

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HORRY

KAITLYNN EILEEN MARTINEZ,
PETITIONER,

V.

ANGEL RONQUILLO-RUIZ AND JOHN
DOE,

RESPONDENT.

IN RE:
NAME CHANGE OF AERM, FEMALE
BORN 2011, MINOR CHILD UNDER
THE AGE OF 14-YEAR-OLD.

IN THE FAMILY COURT
FOR THE
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

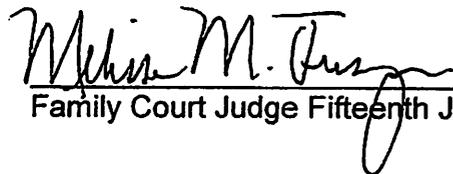
CASE NO. 2025-DR-26-2894

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION

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UPON reading the Petition for an Order for Service by Publication of Ryan A. Stampfle, Esquire on behalf of the Petitioner, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the Respondent **ANGEL RONQUILLO-RUIZ** be served by publication through GLOBAL LEGAL NOTICE, LLC (www.GlobalLegalNotices.com) which is more likely to give actual notice to the Respondent **ANGEL RONQUILLO-RUIZ**, and that the said publication be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 18th day of Feb., 2026, in Horry, South Carolina.


Family Court Judge Fifteenth Judicial Circuit

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COMES NOW THE PETITIONER, KAITLYNN EILEEN MARTINEZ, who submit her Application for Order for Service by Publication.

FACTS OF THE CASE

This case is related to a Minor Name Change as described in the Summons and Petition filed with the Court.

REQUEST

Petitioner has been unable to properly serve the Respondent, Angel Ronquillo-Ruiz. Petitioner hereby request that the Court issue an Order for Service by Publication for a minimum period of once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in the online legal notice publication, *Global Legal Notices*®, a website of general circulation which specializes in service by publication and which provides numerous benefits over traditional print newspapers. Their publication policy is to publish the

Order, any notices, and all court-issued documents continuously for a period of three (3) consecutive months, which exceeds statutory requirements.

ARGUMENT

Petitioner has attempted unsuccessfully to serve Respondent, Angel Ronquillo-Ruiz, and utilizing traditional service of process methods. However, Respondent, Angel Ronquillo-Ruiz has made himself unavailable for service especially he has deliberately avoid the service of pleadings at his home address, Petitioner has on him (Exhibit A – Declaration of Due Diligence Search). There is no other known addresses where the Respondent can be served.

Although, Respondent, Angel Ronquillo-Ruiz is aware of the pleadings filed with this Court, Petitioner does not have proper service on him.

The only available alternative method of service is service by publication. However, newspapers in Mexico do not allow for publication of legal notices due to the lack of a law providing such method. The only known method for service by publication in Mexico is through *Global Legal Notices*® which provides a more thorough method to give actual notice to the Respondent, Angel Ronquillo-Ruiz, as described on their legal notice website at www.GlobalLegalNotices.com.

This method allows for a greater opportunity to give actual notice to the Respondent, Angel Ronquillo-Ruiz than service by publication in a traditional newspaper. It provides publication of the Court Order, plus the entire set of Court-issued documents. Further, the publication period exceeds the customary once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks by continually publishing the documents for three (3) months. In addition, a Google search by the Respondent's name and country

will typically appear on page one of the Google search after approximately 5 days, thus, providing a greater opportunity to give actual notice to the respondent.

POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

The U.S. Supreme Court in *Mullane v. Central Hanover Trust & Bank Co.*, 22 ILL.339, U.S. 306, 70 S. Ct. 652, 94 L. Ed. 865 (1950), found that, "*It is a logical step forward in the evolution of civil procedure that the use of new technologies in common communication be utilized.*"

U.S. courts have reasoned that service by publication on foreign Respondents is permitted under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 4(F)(3). Rule 4 allows service of process on a foreign individual:

(1) by internationally agreed upon means of service reasonably calculated to give notice; (2) by a reasonably calculated method as prescribed by the country's law for service for general actions or as the foreign authority directs to a letter rogatory; or (3) by other means not prohibited by international agreement. Because the 1993 amendments to FRCP 4(F) urge that FRCP (4)(3) be construed liberally, the courts have interpreted FRCP 4(F)(3) as authorizing them to utilize technological advancements for serving foreign defendants.

