TENANT EVICTION PACKET FOR OTHER THAN NON-PAYMENT OF RENT --- FIFTEEN (15) DAY TERMINATION OF TENANCY

(THIS PACKET DOES NOT APPLY TO COMMERCIAL PROPERTY NOR MOBILE HOME PARKS.)

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IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ

IF NOT PROPERLY COMPLETED AND PARTIES NOT PROPERLY SERVED, YOUR CASE MAY BE DISMISSED OR YOU MAY NOT OBTAIN YOUR FINAL JUDGMENT.

THIS TYPE EVICTION MUST BE FILED BY OWNER OR ATTORNEY FOR OWNER ONLY.

This Eviction Packet may be used for evictions of mobile home and lot or the lot only so long as the property is not in a mobile home park of ten or more lots/spaces.

The **Filing Fee** for an eviction is \$185.00 plus an additional \$10.00 per summons per person payable to **NADIA K. DAUGHTREY**, **Clerk of Courts**.

To terminate a tenancy, please prepare the enclosed **FIFTEEN DAY NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF TENANCY**. Make a copy of the Notice for yourself and serve the original to the Defendant(s) or the person who lives with the Defendant(s), or post it at the residence of the Defendant(s). The fifteen (15) day notice must be given to the Defendant(s) at least 15 or more days prior to their next rental due date. **EXAMPLE:** If the rent is due on the 1st of each month, the notice must be given before the 15th of the month prior. Once you have given the Defendant(s) the Notice, he/she has **fifteen (15) full days** to vacate the premises. If the Defendant(s) has not moved after the fifteen (15) day time limit, make another copy of the Fifteen Day Notice for filing in the court file.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE FIFTEEN DAY NOTICE HAVE THE LANDLORD'S NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER WITHIN IT. IF IT DOES NOT, <u>YOUR CASE WILL BE DISMISSED BY THE COURT.</u> IF YOU ONLY LIST A POST OFFICE BOX FOR LANDLORD'S ADDRESS YOU MUST ALLOW THE TENANT AN ADDITIONAL FIVE (5) DAYS FOR RESPONDING.

FILING THE EVICTION: Using black ink, please complete the NOTICE OF PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS and STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY. Type or

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clearly print the addresses of the parties, then sign and date the forms and file them with the Clerk of Court.

Please complete the COMPLAINT FOR TENANT EVICTION (OTHER THAN NON-PAYMENT OF RENT) by typing or clearly printing the addresses of the parties and fill in the appropriate blank lines. Sign the complaint before a notary public or a deputy clerk and file it with the Clerk of Court. If you have the Clerk's Office make copies for you, you will be charged \$1.00 per page.

Enclosed is the CERTIFICATE OF MAILING you are to provide the Clerk for certifying that the Complaint and Summons were mailed to Defendant(s). Please complete the CERTIFICATE OF MAILING by typing or printing the addresses of the parties at the top and the Defendant's name and address in the body of the certificate. The Clerk is to immediately mail a copy of the summons and the copy of the complaint you provided by first class mail (you are to provide the stamped envelope). Service on the Defendant shall be effective on the date of posting or mailing, whichever occurs later. At least 5 days must elapse from the date of service before a judgment for final removal of the Defendant may be entered. If service is not completed as described above, a judgment for final removal of Defendant will not be entered by the Court.

A Deputy Clerk will prepare the **SUMMONS**. **IF YOU ARE EVICTING A HUSBAND AND WIFE, YOU WILL NEED A SUMMONS ISSUED FOR EACH OF THEM AND HAVE THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SERVE EACH OF THEM.** You are to take the summons packet to the Sheriff's Office to have the Defendant(s) served. A service fee of \$40.00 per person is required by the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office, payable directly to them and separately from the eviction packet. The Sheriff's Office will not accept personal checks. You must pay by cash, money order or cashier's check. You will receive a copy of the Summons for your records from the Clerk's office at no charge.

If a written response is filed with the Clerk's office by the Defendant(s), a court date may be scheduled with the Court as soon as possible. Notification of the hearing date will be mailed to both parties. The Court will make the determination if the tenant should be made to move at the hearing.

