

# PETITION FOR INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION AGAINST DATING VIOLENCE

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**If you are filing for a Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, or Stalking Injunction:  
*FREE LEGAL HELP* is available.**

Peaceful Paths Domestic Abuse Network, Inc. can help you with your Petition for an Injunction for Protection (Restraining Order). We have **attorneys and advocates** to assist you in completing the Petition and representing you at your hearing. Peaceful Paths offers other free services that are listed below.

It is extremely important to be represented at your court hearing. To contact the attorneys at the **Injunction for Protection Project at Peaceful Paths** (IFP Attorneys), please call 352-377-5690 ex 536. The IFP Attorneys can help before you file your Petition or after it has been filed.

To speak with a Peaceful Paths advocate please call:

**Alachua County: 352-374-3636 x 2609** or ask the Clerk for the Peaceful Paths advocate. The IFP room is on the 1st Floor of the civil (old) courthouse across from the civil filing window.

**Bradford/Union County:** You can contact the advocates at **325-318-4852** or **352-318-9654**

We look forward to assisting you with your Petition and with any other services that would be of help to you during this difficult time.

**Contact Peaceful Paths Services by calling 352-377-8255 (24 hours) or 352-377-5690 (business hours):**

Peaceful Paths provides a wide range of free and confidential services including:

- Injunction for Protection Attorney Project
- Emergency shelter
- Supportive housing
- 24 hour crisis helpline
- Counseling and support groups for adults, teens, and children
- Victim advocacy
- Children's programs
- Financial literacy classes

## INTAKE PERSONNEL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Florida Rule of Family Law 12.610(b)(4)(A) requires the clerk of the court for family or domestic/repeat/dating/sexual violence intake personnel to assist the petitioner in obtaining an injunction for protection against domestic, repeat, dating, or sexual violence as provided by law.

In the foregoing injunction petition

\_\_\_\_\_ the clerk of court, or

\_\_\_\_\_ domestic/repeat/dating/sexual violence intake personnel

assisted the petitioner in preparing the petition.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORM 12.980(n)  
PETITION FOR INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION AGAINST DATING VIOLENCE (10/22)**

**When should this form be used?**

If you are a victim of **dating violence**, and have reasonable cause to believe you are in **imminent danger** of becoming the victim of another act of dating violence, **or** if you have reasonable cause to believe that you are in **imminent danger** of becoming a victim of **dating violence**, you can use this form to ask the court for a protective order prohibiting dating violence. Dating violence means violence between individuals who have or have had a continuing and significant relationship of a romantic or intimate nature. **The dating relationship must have existed within the past six months, the nature of the relationship must have been characterized by the expectation of affection or sexual involvement between the parties, and the frequency and type of interaction must have included that the persons have been involved over time and on a continuous basis during the course of the relationship. Dating violence does not include violence in a casual acquaintanceship or violence between individuals who only have engaged in ordinary fraternization in a business or social context.**

Dating violence includes assault, aggravated assault, battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault, sexual battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, or false imprisonment, or any criminal offense resulting in physical injury or death. Because you are making a request to the court, you are called the **petitioner**. The person whom you are asking the court to protect you from is called the **respondent**. If you are under the age of eighteen and have never been married or had the disabilities of nonage removed by a court, one of your parents or your legal guardian must sign this petition on your behalf.

**If you are filing on behalf of a child or children**

The parent or legal guardian of any minor child *who is living at home* may seek an injunction for protection against dating violence on behalf of the minor child. With respect to a minor child who is living at home, if the party against whom the protective injunction is sought is also a parent, stepparent, or legal guardian, you as the parent or legal guardian filing the petition, must have been an eye-witness to, or have direct physical evidence or **affidavits** from eye-witnesses of, the specific facts and circumstances that form the basis of the petition. If the party against whom the protective injunction is sought is a person **OTHER THAN** a parent, stepparent, or legal guardian of the minor child, you, as the parent or legal guardian filing the petition, must state why you have reasonable cause to believe that the minor child is a victim of dating violence.

**Additional Information**

If the respondent is your **spouse**, former spouse, related to you by blood or marriage, living with you now or has lived with you in the past (if you are or were living as a family), or the other parent of your child(ren), whether or not you have ever been married or ever lived together, you should use **Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Domestic Violence**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(a), rather than this form.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. You should complete this form (giving as much detail as possible) and sign it the presence of a notary or in front of the **clerk of the circuit court** in the county where you live. The clerk will take your completed petition to a **judge**. You should keep a copy for your records. If you have any questions or need assistance completing this form, the clerk or **family law intake staff** will help you.

