AFFIDAVIT OF CLERK OF COURT
POSTING OF NOTICE OF GARNISHMENT

IN THE DISTRICT **COURT OF** CULLMAN **COUNTY, ALABAMA**
(Circuit, District, or Juvenile) ***(Name of County)***

WAREHOUSE HOME FURNISHINGS DIST **v.** THOMAS GERTSIDE
(Plaintiff) ***(Defendant)***

I hereby make oath that I have posted a copy of the Process of Garnishment on a judgment in which an appearance has not been entered for the Defendant and which was served on the above-named Defendant and was returned not found or not otherwise accomplished.
The back of this Process of Garnishment contains a Notice to Defendant of Right to Claim Exemption from Garnishment which informs the Defendant that the Process of Garnishment was delivered to him or her, meaning that the Court may order his or her wages, money in a bank, sums owned to him or her, or other property belonging to him or her, to be paid into Court to satisfy a judgment against him or her. Additionally, the Notice provides that, if the Defendant does not file a claim of exemption, his or her property may be turned over to the Court and to the Plaintiff on the judgment against him or her, and to protect his or her rights, it is important that the Defendant act promptly. The Notice also provides that, if the Defendant has any questions, he or she should consult a lawyer.
The dates that this Process of Garnishment were posted are as follows:
10-19-26 to 11-19-26

The date of the mailing of the posted copy of the Process of Garnishment to the Defendant was
10-19-26

LISA MCSWAIN
Name of Clerk

Lisa McSwain
Signature of Clerk

Date
Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 19th **day of** October, **20** 26.

ELENDA M NICHOLS
Name of Notary Public

Elenda M Nichols
Signature of Notary Public

My Commission Expires on 9/9/2028 **(date).**

State of Alabama
Unified Judical System
Form C-21 (Front) Rev. 11/06

PROCESS OF GARNISHMENT

Case Number
sm2026-900559.00

IN THE Circuit **COURT OF** Cullman **COUNTY, ALABAMA**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PLAINTIFF *(Persons Asserting Claim)*:
Warehouse Home Furnishings Dist. Inc.
1738 Second Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055

NAME AND ADDRESS OF DEFENDANT *(Person Whose Property is Subject to Garnishment)*:
Thomas Gartside
830 County Road 944
Cullman, AL 35057

FILED IN OFFICE

NAME AND ADDRESS OF ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:

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LISA MCSWAIN
CIRCUIT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY

DATE OF JUDGMENT: 4/28/2026

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: $ 2,504.15
COSTS: $ 315.50
LESS CREDIT: $
OTHER: $ 35.00
TOTAL: $ 2,854.65

NAME AND ADDRESS OF GARNISHEE:
Payroll Services
1704 Second Ave SW
Cullman, AL 35055

AFFIDAVIT

A. I make oath that I have obtained the above judgment and believe the named garnishee is or will be indebted to the named defendant or has or will have effects of the defendant under the garnishee's control. I believe that a Process of Garnishment against the garnishee is necessary to obtain satisfaction of the judgment.

B. If the garnishment is for wages, salary or other compensation, I further make oath that the amount to be withheld must be:
- [x] 25% of disposable earnings for the week OR the amount by which disposable earnings for the week exceed 30 times the federal minimum hourly wage in effect at the time the earnings are payable, WHICHEVER IS LESS,
- [ ] 20% of disposable earnings for the week OR the amount by which disposable earnings for the week exceed 50 times the federal minimum hourly wage in effect at the time the earnings are payable, WHICHEVER IS LESS, which amount is in compliance with the instructions on the reverse side of this from.

C. I hereby request disbursement of amounts periodically paid into Court pursuant to this garnishment.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of July, 2026

Notary Public/Clerk (Signature)

Affiant/Attorney (Signature)

WRIT OF GARNISHMENT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:
You are hereby commanded to serve this Process of Garnishment on the GARNISHEE, Payroll Services (Name of garnishee) and a copy on the defendant, Thomas Gartside (Name of defendant) and make proper return to this Court.