If the tenant(s) **fails** to file a written response, complete the forms in the **Default Package** and follow the directions in order to regain possession of the property.

If a Final Judgment for Possession is entered by the Court, the Clerk's office will prepare a **WRIT OF POSSESSION**. You will take the Writ of Possession, together with the completed **INFORMATION ON AND DESCRIPTION OF DEFENDANTS TO GO WITH WRIT OF POSSESSION**, to the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office will require a service fee of \$90.00 for service. At this time, the tenant must leave the premises giving you back your property.

NOTICE

ALL PAPERWORK PROVIDED BY THIS OFFICE IS USED FOR 'PRO SE' LITIGANTS ONLY. 'PRO SE' MEANS THAT YOU ARE ACTING AS YOUR OWN ATTORNEY. ACTING AS YOUR OWN ATTORNEY MAKES <u>YOU</u> RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYTHING THAT INVOLVES YOUR CASE FILE. FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A COURT DATE OR NOTICE

FROM THIS OFFICE OR THE JUDGE, IT IS UP TO YOU TO CONTACT THE JUDGE FOR A HEARING DATE.

THIS PACKET PROVIDED BY:

HONORABLE DANIELLE L. BREWER COUNTY COURT JUDGE DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA 115 EAST OAK STREET ARCADIA, FLORIDA 34266 HONORABLE NADIA K. DAUGHTREY CLERK OF COURTS DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA 115 EAST OAK STREET ARCADIA, FLORIDA 34266

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FIFTEEN DAY NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF TENANCY

TO:		
	Tenant's Name	
	Street Address	Mailing Address
FROM:	T H H . NT	
	Landlord's Name	
DATE:		
	•	nancy is hereby terminated and you are to remove as:
		er possession to the undersigned within fifteen (15) otice, to-wit: (Date)
Signature		Printed Name of Landlord/Property Owner
Address		City, State and Zip Code
Telephone		
	PRO	OF OF SERVICE
served the I Tenant in po On I had discr	Fifteen Day Notice, of wobssession in the manner(s)	rears of age, declare under penalty of perjury that I which this is a true copy, on the above-mentioned indicated below: Thanded the Notice to the tenant. It is a true copy, on the above-mentioned indicated below: Thanded the Notice to the tenant. It is a true copy, on the above-mentioned indicated below: Thanded the Notice to the tenant. It is a true copy, on the above-mentioned indicated below: Thanded the Notice to the tenant. That is a true copy, on the above-mentioned indicated below: That is a true copy, on the above-mentioned indicated
Executed on	, 20_	<u></u> ·
		Landlord

(Name and Address) Plaintiff(s),	_
VS.	CASE NO
(Name and Address) Defendant(s).	
NOTICE OF P	ERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS
I/We,hereby certify that my/our permanent mai	, the Plaintiff(s) in the above styled cause of action ling address is as follows:
Phone	
	ONLY THIS ADDRESS WILL BE USED BY THE COURT, Y INTERVENING PARTIES TO THIS CASE FOR THE H:
	nture hearings in this case, and uments and papers pertaining to this case.
above address and that in the event person be attempted to be served at the above list address. I/We also understand that if I/W I/We must notify the Clerk of Court of	and court papers in this case will be sent to me/us only at the nal service of any court documents is necessary that they will first sted address unless and until I/We notify the court of my/our new e change my/our permanent mailing address or residence address, my/our new address in writing by completion of another form tress within one week of the change of address and with a copy
CLEF Attn: 115 E	RK OF COURT County Civil ast Oak Street lia, Florida 34266
Court informed of any change in my/o documents and notice of all future hearing	and I/We understand that it is my/our responsibility to keep the ur current address. I/We understand that copies of any court gs which are mailed to my/our current address set forth herein will the Court may proceed on all matters noticed and mailed to the for said hearing.
Dated:	Signature