### What should I do if the judge grants my petition?

If the facts contained in your petition convince the judge that an **immediate and present danger of dating violence** exists, the judge will sign a **Temporary Injunction for Protection Against Dating Violence**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(o). A temporary injunction is issued without notice to the respondent. The clerk will give your petition, the temporary injunction, and any other papers filed with your petition to the sheriff or other law enforcement officer for personal service on the respondent. The temporary injunction will take effect immediately after the respondent is served with a copy of it. It lasts until a full hearing can be held or for a period of 15 days, whichever comes first. The court may extend the temporary injunction beyond 15 days for a good reason, which may include failure to obtain service on the respondent.

The temporary injunction is issued ex parte. This means that the judge has considered only the information presented by one side--YOU. Section I of the temporary injunction gives a date that you should appear in court for a hearing. You will be expected to testify about the facts in your petition. The respondent will be given the opportunity to testify at this hearing, also. At the hearing, the judge will decide whether to issue a **Final Judgment of Injunction for Protection Against Dating Violence (After Notice)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(p), which will remain in effect for a specific time period or until modified or dissolved by the court. **If you and/or the respondent do not appear, the temporary injunction may be continued in force, extended, or dismissed, and/or additional orders may be granted, including entry of a permanent injunction and the imposition of court costs. You and respondent will be bound by the terms of any injunction or order issued at the final hearing.**

**IF EITHER YOU OR RESPONDENT DO NOT APPEAR AT THE FINAL HEARING, YOU WILL BOTH BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF ANY INJUNCTION OR ORDER ISSUED IN THIS MATTER.**

If the judge signs a temporary or final injunction, the clerk will provide you with the necessary copies. **Make sure that you keep one certified copy of the injunction with you at all times!**

### What can I do if the judge denies my petition?

If your petition is denied on the grounds that it appears to the court that no immediate and present danger of dating violence exists, the court will set a full hearing on your petition. The respondent will be notified by personal service of your petition and the hearing. If your petition is denied, you may: amend your petition by filing a **Supplemental Affidavit in Support of Petition for Injunction for Protection**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(g); attend the hearing and present facts that support your petition; and/or dismiss your petition.

### Where can I look for more information?

**Before proceeding, you should read General Information for Self-Represented Litigants found at the beginning of these forms.** The words that are in **bold underline** are defined in that section. The clerk of the circuit court or family law intake staff will help you complete any necessary forms. For further information, see Section 784.046, Florida Statutes, and Rule 12.610, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-FILING

The Florida Rules of Judicial Administration now require that all petitions, pleadings, and documents be filed electronically except in certain circumstances. **Self-represented litigants may file petitions or other pleadings or documents electronically; however, they are not required to do so.** If you choose to file

your pleadings or other documents electronically, you must do so in accordance with Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.525, and you must follow the procedures of the judicial circuit in which you file. **The rules and procedures should be carefully read and followed.**

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-SERVICE ELECTION**

After the initial service of process of the petition or supplemental petition by the Sheriff or certified process server, the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration now require that all documents required or permitted to be served on the other party must be served by electronic mail (e-mail) except in certain circumstances. **You must strictly comply with the format requirements set forth in the Rules of Judicial Administration.** If you elect to participate in electronic service, which means serving or receiving pleadings by electronic mail (e-mail), or through the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal, you **must** review Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516. You may find this rule at [www.flcourts.org](http://www.flcourts.org) through the link to the Rules of Judicial Administration provided under either Family Law Forms: Getting Started, or Rules of Court in the A-Z Topical Index.

**SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS MAY SERVE DOCUMENTS BY E-MAIL; HOWEVER, THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED TO DO SO.** If a self-represented litigant elects to serve and receive documents by e-mail, the procedures must always be followed once the initial election is made.

To serve and receive documents by e-mail, you must designate your e-mail addresses by using the **Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915, and you must provide your e-mail address on each form on which your signature appears. Please **CAREFULLY** read the rules and instructions for: **Certificate of Service (General)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.914; **Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915; and Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner,  
  
and  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent.

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**PETITION FOR INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION AGAINST DATING VIOLENCE**

I, {full legal name} \_\_\_\_\_, being sworn, certify that the following statements are true:

**SECTION I. PETITIONER**

(This section is about you. It must be completed.)

1. Petitioner currently lives at the following address: {address, city, state, zip code} \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth of Petitioner: \_\_\_\_\_.

[Indicate if applicable]

\_\_\_\_\_ **Petitioner seeks an injunction for protection on behalf of a minor child.** Petitioner is the parent or legal guardian of {full legal name} \_\_\_\_\_, a minor child who is living at home.

2. Petitioner's attorney's name, address, and telephone number is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(If you do not have an attorney, write "none.")

**SECTION II. RESPONDENT**

(This section is about the person you want to be protected from. It must be completed.)

