IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

VINCENT MICHAEL HYLER,

Petitioner,

v.

CARLI MICHELLE HELLER,

Respondent.

Case No.: 26-DR-005826

Division: Domestic Relations -

"I hereby certify this document to be a true and correct copy of the record on file in my office Kevin C. Karnes, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Lee County, FL Dated: 8/19/2026 By Deputy Clerk"

EMERGENCY EX PARTE ORDER REGISTERING AND ENFORCING OUT-OF-STATE CHILD-CUSTODY DETERMINATION AND WARRANT TO TAKE IMMEDIATE PHYSICAL CUSTODY

THIS CAUSE came before the Court without advance notice on Petitioner Vincent Michael Hyler's Emergency Verified Ex Parte Petition to Register and Enforce Out-of-State Child-Custody Determination and Application for Warrant to Take Immediate Physical Custody (the "Verified Petition"). The Court reviewed the Verified Petition, the certified California child-custody determination and accompanying exhibits. Being otherwise fully advised under sections 61.501-61.542, Florida Statutes, the Court finds and orders as follows:

FINDINGS

1. The parties are the parents of born September 6, 2024 (the "Child"). Respondent Carli Michelle Heller ("Mother") and the Child are presently believed to be located at Bonita Springs, Lee County, Florida, or wherever they may otherwise be found within this State.

2. This Court has jurisdiction to register and enforce an out-of-state child-custody determination under Florida's Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act, sections 61.501-61.542, Florida Statutes. Venue is proper in Lee County because Mother and the Child are located here and simultaneous registration and enforcement are sought here.

3. On August 12, 2026, the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino, entered Temporary Emergency (Ex Parte) Orders, Form FL-305, and a Child Abduction Prevention Order Attachment, Form FL-341(B), in Case No. 25FL01030 (collectively, the "California Order"). A certified copy has been submitted with the Verified Petition.

4. The California Order states that the issuing court has jurisdiction under the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act; grants Petitioner Vincent Michael Hyler ("Father") temporary physical custody, care, and control of the Child; limits Mother to supervised virtual visitation only; authorizes any law-enforcement officer to enforce the order; and directs that the Child be retrieved from Mother by law enforcement without notice because Mother may abscond with the Child.

5. The California court found that temporary emergency orders were needed to prevent immediate harm to the Child and an immediate risk that the Child would be removed from

California. It further found that Mother had impeded visitation and concealed the Child while unable to care for him properly, lacked strong ties to California, concealed her out-of-state address, restricted Father's access to the Child's patient records, and had a history of failing to cooperate in parenting.

6. The California Order sets a further hearing for September 2, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., Department C, and provides that the temporary emergency orders expire at the date and time of that hearing unless extended by further order of the California court.

7. The Verified Petition states under penalty of perjury that, to Father's knowledge and belief, the California Order has not been vacated, stayed, superseded, or modified. No contrary order or evidence has been presented to this Court.

8. The Verified Petition contains the information required by section 61.531(2), Florida Statutes, and is accompanied by the documents required for registration under section 61.528, Florida Statutes.

9. Based on the testimony and the recent findings of the issuing court, the Child is likely to be imminently removed from Florida if Mother receives advance notice before execution. Mother's concealment of the Child and her address, obstruction of Father's access to the Child's records, interstate movement, lack of strong ties to California, and the issuing court's express absconding finding establish a concrete and immediate risk of removal.

10. Advance notice would materially increase the risk that Mother will move or conceal the Child before law enforcement can act. A less intrusive remedy is not effective because ordinary advance service would alert Mother and frustrate enforcement.

11. Entry onto private property is reasonably necessary to locate and secure the Child. The risk of flight, concealment, and delay constitutes exigent circumstances sufficient to authorize forcible entry only if entry is refused or delay would materially increase the risk of removal or harm, and only to the extent reasonably necessary to secure the Child.

12. Immediate physical placement with Father, subject to the temporary conditions below and the prompt return hearing required by Florida law, is consistent with the express temporary-custody terms of the California Order.

13. This Order enforces the California Order; it does not modify the California determination or decide any issue reserved to the California court. Registration is not yet confirmed under section 61.528, Florida Statutes.

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED

1. **Emergency relief granted.** The Verified Petition is GRANTED to the extent stated in this Order and Warrant. All relief not expressly granted is reserved for the return hearing or denied without prejudice.

2. **Registration.** The Clerk shall file the California Order as a foreign judgment under section 61.528(2)(a), Florida Statutes. The California Order is enforceable as of registration in the same manner as a child-custody determination issued by a Florida court, subject to the statutory right to contest registration. Registration is not confirmed by this ex parte Order.

3. **Warrant issued statewide.** This Order constitutes a WARRANT TO TAKE IMMEDIATE PHYSICAL CUSTODY OF THE CHILD and is enforceable throughout Florida. The Lee County Sheriff's Office and every other Florida law-enforcement officer to whom this Warrant is delivered are DIRECTED to locate born September 6, 2024, and TAKE IMMEDIATE PHYSICAL CUSTODY OF THE CHILD.