Name and Address,		
Plaintiff(s),		
vs.	CASE NO	
Name and Address, Defendant(s).		
STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY Landlord - Tenant Action		
Before filing this case, I have considered the following matters and acknowledge that: 1. This case is being filed in the County Court under the Landlord and Tenant Law of Florida, Chapter 83 Florida Statutes and as set forth in Chapter 51. That the conduct of this case will be in accordance with the rules of procedure and laws of Florida which apply to this case. 2. The naming of proper parties is an important element of the case and the responsibility for naming the proper plaintiff(s) and defendant(s) in this case is mine. 3. I am responsible for the furnishing of a correct address or location at which the defendant(s) can be served or given notice of this suit. 4. I assume responsibility as to my right to file this case for myself or for the named plaintiff(s) realizing that if the plaintiff is a corporation that such plaintiff may be required to be represented by an attorney. 5. I do not expect the Clerk who receives and files this claim to give me legal advice as to how to prosecute this case and acknowledge that the Clerk is not acting as my attorney or legal advisor. 6. I am solely responsible for the collection of any judgment entered in my favor.		

Signature

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Dated: _____

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Name and Address Plaintiff(s),	_
vs.	CASE NO
Name and Address Defendant(s).	_
	FOR TENANT EVICTION n Non-Payment of Rent)
Plaintiff sues defendant and alleges:	
This is not a mobile home in a park. T	ant from real property in DeSoto County, Florida. This is not commercial propertydescribed real property, to-wit:
written agreement.	ession of the property under oral agreement, not a
	one) does does not apply to a mobile nt covers (check one) mobile home and lot
5. Plaintiff(s) served defendant(s)	with a notice on, 20, to fuses to do so. A copy of the Notice is attached as
WHEREFORE, plaintiff(s) demands defendant(s).	judgment for possession of the property against
	Signature of Plaintiff or Agent
	Address Telephone:

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF		
SWORN TO and subscribed before repersonally known to me or produced _	•	
as identification this day of	·	
	Notary Public or Deputy Clerk	

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Plaintiff	
Vs.	Case No
Defendant	
CERTIFIC	ATE OF MAILING
pursuant to Florida Statutes 48.183	of the County Court, do hereby certify that 3, the landlord has provided the Clerk of the and pre-stamped envelopes addressed to the nailed to:
	of this Certificate of Mailing has been properly opies of the summons and complaint were
	the date of posting or mailing, whichever om the date of service must have elapsed of the defendant may be entered.
Dated on:	
	NADIA K. DAUGHTREY Clerk of the Court Desoto County, Florida
	By:

Plaintiff(s),	
VS.	CASE NO.
Defendant(s).	
EVICTION SUMMONS/R	RESIDENTIAL
TO: (Defendant(s) name and address)	
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY	
You are being sued by (Plaintiff(s) name) to require you to move out of the place where you are licomplaint.	iving for the reasons given in the attached
You are entitled to a trial to determine whether you can be required to move, but you must do all of the things listed below. You must do them within 5 days (not including Saturda Sunday, or any legal holiday) after the date these papers were given to you or to a person while with you or were posted at your home.	
THE THINGS YOU MUST DO ARE AS FOLLOWS	S:
1. Write down the reason(s) why you think written reason(s) must be given to the Clerk of the Cou Oak St., Arcadia, Florida 34266.	rt at the County Civil Department, 115 E.
2. Mail or give a copy of your written reason(and address)	(s) to: (Plaintiff/Plaintiff's Attorney name
3. Pay to the Clerk of the Court the amount of be due and any rent that becomes due until the lawsui claimed in the complaint is incorrect, you should file wi the court determine the amount to be paid. If you file any documents supporting your position and mail or giplaintiff's attorney. NO CHECKS ACCEPTED. 4. If you file a motion to have the court determine the amount to have the court determine the amount to have the court determine the amount of the court determine the court determine the amount to be paid.	t is over. If you believe that the amount of the Clerk of the Court a motion to have a motion, you must attach to the motion we a copy of the motion to the plaintiff or

IF YOU DO NOT DO ALL OF THE THINGS SPECIFIED ABOVE WITHIN 5 WORKING DAYS AFTER THE DATE THAT THESE PAPERS WERE GIVEN TO YOU OR TO A PERSON WHO LIVES WITH YOU OR WERE POSTED AT YOUR HOME, YOU MAY BE EVICTED WITHOUT A HEARING OR FURTHER NOTICE.

