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Third Judicial Circuit Court, Family Division
Attention: Post Adoptions
1025 E. Forest Avenue
Detroit, MI 48207-1098

**Re: Request By Adult Adoptee for Identifying Information/Court Order to Process
Request for Original Birth Certificate for Rudolf Scott-Douglas Owens
(myself/petitioner)**

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to request a court order from the Third Judicial Circuit Court, in order to obtain a copy of my original birth certificate from the State of Michigan. My relevant data for the court's attention:

- **Name at Birth:** Scott Douglas Owens (name that is on all of my other original birth records I have already in my possession—medical records, adoption decree, more)
- **Name on Amended Birth Certificate:** Martin Rudolf Brueggemann (the one given to me after I was adopted)
- **Birth Mother:** [EDITED OUT]
- **Birth Father:** [EDITED OUT]
- **Date and Place of Birth:** [EDITED OUT]

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has demanded, in writing, that I provide a court order before they would consider my request for a copy of my original birth certificate. I am following instructions for that request given to me verbally over the phone by your courteous and professional staff and in accordance with administrative communications for state law for my unique class of Michigan natives—a Michigan adoptee born between 1945 and 1980, who is required to produce a court order to request his original birth certificate in the State of Michigan.

I am providing you the following items that are required and to document my request:

- A copy of my photo identification (current driver's license, state of Oregon)
- A copy of my amended/adoptive birth certificate showing my adoptive name, Martin Rudolf Brueggemann
- A completed Release of Information Authorization Adult Adoptee (FIA 1920)—on that I note that I am requesting my original birth certificate
- Completed Request by Adult Adoptee for Identifying Information (FIA 1925)
- \$20.00 filing fee (money order made payable to Wayne County Clerk)
- Copy of my revised Michigan birth certificate issued to me after I legally changed my name in 2009
- My court order, which changed my legal name in 2009 from my old adopted name of Martin Rudolf Brueggemann to my current and legal name: Rudolf Scott-Douglas Owens

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- Copy of Notice of Release of Identifying Information, from Lutheran Child and Family Services to the Michigan Department of Public Health, Office of Vital and Health Statistics, **acknowledging that identifying information can be released to me** (at the time when I had the legal name Martin Rudolf Brueggemann), signed by Jean Creech, April 20, 1989
- Copy of State of Michigan, Wayne County Probate Court, Adoption Decree, showing birth name of Scott Douglas Owens
- Copy of Letter from Probate Court, Wayne County, acknowledging receipt of notice from the Adoption Central Registry regarding consent to release identifying birth information filed by my birth mother on April 21, 1989
- Photographs of myself and my birth mother (1989 and 2015)
- Citations of Michigan statutes applicable to my request

I would be happy to speak with your staff if you have any questions about this request. Having this request honored would complete a nearly three-decades-long process of making records requests for my original identity documents.

I have known my birth families now for 27 years. I have copies of my original birth records, including medical records, as a result of my birth mother signing a legal release in 1989 that was shared with the State of Michigan, the social service agency that handled my adoption, and the Wayne County Probate Court. At this time I would like to have all of my records—namely, my original birth certificate. I respectfully ask that the court honor this request for a court order in the spirit of fairness to the petitioner who is only asking for fair and equal treatment and a just resolution to nearly three-decades long process. The just outcome to this request poses no burden, meaningful cost, or harm to any party, nor the state of Michigan.

Thanks for you professional courtesy and attention.

Sincerely,

Rudy Owens

CC: Adoption Records Requests File