



DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND FOR \_\_\_\_\_

City/County

Located at \_\_\_\_\_ Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

Court Address

Petitioner

VS.

Respondent

**SHOW CAUSE ORDER  
(PEACE ORDER)**

Upon consideration of the petition for contempt in this matter, it is ORDERED:

That \_\_\_\_\_ appear in person before this Court on \_\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_  a.m.  p.m. and show cause, if any he or she may have, why he or she should not be found in  
contempt of this Court's Order of \_\_\_\_\_, and why other relief should not  
be granted as necessary, provided that a copy of the Petition for Contempt and this Order shall be served on him or her on  
or before \_\_\_\_\_.

The conduct alleged to have been committed in violation of the court order is as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

Service shall be made in the following manner:

- Regular Mail
- Certified mail, return receipt requested
- Law Enforcement officer, sheriff or constable
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Judge

**NOTICE**  
(MD Rule § 15-206)

**TO THE PERSON ALLEGED TO BE IN CONTEMPT OF COURT AND FOR WHOM JAIL IS SOUGHT:**

1. It is alleged that you have disobeyed a court order, are in contempt of court, and should go to jail until you obey the court's order.
2. You have the right to have a lawyer. If you already have a lawyer, you should consult the lawyer at once. If you do not now have a lawyer, please note:
  - (a) A lawyer can be helpful to you by:
    - (1) explaining the allegations against you;
    - (2) helping you determine and present any defense to those allegations;
    - (3) explaining to you the possible outcomes; and
    - (4) helping you at the hearing.
  - (b) Even if you do not plan to contest that you are in contempt of court, a lawyer can be helpful.
  - (c) If you want a lawyer but do not have the money to hire one, the Public Defender may provide a lawyer for you. You must contact the Public Defender at least 10 business days before the date of the hearing. The court clerk will tell you how to contact the Public Defender.
  - (d) If you want a lawyer but you cannot get one and the Public Defender will not provide one for you, contact the court clerk as soon as possible.
  - (e) **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DATE OF YOUR HEARING TO GET A LAWYER.** If you do not have a lawyer before the hearing date, the court may find that you have waived your right to a lawyer, and the hearing may be held with you unrepresented by a lawyer.

**3. IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR FOR THE HEARING, YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO ARREST.**

**NOTICE TO ALL PARTIES**

To request a foreign language interpreter or a reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact the court immediately. Possession and use of cell phones and other electronic devices may be limited or prohibited in designated areas of the court facility.