5. If the attached complaint also contains a claim for money damages (such as unpaid rent), you must respond to that claim separately. You must write down the reasons why you believe that you do not owe the money claimed. The written reasons must be given to the Clerk of the Court at the address specified in paragraph (1) above, and you must mail or give a copy of your written reasons to the Plaintiff/Plaintiff's attorney at the address specified in paragraph (2) above. THIS MUST BE DONE WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER THE DATE THESE PAPERS WERE GIVEN TO YOU OR TO A PERSON WHO LIVES WITH YOU OR WERE POSTED AT YOUR HOME. This obligation is separate from the requirements of answering the claim for eviction within 5 working days after these papers were given to you or to a person who lives with you or were posted at your home.

THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO EACH SHERIFF OF THE STATE:

above-named defendant(s).	
Dated on	,·
	NADIA K. DAUGHTREY As Clerk of the Court
	Ву:
	Deputy Clerk

You are commanded to serve this summons and a copy of the complaint in this lawsuit on the

NOTIFICACION DE DESALOJO/RESIDENCIAL SIRVASE LEER CON CUIDADO

Usted esta siendo demandado por Demandante/Abogado del Demandante para exigirle que desaloje el lugar donde reside por los motivos que se expresan en la demanda adjunta.

Usted tiene derecho a ser sometido a juicio para determinar si se le puede exigir que se mude, pero ES NECESARIO que haga TODO lo que pide a continuacion en un plazo de 5 dias (no includios los sabados, domingos, ni dias feriados) a partir de la fecha en que estos documentos se le entregaron a usted o a una persona que vive con usted, or se colocaron en sue casa.

USTED DEBERA HACER LO SIGNIENTE:

- 1. Escribir el (los) motivo(s) por el (los) cual(es) cree que no se le debe obligar a mudarse. El (los) motivo(s) debera(n) entregarse por escrito al secretario del tribunal en 115 E. Oak St., Arcadia, Florida 34266.
- 2. Enviar por correo o darle su(s) motivo(s) por escrito a Demandante/Abogado del Demandante.
- 3. Pagarle al secretario del tribunal el monto del alquiler que la demanda adjunta reclama como adeudado, as como cualquier alquiler pagadero hasta que concluya el litigo. Si useted

considera que el monto reclamado en la demanda es incorrecto, debra presentarle al secretario del tribunal una mocion para que el tribunal determine el monto que deba pagarse. Si usted presenta una mocion, debra adjuntarie a esta cualesquiera documentos que resalden su posision, y enviar por correo a entregar una copia de la misma al demandante/abogado del demandante. **NO CHECKS ACCEPTED.**

- 4. Si usted presenta una mocion para que el tribunal deterine el monto del alquiler que deba pagarse al secretario del tribunal, debera communicarse de inmediateo con la oficina del juezal que se le haya asignado el caso para que programe una audiencia con el fin de determinar el monto que deba pagarse al secretario del tribunal mientras el litigio este pendiente.
- SI USTEDS NO LLEVA A CABO LAS ACCIONES QUE SE ESPECIFICAN ANTERIORMENTE EN UN PLAZO DE 5 DIAS LABORABLES A PARTIR DE LA FECHA EN QUE ESTOS DOCUMENTOS SE LE ENTREGARON A USTED O A UNA PERSONA QUE VIVE CON USTED, O SE COLONQUEN EN SUE CASA, SE LA PODRA DESALOJAR SIN NECESIDAD DE CELEBRAR UNA AUDIENCIA NI CURSARSELE OTRO AVISO.
- 5. Si la demanda adjunta tambien incluye una reclamacion por danos y perjuicios pecunarios (tles como el imcumplimiento de pago del alquiler) usted debera responder a dicha reclamacion por separado. Debra exponer por escrito los motivos por los cuales considera que usted no debe las suma reclamada, y entregarlos al secretario del tribunal en la direccion que se especifica en el parrafo (1) anterior, asi como enviar por correo o entregar una copia de los mismos al demandante/abogado del demandante en la direccion que se especifica en el parrafo (2) anterior. Esto debera llevarse a cabo en un plazo de 20 dias a partir de la fecha en que estos documentos se le entregaron a usted o a una persona que vive con usted, o se coloquen en su casa. Esta obligacion es aparte del requisito de responder a la demanda de lesalojo en un plaza de 5 d as a partir de la fecha en que estos documentos se le entregaron a ustred o a una persona que vive con usted, o se coloquen en su casa.

