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Court that the current address or whereabouts of the Defendant were unknown although his last known address was in Houston, Texas. The Court therefore ordered service could be had by publication pursuant to §15-9-710 and §15-9-740, SC Code Ann., and that the Summons would be published once a week for a total of three weeks in the *Houston Chronicle*, a newspaper of general circulation in the area of Houston, Texas.

An Affidavit of Publication signed by the Supervisor/Accounts Receivable of the *Houston Chronicle* was filed with this Court. The Court finds that the Defendant has been properly served by publication pursuant to South Carolina law.

This matter was originally set to be heard on March 26, 2004, but the case was continued by Order of the Court. The Defendant was given written notice of the hearing by regular mail and by certified mail, return receipt requested as appears from the affidavit of Marcia F. Jones. The Defendant was therefore properly notified of the final hearing pursuant to Rule 17 of the South Carolina Rules of Family Court.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Court finds as follows:

1. Plaintiff is a citizen and resident of the State of South Carolina and has resided in the State of South Carolina for a period in excess of one year prior to the commencement of this action.
2. Plaintiff married Defendant, Javed Ahmed, on February 17, 1997 in Harris County, Texas. Thereafter Defendant refused to live with Plaintiff. Plaintiff never saw nor heard from Defendant again. Plaintiff never lived with the Defendant. The parties never lived together as husband and wife. The parties never engaged in sexual intercourse, sexual conduct or sexual activity of any kind and, therefore, failed to consummate their marriage.
3. No children were born of this marriage between the parties.
4. Plaintiff testified that she later learned that Defendant, a Pakistani immigrant, wanted to marry Plaintiff so that he could become a United States citizen. Plaintiff also later learned that Defendant had three or more wives to whom he was married under Pakistani law when the parties married on February 17, 1997.
5. The Court finds there has been no contact between the parties since shortly after February 17, 1997, and therefore there is no collusion between these parties.

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