

_____ , Plaintiff,
v.
_____ , Defendant.

**AFFIDAVIT OF DUE DILIGENCE  
(PUBLICATION)**

The Plaintiff, first being duly sworn and deposes, and states:

1. That I am a citizen and resident of Wake County, North Carolina and am the Plaintiff herein.
2. That pursuant to the North Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 4(j1), I exercised due diligence and made great efforts to locate the whereabouts of the Defendant consisting of *(List all steps taken to locate the Defendant such as internet search, calling family or friends, DMV search, phone book, private investigator, background checks, etc. )*:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. That based upon my due diligence, it is my belief that Defendant's last known location was in \_\_\_\_\_ County *(insert name of County)*, in the State of \_\_\_\_\_ *(insert name of State)*
4. That despite such efforts, the exact whereabouts of the Defendant are still unknown. As a result, circumstances warrant the use of Service by Publication.
5. That Notice of Service of Process to the Defendant was published in the \_\_\_\_\_ *(insert name of Newspaper or publication)* asking the Defendant to respond, published in \_\_\_\_\_ County *(insert name of County)*, in the State of \_\_\_\_\_ *(insert name of State)*. An Affidavit of Publication is attached and incorporated herein by reference. *(Attach Affidavit provided by the newspaper/publication.)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Plaintiff

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by \_\_\_\_\_ ( I have personal knowledge of the identity of the principal(s), or  I have seen satisfactory evidence of the principal's identity, in the form of a current state or federal identification with the principal's photograph).

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of this Affidavit of Due Diligence has been served on the Defendant through filing a copy of this Affidavit of Due Diligence with the Wake County Clerk of Court.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- Plaintiff  
 Defendant