CITATION D'EVICTION/RESIDENTIELLE LISEZ ATTENTIVEMENT

Vous estes poursuivi par Plaignant/Avocat du Plaignant pour exiger que vous evacuez les lieux de votre residence pour les raisons enumerees dans la plainte di-dessous.

Vous avez droit a un proces pour determiner si vous devez degenager, amis vous deves, au prealable, suivre les instructions enumerees ci-dessous, pendant les 5 jours (non copris le samedi, le dimanche, ou un jour ferie) a partir de la date ou ces documents ont ete donnes a vous ou a la personne vivant avec vous, ou ont ete affiches a votre residence.

LISTA DES INSTRUCTIONS A SUIVRE:

- 1. Enumerer par ecrit les raisons pour lesquelles vous pensez ne pas avoir a demenager. Elles doivent etre remises au clerc du tribunal Civil Department, 115 E. Oak St., Arcadia, Florida 34266.
 - 2. Envoyer ou donner une copie au Plaignant/Avocat du Plaignant.
- 3. Paye au clerc du tribunal le montant de loyers dus comme etabli dans la plainte el le montant des loyers dus jusgu'a la fin du proces. Si vous pensez que le montant etabli dans la plainte est incorrect, vous deves presenter au clerc du tribunal une demande en justice pour determiner la somme a payer. Pour cela vous devez attacher a la demande tous les documents

soutenant votre position et faire parvenier une copie de le demande au plaignant/avocat du plaignant. **NO CHECKS ACCEPTED.**

4. Si vous faites une demande en justice pour determiner las somme a payer au clerc du tribunal, vous devrez immediatement prevenier le bureau de juge que presidera au proces pour fixer la date de l'audience que decidera quelle somme doit etre payee au clerc du tribunal pendant que le proces est en cours.

SI VOUS NE SUIVEZ PAS CES INSTRUCTIONS A LA LETTRE DANS LES 5 JOURS QUE SUIVENT LA DATE OU CES DOCUMENTS ONT ETE REMIS A VOUS OU A LA PERSONNE HABITANT AVEC VOUS, OU ONT ETE AFFICHES A VOTRE RESIDENCE, VOUSA POUVEZ ETRE EX-ULSES SANS AUDIENCE OU SANS AVIS PREALABLE.

5. Si la plainte ci-dessus contient une demande pour dommages pecuniaries, tels des loyers arrieres, vous devez y respondre separement. Vous devez enumerer par ecrit les raisons pour lesquelles vous estimez ne pas devoir le montant demande. Ces raisons ecrites doivent etre donnees au clerc du tribunal a l'adresse spedifiee dans le paragraphe (1) et une copie des ces raisons donnee ou envoyee au plaignant/avocat du plaignant a l'adresse specifiee dan le paragraphe (2). Cela doit etre fait dans les 20 jours sulvant la date ou ces documents ont ete presentes a ous ou a la personne habitant avec vous, ou affiches a votre residence. Cette obligation ne fait pas partie des instructions a suivre en response au proces di'eviction dans les 5 jours sulvant la date ou ces documents ont ete presentes a vous ou a la personne habitant avec vous, ou affiches a votre residence.

DEFAULT PACKAGE FOR EVICTION FOR OTHER THAN NON-PAYMENT OF RENT (POSSESSION)

Motion for Clerk's Default:

Type or clearly print the names of the parties and fill in the appropriate blank lines. Present the form to the Clerk's office and a deputy clerk will verify that a response has not been filed within the five (5) day time limit. If a response has not been filed the Clerk will enter the Default.