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: READ THE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM (Regarding your Rights).
NOTICE TO GARNISHEE: YOUR ARE THE GARNISHEE IN THE ABOVE ACTION.
You must complete and file the enclosed Answer form within thirty (30) days from service of process. If you fail to file an Answer, the plaintiff can proceed for judgment against you for the amount of the claim, plus costs. Mailing the notarized Answer form to the Clerk of the Court at the address below constitutes making a proper appearance in the Court. YOU MUST ANSWER:
(1) Whether you are or were indebted to the defendant at the time you received this process, or when you make your answer, or during the intervening time, or
(2) Whether you will be indebted to the defendant in the future by existing contract, or
(3) Whether by existing contract you are liable to the defendant for the delivery of personal property or for the payment of money, or
(4) Whether you have in your possession or control, money or effects belonging to the defendant.

You are commanded to retain the amount indicated above wages, salary or other compensation due or which will become due to the defendant for such period of time as is necessary to accumulate the sum $ 2854.65 (Judgment and costs). You are required, after a period of 30 days from the first retention of any sum from the defendants wages, salary, or other compensation, to begin paying the moneys withheld into court as they are deducted or withheld and continue to do so on a monthly or more frequent basis until the full amount is withheld. If employment of the defendant is terminated BEFORE the sum is accumulated, you are required by law to report the termination and pay into court within 15 days AFTER termination, all sums withheld in compliance with this garnishment. (See Reverse Side for Instructions on Garnishments). If you have in your possession or control property or money belonging to the defendant, which is NOT wages, salary or other compensation, and is not exempt as a matter of law, you are further commanded to hold the property or money, or the amount shown above as "Total," whichever is less, subject to orders of this Court.

Date Issued: 7/9/26

Clerk: LISA McSWAIN, CIRCUIT CLERK By: Deputy Clerk

Address: 500 2ND AVE., S.W. – ROOM 303 CULLMAN, AL 35055-4137

This process was executed by serving Garnishee

on (Date) _____ Service on (Defendant) _____ on (Date) _____

Served by: _____ Title: _____

COURT RECORD (Original) PLAINTIFF (Copy) DEFENDANT (Copy) GARNISHEE (Copy)

Form C-21 (back) Rev.11/06	PROCESS OF GARNISHMENT

Instructions for Determining the Percentage of Wages, Salary or Other Compensation to be Withheld

I. GARNISHMENTS TO COLLECT JUDGMENTS ARISING FROM SITUATIONS OTHER THAN CONSUMER LOANS, CONSUMER CREDIT SALES OR CONSUMER LEASES ARE SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTIONS OF:§6-10-7, *Code of Alabama* 1975, and Title 15, §1673, *United States Code* ("U.S.C.").

Under Alabama and federal law, the amount subject to garnishment to collect such judgments shall not exceed the LESSER of:

(1) twenty-five (25) percent of "disposable earnings" for the week; OR

(2) the amount by which "disposable earnings" for the week exceed thirty (30) times the federal minimum hourly wage in effect at the time the earnings are payable.

II. GARNISHMENTS TO COLLECT JUDGMENTS ARISING FROM CONSUMER LOANS, CONSUMER CREDIT SALES OR CONSUMER LEASES ARE SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTIONS OF: §5-19-15, *Code of Alabama*, 1975 as amended by Act 88-294, effective April 12, 1988.

A Under this law, if the debt or demand was created ON OR AFTER April 12, 1988, the amount subject to garnishment shall not exceed the LESSER of:

(1) twenty-five (25) percent of "disposable earnings" for the week; OR

(2) the amount by which "disposable earnings" for the week exceed thirty (30) times the federal minimum hourly wage in effect at the time the earnings are payable

B If the debt or demand was created BEFORE April 12, 1988, the amount subject to garnishment shall not exceed the LESSER of:

(1) twenty (20) percent of "disposable earnings" for the week; OR

(2) the amount by which "disposable earnings" for the week exceed fifty (50) times the federal minimum hourly wage in effect at the time the earnings are payable

DISPOSABLE EARNINGS DEFINED: An employee's "disposable earnings" means that part of earnings of an individual remaining after deduction of amounts required by law to be withheld such as Federal Income Tax, Federal Social Security Tax, and State and Local Taxes.

NOTICE TO GARNISHEE

Note: If you have in your possession or control property or money belonging to the defendant (which is not wages, salary or other compensation and is not exempt as a matter of law), you are commanded to hold the property or money, or the amount shown on the other side as "Total," whichever is less, subject to the orders of the Court. Social Security, SSI, VA and federal retirement moneys are all exempt under federal law and remain so even when deposited in a bank or other financial institution. If the only money in your possession or control belonging to the defendant is Social Security, SSI, VA or federal retirement moneys, you should indicate in your answer "all such money is exempt from execution." The formula outlined below only applies if the property sought to be garnished is wages, salary or other compensation of the defendant.

(Use the following formula to calculate a garnishment of wages, salary or other compensation)

(1) Calculate "disposable earnings" for the week (see definition of disposable earnings" above)

(2) If the twenty-five (25) percent block is checked on the front of this form, multiply the "disposable earnings" amount by twenty-five (25) percent. Then multiply the "minimum wage amount" (in effect at the time the earnings are payable by you) by thirty (30) and subtract this amount from "disposable earnings." Compare these two and obtain lesser amount.

OR

(3) If the twenty (20) percent block is checked on the front of this form, multiply the "disposable earnings" amount by twenty (20) percent. Multiply the "minimum wage amount" (in effect at the time the earnings are payable by you) by fifty (50) and subtract this amount from "disposable earnings." Compare these two and obtain lesser amount.

(4) After the calculation is made in accordance with (2) or (3) above (whichever is applicable), the amount of the garnishment for the week is the LESSER amount. Withhold this amount and pay it into Court as instructed in the "Writ of Garnishment" on the front of this form.

(5) THE CLERK AND OTHER COURT PERSONNEL CANNOT GIVE YOU LEGAL ADVICE. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE YOU SHOULD CONSULT A LAWYER FOR ADVICE.

PROTECTION AGAINST DISCHARGE: Title 15, §1674, U.S.C., prohibits an employer from discharging any employee because his or her earnings have been subjected to garnishment for any one indebtedness.

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT OF RIGHT TO CLAIM EXEMPTION FROM GARNISHMENT

A process of garnishment has been delivered to you. This means that a Court may order your wages, money in a bank, sums owned to you, or other property belonging to you, to be paid into Court to satisfy a judgment against you.

Laws of the State of Alabama and of the United States provides that in some circumstances certain money and property may not be taken to pay certain types of court judgments, because certain money or property may be "exempt" from garnishment. For example, under state law, in some circumstances, up to $3,000 in wages, personal property, including money, bank accounts, automobiles, appliances, etc. may be exempt from process of garnishment. Similarly, under federal law, certain benefits and certain welfare payments may be exempt from garnishment. Benefits and payments ordinarily exempt from garnishment include, for example, social security payments, SSI payments, veteran's benefits, TANF (welfare) payments, unemployment compensation payments and worker's compensation payments.

THESE EXAMPLES ARE FOR PURPOSES OF ILLUSTRATION ONLY. WHETHER YOU WILL BE ENTITLED TO CLAIM ANY EXEMPTION FROM THE PROCESS OF GARNISHMENT, AND, IF SO, WHAT PROPERTY MAY BE EXEMPT, WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE FACTS IN YOUR PARTICULAR CASE. IF YOU ARE UNCERTAIN AS TO YOUR POSSIBLE EXEMPTION RIGHTS, YOU SHOULD CONSULT A LAWYER FOR ADVICE.

TO CLAIM ANY EXEMPTION THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE TO YOU, YOU MUST PREPARE A "CLAIM OF EXEMPTION" FORM LISTING ON IT ALL YOUR WAGES AND PERSONAL PROPERTY; HAVE THE CLAIM OF EXEMPTION NOTARIZED; AND FILE IT IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE. ALSO, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAIL OR DELIVER A COPY OF THE CLAIM EXEMPTION TO THE PLAINTIFF WHO HAS A JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU. YOU MUST INDICATE ON THE CLAIM OF EXEMPTION THAT YOU FILED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE WHETHER YOU MAILED OR DELIVERED THE COPY TO THE PLAINTIFF AND THE DATE ON WHICH YOU MAILED OR DELIVERED IT. THE CLERK CANNOT GIVE YOU LEGAL ADVICE. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, YOU SHOULD SEE A LAWYER.

