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- (i) any information known to the petitioner of:
 - 1.] the whereabouts of the child or vulnerable adult [; and
- 2. the nature and extent of the abuse, including any evidence or information available to the petitioner concerning previous injury resulting from abuse;
- (ii)] AND any other information relating to the abuse of the child or vulnerable adult[; and
 - (iii) the name and whereabouts of the alleged abuser].
- (2) IF THE PETITION STATES THAT DISCLOSURE OF PETITIONER'S ADDRESS, OR THE ADDRESS OF A CHILD OR VULNERABLE ADULT THE ADDRESS OF A PERSON ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF WOULD RISK FURTHER ABUSE OF THE PETITIONER OR OF ANY MEMBER OF THE PETITIONER'S FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD A PERSON ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF, OR REVEAL THE CONFIDENTIAL ADDRESS OF A SHELTER FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS, THAT ADDRESS MAY BE OMITTED FROM ALL DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE COURT. IF DISCLOSURE IS NECESSARY TO DETERMINE JURISDICTION OR CONSIDER ANY VENUE ISSUE, IT SHALL BE MADE ORALLY AND IN CAMERA AND MAY NOT BE DISCLOSED TO THE RESPONDENT.
- (c) (1) The court may waive or defer in advance the [cost of filing a petition] FILING FEES AND COSTS FOR A TEMPORARY EX PARTE ORDER AND A PROTECTIVE ORDER on a showing by affidavit that:
 - (i) the petitioner is indigent; or
- (ii) because of the circumstances, the petitioner, otherwise able to pay, is unable to pay the cost at the time of filing.
- (2) Under these circumstances, the court later may waive costs, or assess costs against the petitioner or the alleged abuser.
- (3) THE FILING FEE FOR RELIEF UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE THE SAME FOR ALL PETITIONERS REGARDLESS OF THE FORUM COURT IN WHICH THEY APPLY.
- (d) (1) When a court receives a petition that alleges abuse of a child or vulnerable adult by a [household member] RESPONDENT under this section, the court shall forward a copy of the petition to the local department.
- (2) When the local department receives the petition from the court, the local department shall:
- (i) 1. investigate the alleged abuse as provided in Title 5, Subtitle 7 of this article; or
- 2. investigate the alleged abuse as provided in Title 14, Subtitle 3 of this article; and