Affidavit of Court Costs and Non-Military Service:

Type or clearly print names of the parties and fill in the appropriate blank lines. Please sign this form before a notary public or a deputy clerk.

Motion for Final Judgment for Possession:

Type or clearly print the names of the parties and fill in the appropriate blank lines. Present the form to the Clerk's office.

If the Court signs the Final Judgment of Possession, the Clerk's office will issue a Writ of Possession. Please complete the **INFORMATION ON AND DESCRIPTION OF DEFENDANT(S) TO GO WITH WRIT OF POSSESSION** for use by the Sheriff's Department. You may then deliver the Writ of Possession and the Information Sheet to the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office for service. A payment of \$90.00 must be made payable to the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office for service of the Writ of Possession. The Sheriff's Office will serve the Writ of Possession indicating the Defendant(s) has twenty-four (24) hours to evacuate the premises, not including weekends or holidays. The Sheriff's office will contact you to arrange a date and time to evict the Defendant(s).

IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA Plaintiff(s), CASE NO. _____ VS. Defendant(s). MOTION FOR CLERK'S DEFAULT EVICTION FOR OTHER THAN NON-PAYMENT OF RENT Plaintiff asks the clerk to enter a default against _____ Defendant(s), for failing to respond as required by law to Plaintiff's complaint for residential eviction. Plaintiff's signature Address Phone: _____ **DEFAULT FOR EVICTION FOR** OTHER THAN NON-PAYMENT OF RENT A default is entered in this action for eviction against the Defendant(s) for failure to respond as required by law. Dated: _____ NADIA K. DAUGHTREY CLERK OF COURT

BY:____

Deputy Clerk

	_
Plaintiff(s),	_
vs.	CASE NO
Defendant(s).	_ _ _
	OSTS AND NON-MILITARY SERVICE
STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF DESOTO.	
	thority, personally appeared
	lord of rented premises located in DeSoto County,
	andlord by oral written agreement.
3. The Landlord, on the	day of, 20, served a fifteen ises.
4. The Defendant(s) failed the applicable time period.	d to comply with the demand of the notice within
5. The Landlord has paid service of process fee in the amount of	a filing fee in the amount of \$ and a \$
6. The Defendant(s) is/are of the United States of America since t	not now nor has/have been in the military service he institution of this action.
	Landlord

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF DESOTO.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledge	ged before me this day of
, 20, by	•
who is personally known to me or who has produ-	ced
as identification and who [] did [] did not take	e an oath.
Nota	ry public or deputy clerk

Plaintiff(s), CASE NO. _____ VS. Defendant(s). MOTION FOR FINAL JUDGMENT FOR POSSESSION -RESIDENTIAL EVICTION FOR OTHER THAN NON-PAYMENT OF RENT Plaintiff(s) asks the court to enter a Final Judgment for Possession against the Defendant(s) for residential eviction and says: 1. Plaintiff filed a complaint alleging grounds for residential eviction of Defendant(s). 2. A Default was entered by the Clerk of Court on ______. WHEREFORE, Plaintiff asks this court to enter a Final Judgment for Possession against Defendant(s). Dated: _____

Plaintiff's signature

IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLOIRDA

(Name and Address) Plaintiff(s),	
vs.	CASE NO
(Name and Address) Defendant(s).	
TO GO WIT	D DESCRIPTION OF DEFENDANT(S) H WRIT OF POSSESSION ff's Department for purposes of identification)
•	lace of employment:
Address of employment:	
Distinguishing marks and/or scars:	emale Date of Birth or Age: Eye Color: Hair Color:
DEFENDANT NO. 2: 3. Defendant's last known pla	ce of employment:
Address of employment:	
Height: Weight: Distinguishing marks and/or scars:	emale Date of Birth or Age: Eye Color: Hair Color:
Other names Defendant goes by (aliases or ni	cknames):
DATED:	Signature of Landlord/Plaintiff
	Address