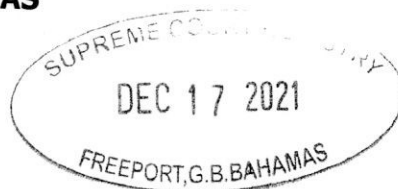


**COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS  
IN THE SUPREME COURT  
Family Division  
2021/FAM/div/FP/00138**



**BETWEEN**

**DENISE DUNCOMBE (nee ALBURY)  
Petitioner**

**AND**

**EDWARD DUNCOMBE  
Respondent**

**BEFORE:** The Honourable Justice Petra M. Hanna-Adderley  
**Appearances:** Crystal Kelly-Newman for the Petitioner  
**HEARING DATE:** December 8, 2021


**RULING  
(On the Papers)**

1. This is an application pursuant to Section 9 (3) of the Matrimonial Causes Rules for leave to effect substituted services of the Petition filed herein on October 29, 2021 and the supporting documents on the Respondent via courier.
2. By Summons filed by the Petitioner on November 11, 2021 the Petitioner seeks an Order for leave to effect substituted service of the Petition and Supporting Documents.
3. The Petitioner in her Affidavit states that she and the Respondent were married on July 26, 2003 by Reverend Raymond Jones. That on July 8, 2013 the Respondent while on a fishing trip, was arrested by the US Coast Guard and charged and sentenced to 14 years imprisonment. He is currently serving out his sentence at Big Spring Correctional Centre, Big Springs, Texas, USA. That on September 29, 2021 she filed a Petition for divorce on the grounds of 5 years separation and that she wished to serve the divorce documents on the Respondent at that facility via courier.
4. The Court having read the Summons filed herein, having read the Affidavit filed herein, having considered Section 9 (3) of the Matrimonial Causes Rules, makes the following

Order that, leave is hereby granted to the Petitioner to serve the Respondent with the Petition and the Supporting Documents via Courier. The time in which to enter an appearance in the Notice of Petition shall be extended to 16 days and to file an Answer and Cross Petition to 28 days.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, A. D. 2021

*Petra M. Hanna-Adderley*  
**Petra M. Hanna-Adderley**  
**Judge**

The seal of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is visible in the background of the signature. It features a central shield with a figure holding a bow and arrow, surrounded by the text "SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS".