricting Access to Court proceedings, limiting who may attend certain hearings to prevent who can attend certain hearings in an effort to protect sensitive allegations.

10. The Respondent/Mother also requests that these proceedings be closed to the press in the event criminal charges are filed against the minor child, his right to a fair trial may be tarnished. Therefore, Respondent/Mother is requesting that the court close the proceedings in order to protect the interests of the minor child and the family.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel requests that this Honorable Court grants ***Respondent/Mother's Motion For Non-Dissemination Order***, prohibiting either party from discussing, disclosing, posting or otherwise disseminating any information concerning the family court proceedings until the criminal investigation has been concluded, and any other relief it determines to be reasonable and just.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished to **Scott T. Smith, Esq.**; Scott T. Smith, P.A. 101 East Fort Dade Ave. Brooksville, Florida 34601 at ScottTSmithpa@gmail.com or any email address he has listed for this cause of action through Florida's Eportal on this 20th day of November, 2025.

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