

PARENTING TIME COMPLAINT

Ottawa County Friend of the Court
414 Washington Ave, Room 225
Grand Haven, MI 49417

Docket Number _____

Plaintiff _____ Defendant _____

Address _____ Address _____

Phone # _____ Phone # _____

THE FRIEND OF THE COURT WILL ONLY ENFORCE PARENTING TIME AS PROVIDED IN YOUR COURT ORDER. AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE PARTIES WILL NOT BE ENFORCED.

OUR OFFICE IS UNABLE TO TAKE ANY ACTION IN ANTICIPATION OF A VIOLATION OF THE PARENTING TIME ORDER.

THE VISITING PARENT MUST ATTEMPT TO EXERCISE THE PARENTING TIME PROVIDED IN THE ORDER.

YOUR COMPLAINT MUST BE RECEIVED AT OUR OFFICE, IN WRITING, WITHIN 56 DAYS OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATION.

Name of person filing the complaint: _____

Does your court order state specifically your parenting time schedule? Yes No

Please provide the entry date of the violated parenting time order: _____

If complaint involves a denial of parenting time, please complete the following:

My court ordered parenting time schedule states that I was to have the child(ren)

FROM _____ at _____ TO _____ at _____
(date) (time) (date) (time)

Names of child(ren) involved: _____

The other party denied my parenting time because:

Did you actually go to the home/pick up spot and attempt pick up? Yes No

If your complaint is OTHER than denial, please explain: _____

Please mark one of the following:

- _____ Please keep this complaint on file, but take no further action.
- _____ Please take the appropriate enforcement action in this matter.**
- _____ I wish to receive make-up parenting time
- _____ Other: _____

Signed _____ Date _____

**If you are requesting enforcement, the following procedure will be followed:

- 1) The Friend of the Court will send a COPY OF YOUR COMPLAINT to the other party along with a notice requesting a response from the other party within 21 days.
- 2) A COPY OF THE OTHER PARTY'S RESPONSE will be sent to you. Depending on other party's response, a number of different options are available including mediation, make-up time, or a court hearing before the Judge. Along with your copy of the other party's response you will receive a letter from our office requesting your input on how you would like to proceed. If your complaint goes before the Judge both you and the other party will be required to attend the hearing.
- 3) If the Investigator believes that no violation has occurred after receiving the other party's response, the Investigator will notify both parties that no further enforcement action will be taken.
- 4) If the other party fails to respond within 21 days your investigator will be in contact with you to see if you would like to bring this matter before the Judge.
- 5) If your complaint is brought before the Judge and the other party is found in contempt, the Judge will issue a penalty against the other party. Penalties could include (but not be limited to) a warning, make-up time, a fine, jail time or suspended jail time to be served if the violation reoccurs, suspension of licenses (driver's license, occupational licenses, recreational licenses).