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Case Number: DA 25-0631

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Supreme Court Cause No. DA 25-0631

Gretchen Anne Venters

Plaintiff/Petitioner and

Appellant or  Appellee,

v.

Luke Aaron Venters,

Defendant/Respondent and

Appellant or  Appellee.

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MOTION AND AFFIDAVIT TO PROCEED ON APPEAL WITHOUT  
PAYMENT OF FILING FEE

I move this Court to proceed without payment of the filing fee in this cause, and I submit this Affidavit in support of my motion.

I, Luke Aaron Venters, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am the Respondent-Appellant in the above-entitled cause; that in support of my application to proceed on appeal without being required to pay the filing fee, I state that because of my financial condition I am unable to pay the filing fee; that I believe I am entitled to redress; and that the issues which I desire to present on appeal are the following:

Abuse of discretion in parenting plan determination under MCA § 40-4-212;  
Violation of due process under the 14th Amendment; Failure to address  
interference and perjury under MCA §§ 45-5-634 and 45-7-201.

I further swear that the responses which I have made to the questions and instructions below relating to my ability to pay the cost of prosecuting the appeal are true.

Are you presently employed? No

a. If the answer is yes, state the amount of your salary or wages per month and give the name and address of your employer.

N/A Permanently Disabled .

b. If the answer is no, state the date of your last employment and the amount of the salary and wages per month which you received.

Unemployed since Feb 2017; last employment limited consulting for Facebook through a "Appen Global"; monthly wages [Approx \$500].

Have you received within the past 12 months any income from a business, profession, or other form of self-employment, or in the form of rent payments, interest, dividends, or other source? If the answer is yes, describe each source of income and state the amount received from each during the past 12 months.

Yes, limited service of local Lake County Elections Office, serving as Provisional Judge for General Election and Primary Election, total approx 20 hours for a total of approx \$560.

Do you own any cash or checking or savings account? If the answer is yes, state the total value of the items owned.

Yes: Checking account balance: \$369.40.

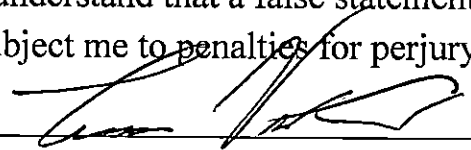
Do you own any real estate, stocks, bonds, notes, automobiles, or other valuable property (excluding ordinary household furnishings and clothing)? If the answer is yes, describe the property and state its approximate value.

Toyota Tacoma valued at \$[15,000] with no outstanding loan; no other assets.

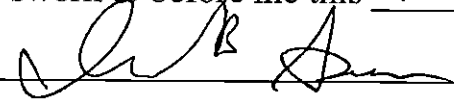
List the persons who are dependent upon you for support and state your relationship to those persons.

M.G.C.V., minor daughter.

I understand that a false statement or answer to any question in this affidavit will subject me to penalties for perjury.

  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of August, 2025.

SEAL  (notary public)

Notary Public for the State of Montana

Residing at Polson MT

My Commission expires 06.17.2027