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 4((3)(1) provides that "*Service of an individual . . . may be effected in any judicial district of the United States pursuant to the law of the state in which the district court is located . . .*" The challenge facing plaintiff in this case is there are no traditional newspapers in Mexico that will allow for publication of legal notices which originate in courts in the United States.

CONCLUSION

Global Legal Notices® offers an improved method of providing actual notice to a Respondent of a pending lawsuit while satisfying the Court's requirements for service by publication.

It is widely held that service by publication has a limited success rate in providing actual notice to a defendant that a legal case is pending. Yet, courts routinely issue an order allowing for service by publication in a newspaper, either print or online, as a last resort method to complete service of process.

Wherefore, Petitioners respectfully requests that the Court issue an Order for Service by Publication in the instant case.



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Dated this 17th day of February, 2026
in Surfside Beach, South Carolina

Exhibit "A"

DECLARATION OF DUE DILIGENCE SEARCH

I declare, under penalty of perjury of the laws of the the State of South Carolina, that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that I could competently testify, if called, to the following:

1. I am an investigator with extensive experience in international service of process and investigations, am over the age of 18 years, and not a party to the within-named action. I have been a Registered Process Server and owner of an international process service firm since 1978. I have co-authored four (4) books on service of process, investigations and court filing procedures and have conducted training seminars for the past 39 years. I regularly serve, or cause to be served, legal documents domestically and worldwide for clients who make assignments to us in Mexico. I regularly conduct MCLE courses on international service of process for major law firms and state Bar Associations. I can competently testify to the facts stated and declared within.
2. On February 2, 2026, I received an assignment from Indigo Family Law, along with written instructions to locate the named Respondent, **Angel Ronquillo-Ruiz**("Respondent") in Mexico.
3. The last known address for the Respondent is Av. Jose Maria

Velasco S/N, Col. Centro 05400, Temascalcingo, Mexico.

4. I conducted a search to locate the whereabouts of the Respondent. The following is a result of that search:
5. Search using Facebook, WhatsApp, Twitter, Instagram, MySpace, YouTube, Google+, TikTok, WeChat, Line and Foursquare. Result: Numerous similar names were located but none were a match to the Respondent.
6. Search on LinkedIn found similar variations of the name of the Respondent. None could be verified as a match.
7. All available online telephone directories for Mexico. Result: no listings were found.
8. Criminal index for Mexico. Result: Search is not currently available to non-government personnel.
9. Search of business licenses in Temascalcingo, Mexico City, Guadalajara, and Toluca, Mexico. Result: Nothing found.
10. Search of public medical facilities and hospitals for employees or patients in Temascalcingo, Mexico City, Guadalajara, and Toluca, Mexico. Result: Nothing found.
11. Attempted search of the Mexican national registry. Result: The registry is not currently available to non-government personnel.
12. Search using TLOxp (TransUnion) for name and last probable state of residence, South Carolina. Results: Nothing found.
13. Additional database searches revealed 11 possible

matches. Each available data was investigated and determined to be invalid.

14. Other steps, not required for publication, were taken to locate the Respondent. Result: All were unsuccessful.

15. The addresses searched were provided from the following sources: Petitioner, and obtained in course of our investigation.

16. SUMMARY: Based upon all available information, I am unable to locate and serve the Respondent.

17. CONCLUSION: There is no available address for service upon the Respondent.

18. RECOMMENDATION: Service by publication. However, newspapers in Mexico will not publish legal notices which originate in foreign nations. The only known method of service by publication is through Global Legal Notice, LLC (www.GlobalLegalNotices.com). Service by publication using that source is more likely to give actual notice to the Respondent than traditional newspaper publication, as described on the website on the page "Comparison Chart."

Executed on this 16th day of February, 2026, at Valencia, CA attesting the foregoing to be true and correct, under penalty of perjury of the laws of South Carolina.



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