

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY
FAMILY LAW DIVISION
CASE NO. 50_____**

Petitioner,

and

Respondent.

ORDER GRANTING SOCIAL INVESTIGATION

This Court, sua sponte, or upon a previously filed Motion or Stipulation of the Parties, hereby directs _____, a Child Custody Investigator pursuant to Section 61.20, Florida Statutes, to conduct a social investigation involving the pertinent details relating to the children and to each parent, in this cause and to provide a report and recommendations to the court, with copies to counsel/unrepresented parties prior to hearing. It is further ordered that:

1. The Child Custody Investigator is authorized to conduct a:

_____ **(A) Comprehensive Investigation:** Specific areas of concern are:

_____ **(B) Limited Investigation:** This will cover only narrowly defined issues as determined by the Court. The area(s) to be addressed may be up to 2 two of the following issues:

- visitation
- physical/emotional safety of children
- proper supervision
- home environment
- associates of parents
- drugs/excessive alcohol in home

_____ **(C) Updated Investigation:** This will update the court on changes that have taken place since the previous investigation. Specific area(s) to be addressed:

2. Pursuant to Section 61.20, Florida Statutes, the court may assess a fee for this study unless the parties are indigent. The fee assessed in this case is \$2,000 for a comprehensive study and \$1,000 for a limited evaluation and \$75.00 per hour for a custody evaluation updated (for evaluations completed more than 6 (six) months prior to trial date).

The Petitioner must pay \$_____ of this fee; the Respondent must pay \$_____ of the fee.

_____ The fee is waived by the court due to an inability to pay.

3. Both parties must, within SEVEN (7) days of service of this Order, remit the fee, indicated above (if any), made payable to the evaluator.

4. The parties are hereby directed to fully cooperate with the investigation process. No continuances will be granted due to a delay in completing a social (custody) investigation/home study. This report shall be completed within sixty days from the date of this ORDER.

DONE and ORDERED in Palm Beach County, Florida, this _____ day of _____, 200__.

Circuit Court Judge

Copies to:
Petitioner/Attorney
Respondent/Attorney
Custody Evaluator