If you file a claim of exemption, the plaintiff will have approximately ten (10) days to file a "contest" of your claim of exemption. If a contest is filed, a Court hearing will be scheduled and you will be notified of the time and place of the hearing. If the plaintiff does not file a contest, the property claimed by you as exempt will be released from the garnishment.

If you do not file a claim of exemption, your property may be turned over to the Court and to the plaintiff on the judgment against you.

TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU ACT PROMPTLY. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU SHOULD CONSULT A LAWYER

NOTICE TO PLAINTIFF OF RIGHT TO CONTEST CLAIM OF EXEMPTION OF DEFENDANT

If a "Claim of Exemption" is filed in the Clerk's office and mailed or delivered to you by the defendant, you have approximately ten (10) days to file a "Contest" to the Claim of Exemption with the Clerk of the Court.

If a Contest is timely filed, a Court hearing will be scheduled within seven (7) calendar days (or on the next business day thereafter if the Court is not open on the seventh day). You and the defendant will be notified of the time and place of the hearing.

If you fail to make timely Contest of the Claim of Exemption, after fifteen (15) calendar days from the filing of such claim by the defendant, the Process of Garnishment and any writ of garnishment issued therein shall be dismissed or, where appropriate, modified to the extent necessary to give effect to the claimed exemptions.

IF YOU ARE UNCERTAIN AS TO HOW TO FILE A CONTEST TO THE CLAIM OF EXEMPTION, YOU SHOULD CONSULT A LAWYER FOR ADVICE. THE CLERK AND OTHER COURT PERSONNEL CANNOT GIVE YOU LEGAL ADVICE.

State of Alabama Unified Judicial System Form C-22 Rev. 10/2023	GARNISHEE'S ANSWER	Case Number SM2026-900559.00

IN THE Circuit COURT OF Cullman COUNTY, ALABAMA

Warehouse Home Furnishings Dist. Inc. v. Thomas Garts, Jr.

Plaintiff *(Person Asserting Claim)* Defendant *(Person Whose Property is Subject to Garnishment)*

Garnishee: Payroll Services

Business Address: 304 Second Ave SW

Cullman, AL 35055

City State Zip

NOTICE TO GARNISHEE:

After reading the Process of Garnishment and Instructions on the reverse side of the Process of Garnishment, check the appropriate answer(s) below, sign, and have verified. Keep a copy of this Answer for your records and return the original and two copies to the Clerk of the above-named Court at the address below.

☐ The defendant is employed, and the garnishee will withhold from the salary, wages, or other compensation of the defendant, as required, and pay the amounts withheld to the Clerk of the above-named Court.

☐ The defendant is employed, but the defendant's disposable earnings are not sufficient to be subject to garnishment.

☐ The garnishee has in the garnishee's possession or control non-exempt property or money belonging to the defendant, which is not wages, salary, or other compensation, namely:

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and is holding the property or money subject to orders of the Court.

☐ The garnishee has in the garnishee's possession or control money belonging to the defendant, which is not wages, salary or other compensation, but all such money is exempt from execution by federal law and thus not subject to garnishment.

☐ The defendant is not employed, the garnishee was not indebted to the defendant when the process was received, or, when making this Answer or during the intervening time, the garnishee does not have possession or control of any belongings of the defendant.

☐ If the garnishee is a corporation, the person signing below is the duly authorized agent of the garnishee to make this Answer and has knowledge of the facts stated herein.

☐ Other (Explain): _____

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Garnishee or Authorized Agent (Signature)

Circuit Clerk of Court: _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, _____.

Business Address: _____

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City State Zip

Business Telephone Number: _____

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Signature of Officer Authorized to Administer Oaths/Notary Public

(Notary Public Only: My Commission expires on _____ (Date)).

Original: Court Record Copy: Plaintiff Copy: Defendant Copy: Garnishee