

(ii) The affixing of the summons upon the property after due notification to the tenant, assignee, or subtenant by first-class mail shall conclusively be presumed to be a sufficient service to all persons to support the entry of a default judgment for possession of the premises, together with court costs, in favor of the landlord, but it shall not be sufficient service to support a default judgment in favor of the landlord for the amount of rent due.

(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (4) of this subsection, in Wicomico County, in an action to repossess any premises under this section, service of process on a tenant may be directed to any person authorized under the Maryland Rules to serve process.

(6) (i) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPHS (3) THROUGH (5) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IF THE LANDLORD CERTIFIES TO THE COURT IN THE WRITTEN COMPLAINT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION THAT, TO THE BEST OF THE LANDLORD'S KNOWLEDGE, THE TENANT IS DECEASED, INTESTATE, AND WITHOUT NEXT OF KIN, THE DISTRICT COURT SHALL ISSUE ITS SUMMONS, DIRECTED TO ANY CONSTABLE OR SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY ENTITLED TO SERVE PROCESS, AND ORDERING THE CONSTABLE OR SHERIFF TO NOTIFY THE OCCUPANT OF THE PREMISES OR THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED TENANT, IF KNOWN, BY PERSONAL SERVICE:

1. TO APPEAR BEFORE THE DISTRICT COURT AT THE TRIAL TO BE HELD ON THE FIFTH DAY AFTER THE FILING OF THE COMPLAINT; AND

2. TO ANSWER THE LANDLORD'S COMPLAINT TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THE DEMAND OF THE LANDLORD SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED.

(ii) 1. THE CONSTABLE OR SHERIFF SHALL PROCEED TO SERVE THE SUMMONS UPON THE OCCUPANT OF THE PREMISES OR THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED TENANT, IF KNOWN, AS FOLLOWS:

A. IF ANY OF THE PERSONS WHOM THE SHERIFF IS DIRECTED TO SERVE ARE FOUND ON THE PROPERTY OR AT ANOTHER KNOWN ADDRESS, THE SHERIFF SHALL SERVE ANY SUCH PERSONS; OR

B. IF NONE OF THE PERSONS WHOM THE SHERIFF IS DIRECTED TO SERVE ARE FOUND ON THE PROPERTY OR AT ANOTHER KNOWN ADDRESS, THE CONSTABLE OR SHERIFF SHALL AFFIX AN ATTESTED COPY OF THE SUMMONS CONSPICUOUSLY UPON THE PROPERTY.