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IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT FOR DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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PAULA LAVONNE GRIFFIN,
1023 McMahan Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37216

Plaintiff/Wife,

VS.

MELVIN WAYNE GRIFFIN,
c/o Nashville Union Mission
129 Seventh Avenue, North
Nashville, Tennessee 37201

Defendant/Husband.

DOCKET NO. 95D-936

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FINAL DECREE OF DIVORCE

This cause came on to be heard on the 18th day of October, 1995, before The Honorable Muriel Robinson, Judge of the Fourth Circuit Court for Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee, upon the original Complaint for Bed and Board Divorce filed by plaintiff/wife, Paula Lavonne Griffin, upon which a judgment by default was taken against defendant/husband, Melvin Wayne Griffin, Jr., for his failure to answer or plead to the Complaint within the legally prescribed time period after service upon him by publication, and after statement of counsel, the sworn testimony of plaintiff/wife and two (2) corroborating witnesses, the motion to amend the Complaint from Bed and Board to one for Absolute Divorce, and the entire record of this cause, the Court is of the opinion that the allegations of the Complaint are fully sustained by the proof, to wit: defendant/husband is guilty of inappropriate marital conduct, failure to provide and abandonment.

IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED by the Court the following:

1. That said motion to amend plaintiff's Complaint from Bed and Board Divorce to a Complaint for Absolute Divorce is hereby granted.

2. That plaintiff/wife, Paula Lavonne Griffin, be and the same is hereby granted an absolute divorce from defendant/husband, Melvin Wayne Griffin, Jr., on the grounds of

inappropriate marital conduct, abandonment and failure to provide, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-4-102(1) and (3), respectively, with both parties restored to the rights, privileges, and obligations of unmarried persons.

3. That plaintiff/wife be and the same is hereby awarded permanent exclusive custody of the minor children born of the marriage; namely: Lavonne Griffin and Melvin Wayne Griffin III, with reasonable rights of visitation in defendant/husband reserved pending his application to the Court on this issue.

4. That the issue of child support is hereby reserved pending personal service of process being accomplished on defendant/husband.

5. That plaintiff/wife be awarded all furniture, furnishings, appliances and all personal property acquired during the marriage that is presently in her possession, including a certain 1992 Toyota Camry, 4-door automobile, bearing VIN 4T1SK12E8NU153867, and that all right, title, and interest in and to said automobile is divested out of defendant/husband, Melvin Wayne Griffin, Jr., and vested absolutely in plaintiff/wife, Paula Lavonne Griffin, as her sole and separate property.

6. That all right, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate located in Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee is hereby divested out of defendant/husband, Melvin Wayne Griffin, Jr. and vested absolutely and solely in plaintiff/wife, Paula Lavonne Griffin subject to plaintiff/wife assuming the payment of all mortgage indebtedness thereon, and holding defendant/husband harmless therefor, to wit:

> TRACT I:
> Land in Davidson County, Tennessee, being Lot No. 25 on the Plan of I.C. McMahan's Subdivision of Maplewood Lands, of record in Book 547, page 78, Register's Office for said County.
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> Being the same property conveyed to Melvin W. Griffin, Jr. and wife, Paula R. Griffin (one and the same as Paula Lavonne Griffin) by deed from Louise C. Davis (also known as Louise Curley Hill) of record in Book 7982, page 722, Register's Office of Davidson County, Tennessee.

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This is improved property known as 1023 McMahan Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37216.

TRACT II:
Land in Davidson County, Tennessee, being Lot No. 117 and the westerly 5.0 feet of Lot No. 116 on the Map of Irvington, as of record in Book 843, page 60, Register's Office for said County and State.

Being the same property conveyed to Melvin W. Griffin, Jr. and wife, Paula L. Griffin by deed from the Estate of Betty Brown, of record in Book 7330, page 280, Register's Office of Davidson County, Tennessee.
This is improved property known as 903 Cahal Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37206.

7. That the cost of this cause are assessed against plaintiff/wife.

ENTERED, this 12th day of January, 1996.

JUDGE

FOR ENTRY:

PETWAY, BLACKSHEAR & CAIN

By _____
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Attorney for Plaintiff/Wife

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and exact copy of the foregoing Final Decree of Divorce has been forwarded by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to Mr. Melvin Wayne Griffin, Jr., Nashville Union Mission, 129 Seventh Avenue, South, Nashville, Tennessee 37201, this 5 day of January, 1996.

JULIAN W. BLACKSHEAR, JR.

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STATE OF TENNESSEE

I, RICHARD R. ROOKER, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Davidson County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Order heretofore entered in the FOURTH Circuit Court for Davidson County, Tennessee, on the 12 day of JANUARY , 19 96 , in the Case Number 950936 between GRIFFIN, PAULA LAVONNE Plaintiff, and GRIFFIN, MELVIN WAYNE JR. Defendant, as same remains of record in Book 252B , Page 435 of the Minutes of said Court.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of said Court, at office, in Nashville, the 18 day of JANUARY in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-five and in the 220th year of American Independence.

RICHARD R. ROOKER, Clerk,

By _____ Deputy Clerk

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