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**IN THE SAN CARLOS APACHE CHILDREN'S COURT
SAN CARLOS APACHE RESERVATION
SAN CARLOS, ARIZONA**

In the Matter of:

JAYLA AMAYA DILLON
DOB: 12-10-2024

Minor Child

Case No.: **CW-2026** _____

CHILD IN NEED OF CARE PETITION

The San Carlos Apache Tribe, by and through its representative undersigned petitions the Children's Court, pursuant to Chapter IV, Title V, Section 15. C. of the Child and Family Protection Code ("CFPC") to make the above minor a temporary ward of the Court pending further proceedings, based on the following:

Jurisdiction

- 1) The ("Minor Child") Jayla Amaya Dillon (Age: 1) is a dependent Native American Indian child and tribally affiliated as an enrolled member or eligible to be an enrolled member with the San Carlos Apache Tribe.
- 2) The Children's Court of the San Carlos Apache Tribe ("Tribe") has exclusive jurisdiction pursuant to the San Carlos Apache Law and Order Code (SCALOC)

1 Chapter 3, Title V, of the Child and Family Protection Code (CFPC), under Section
2 5 (A) General Jurisdiction.

3 3) The minor child's mother is Angelina Hopkins ("Mother"). The Minor Child's father
4 is Joshua Dillon ("Father"). The parents are enrolled members of the San Carlos
5 Apache Tribe, which is a federally recognized Indian tribe; as such, the Minor Child
6 is eligible for membership or is a member in the San Carlos Apache Tribe, which
7 establishes Jurisdiction of the San Carlos Apache Children's Court pursuant to
8 SCAT-CFPC.
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10 **Specific Allegations**

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12 4) The Minor Child has been the subject of a previously filed Child in Need of Care
13 petition, CW 2025-0007. The matter came before the court for a Shelter Care Hearing
14 on February 25, 2025. The matter was dismissed at that time.

15 5) The judge noted that the parents had been given notice of the hearing by personal
16 service. However, neither parent appeared at the Shelter Care Hearing on February
17 25, 2025. The hearing proceeded in their absence.

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19 6) The judge ordered the dismissal of the petition and return of the child to the parents.

20 7) The parents have not been located and may have left the area.

21 8) CPS Investigator Lori Goode has been unable to locate the parents and their
22 whereabouts are unknown. Ms. Goode said she has gone the mother's last known
23 residence, where her mother lives, and she was told that the mother, Ms. Hopkins,
24 does not live there.

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26 9) The minor child has remained in the former foster placement and parents have not
27 been located.
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1 10) The parents have abandoned their minor child having not had contact with her in
2 more than six months. They have not provided any financial means to support their
3 minor child.

4 11) In the prior case, the parents were given Temporary Custody Notices. Currently,
5 because they parents' whereabouts are not known, Ms. Goode has been unable to give
6 the parents TCNs.

7 12) The minor child remains in the care of foster placement, Shalana Miller-Stevens.

8 13) CPS Investigator Lori Goode provided a report on her initial investigation
9 concerning the allegations of this petition.
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11 **Placement**

12 14) The minor child has been in the care of Shalana Miller-Stevens, where she was
13 placed during previous CPS investigations.

14 15) In the previous investigations, Ms. Goode gave the Mother Angelina Hopkins and
15 Father Joshua Dillon each a Temporary Custody Notice informing the parents that she
16 was removing the Minor Child from their custody.

17 16) Precautionary efforts will be made available for the Minor Child's protection
18 pursuant to CFPC Section 13. B. 1. Minor Child, Jayla Amaya Dillon, is placed as a
19 temporary ward with the San Carlos Apache Children's Court and the San Carlos
20 Tribal Social Services Department. The Minor Child is placed with foster placement,
21 Shalana Miller-Stevens at her home on Highway 70 in Peridot, Arizona.
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23 17) Current address of Parents and Relatives:
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25	Parents:	Mother—Angelina Hopkins
26		Last known address:
27		New Moonbase, House No. 66
28		Peridot, AZ 85542

P.O. Box 754
Peridot, AZ 85542

Father—Joshua Dillon
Last known address:
New Moonbase, House No. 66
Peridot, AZ 85542

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Placement: Shalana Miller-Stevens, Foster Placement

Address: Highway 70, View No. 9
Peridot, AZ 85542

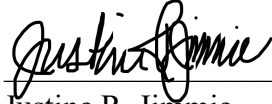
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Shelter Care Hearing

- 18) Based on the information provided above, the Tribe is recommending the Minor Child be placed in temporary protective custody under the protection of the Children's Court and request that the Minor Child be made a temporary ward of the Court pending further proceedings.
- 19) Additionally, the Tribe requests, pursuant to CFPC Section 16, that a **Shelter Care Hearing** be scheduled within ten (10) working days of the filing of this Child in Need of Care Petition, pursuant to C.F.P.C. Section 16 (B), and that Mother Angelina Hopkins and Father Joshua Dillon be provided notice of the Hearing pursuant to C.F.P.C. Section 16(C).
- I, Attorney Justine R. Jimmie, have read the foregoing and attest that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed and dated this 15th day of July, 2026.



Justine R. Jimmie
Deputy Attorney General
San Carlos Apache Tribe