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(a) When an action of distress is filed, the clerk shall issue an order directing the defendant to appear and show cause at a stated time why levy under an action of distress should not be made. The hearing may be not earlier than seven days from date of service on the defendant.

(b) In addition, the order shall:

(1) Direct the time within which service of the petition and show–cause order shall be made on the defendant; and

(2) Inform the defendant that (i) the defendant may appear at the time stated and present evidence on the defendant's behalf; and (ii) if the defendant fails to appear, all goods on the leased premises not exempted by law may be levied on and removed by the sheriff.

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