4. **Location.** Law enforcement may execute this Warrant at Bonita Springs, Florida 34135, or at any other place within Florida where officers have lawful reason to believe the Child is present.

5. **Entry authority.** Because a less intrusive remedy is not effective, law enforcement is AUTHORIZED to enter private property to take physical custody of the Child. Because the exigent circumstances found above require it, officers are AUTHORIZED to make forcible entry at any hour if entry is refused or delay would materially increase the risk of removal or harm. Officers shall announce their authority and purpose when practicable and shall use no more force than is reasonably necessary under the circumstances.

6. **Civil nature and safe execution.** This is a civil child-custody warrant and does not independently authorize Mother's arrest. Officers shall take reasonable steps to minimize trauma to the Child and may allow the Child's necessary clothing, medications, comfort items, and age-appropriate supplies to accompany him if doing so will not materially delay execution or compromise safety.

7. **Temporary placement.** After securing the Child and verifying Father's identity, law enforcement shall release the Child to Vincent Michael Hyler, or to another responsible adult specifically designated in writing by Father and approved by the Court or executing agency, pending further order. Father shall maintain safe care and supervision of the Child and comply with the California Order.

8. **Placement conditions.** Until the Florida return hearing, Father shall not remove the Child from Florida without further order of this Court. Father shall keep the Child available for the return hearing and shall promptly disclose the Child's temporary location to the Court and executing agency, but not to Mother before execution. Nothing in this paragraph authorizes conduct inconsistent with any later order of the California court.

9. **Immediate service after custody.** Immediately after the Child is taken into physical custody, Mother shall be personally served with the Verified Petition, this signed Order and Warrant, the summons, and any separate order or notice issued under sections 61.528 and 61.531, Florida Statutes. No service or other communication shall be made to Mother before the Child is secured unless the Court later orders otherwise.

10. **Notice of registration.** Immediately after execution, the Clerk shall serve the notice required by section 61.528(2)-(3), Florida Statutes. The notice shall advise that a request to contest registration must be filed within 20 days after service and that failure to do so will result in confirmation and preclude further contest of matters that could have been asserted.

11. **Appearance.** Mother is ORDERED to appear in person at the return hearing stated below. If the Child has not been secured before that hearing, Mother shall appear with the Child. Father shall appear in person with the Child unless excused by the Court.

12. **Execution notice and return.** Immediately after execution, Father or his counsel and the executing agency shall notify the assigned judge's chambers and the Clerk of the date and time of execution. The executing officer shall complete and file a written return stating when and where the Child was taken into custody, the placement made, and when and how service was completed.

13. **California documents.** Mother shall comply with the California Order's passport and vital-record provisions, including delivery of the Child's passports and travel-related vital records to Father's California counsel as directed by that order. Nothing in this paragraph authorizes a search or seizure beyond the scope of this Warrant or other lawful authority.

14. **Supervised virtual visitation.** Pending further order and while the California Order remains effective, Mother's contact with the Child shall be limited to supervised virtual visitation consistent with the California Order. The parties shall not use such contact to disclose or solicit confidential location information.

15. **Fees and expenses reserved.** Father's request for necessary and reasonable fees, costs, travel expenses, investigative expenses, and attorney's fees under section 61.535, Florida Statutes, is RESERVED for the return hearing or a later properly noticed proceeding.

16. **Duration.** This Warrant expires upon the earliest of: (a) execution; (b) further order of this Court; (c) a stay, vacation, or superseding modification of the California Order; or (d) expiration of the California Order at the September 2, 2026 hearing, unless proof of a written extension is presented. The placement and service provisions survive execution until the return hearing or further order.

17. **No modification.** Nothing in this Order modifies the California Order, determines permanent custody, or authorizes Florida to exercise modification jurisdiction. The Court retains jurisdiction to enforce this Order, conduct the return hearing, address statutory fees and expenses, and enter further relief permitted by Florida's UCCJEA enforcement provisions.

RETURN HEARING - COURT MUST COMPLETE

Pursuant to sections 61.531(3) and 61.534(2), Florida Statutes, the return hearing shall be held on the next judicial day after service or execution unless that date is impossible, and otherwise on the first judicial day possible.

DATE:	August 20, 2026
TIME:	2:30pm
PLACE:	Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901
COURTROOM / ROOM:	Courtroom 4Q

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

At the return hearing, the Court will order that Father may continue to exercise immediate physical custody of the Child, may order payment of fees, costs, and expenses under section 61.535, Florida Statutes, and may set a further hearing for additional relief unless Mother appears and establishes one of the following defenses applicable to an unconfirmed registered determination:

a. The California court did not have jurisdiction under sections 61.514-61.523, Florida Statutes;

b. The California Order has been vacated, stayed, or modified by a court having jurisdiction to do so; or

c. Mother was entitled to notice in the California proceeding but notice was not given in accordance with section 61.509, Florida Statutes.

DONE AND ORDERED in Fort Myers, Lee County, Florida.

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