1. Respondent currently lives at the following address: {address, city, state, and zip code} \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent's Driver's License number is: {if known} \_\_\_\_\_

2. Petitioner has known Respondent since {date} \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Respondent's last known place of employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment address: \_\_\_\_\_

Working hours: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Physical description of Respondent:

Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguishing marks and/or scars: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle: (make/model) \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Tag Number: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Other names Respondent goes by (aliases or nicknames): \_\_\_\_\_

6. Respondent's attorney's name, address, and telephone number is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(If you do not know whether Respondent has an attorney, write "unknown." If Respondent does not have an attorney, write "none.")

7. If Respondent is a minor, the address of Respondent’s parent or legal guardian is: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION III. CASE HISTORY AND REASON FOR SEEKING PETITION** (This section must be completed.)

1. Have the Petitioner and Respondent been involved in a dating relationship within the past six months? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

2. Describe the nature of the relationship between the Petitioner and Respondent *{Include the length of time of the relationship, the romantic or intimate nature of the relationship, the frequency or type of interaction, and any other facts that characterize the relationship}*

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Please indicate here if you are attaching additional pages to continue these facts.

3. Has Petitioner ever received or tried to get an injunction for protection against domestic violence, dating violence, repeat violence, or sexual violence, or stalking against Respondent in this or any other court?

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No                      If yes, what happened in that case? *{include case number, if known}*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Has Respondent ever received or tried to get an injunction for protection against domestic violence, dating violence, repeat violence, or sexual violence, or stalking against Petitioner in this or any other court?

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No                      If yes, what happened in that case? *{include case number, if known}*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Describe **any other** court case that is either going on now or that happened in the past **between Petitioner and Respondent** *{include case number, if known}*: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Respondent has directed an incident of violence, meaning assault, aggravated assault, battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault, sexual battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, or false imprisonment, or any criminal offense resulting in physical injury or death against Petitioner or a minor child living at home. The incident (including date and location) is described below, On *{date}* \_\_\_\_\_, at *{location}* \_\_\_\_\_,

Respondent \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_ Please indicate here if you are attaching additional pages to continue these facts.

7. Other prior incidents (including dates and location) are described below:

On {date(s)} \_\_\_\_\_, at {location(s)} \_\_\_\_\_,

Respondent \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Please indicate here if you are attaching additional pages to continue these facts.

8. **Imminent Danger**

*{Please complete either paragraph a or b below}*

a. \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner is a victim of dating violence and has reasonable cause to believe he or she is in **imminent danger** of becoming a victim of another act of dating violence. *{Explain what Respondent has done to make you a victim of dating violence and to make you fear that you are in imminent danger of becoming a victim of another act of dating violence.}*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

b. \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner has reasonable cause to believe he or she is in **imminent danger** of becoming a victim of dating violence as demonstrated by the fact that Respondent has: *{Explain what Respondent has done that makes you fear that you are in imminent danger of becoming a victim of dating violence.}*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. **Additional Information**

*{Indicate all that apply}*

a. \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent owns, has, and/or is known to have guns or other weapons.

Describe weapon(s): \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ This or prior acts of dating violence have been previously reported to: *{person or agency}*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**SECTION IV. INJUNCTION**

(This section must be completed.)

1. Petitioner asks the Court to enter a TEMPORARY INJUNCTION for protection against dating violence that will be in place from now until the scheduled hearing in this matter.
2. Petitioner asks the Court to enter an injunction prohibiting Respondent from committing any acts of violence against Petitioner and:
  - a. prohibiting Respondent from going to or within 500 feet of any place Petitioner lives;
  - b. prohibiting Respondent from going to or within 500 feet of Petitioner’s place(s) of employment or the school that Petitioner attends; the address of Petitioner’s place(s) of employment and/or school is: \_\_\_\_\_;

- c. prohibiting Respondent from contacting Petitioner by telephone, mail, by e-mail, in writing, through another person, or in any other manner;
- d. ordering Respondent not to use or possess any guns or firearms;

{Indicate **all** that apply}

e. \_\_\_prohibiting Respondent from going to or within 500 feet of the following place(s) Petitioner or Petitioner’s immediate family must go to often: \_\_\_\_\_;

f. \_\_\_prohibiting Respondent from knowingly and intentionally going to or within 100 feet of Petitioner’s motor vehicle;

and any other terms the Court deems necessary for the safety of Petitioner and Petitioner’s immediate family.

**I UNDERSTAND THAT BY FILING THIS PETITION, I AM ASKING THE COURT TO HOLD A HEARING ON THIS PETITION, THAT BOTH THE RESPONDENT AND I WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE HEARING, AND THAT I MUST APPEAR AT THE HEARING. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF EITHER RESPONDENT OR I FAIL TO APPEAR AT THE FINAL HEARING, WE WILL BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF ANY INJUNCTION OR ORDER ISSUED AT THAT HEARING.**

**I HAVE READ EVERY STATEMENT MADE IN THIS PETITION, AND EACH STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE STATEMENTS MADE IN THIS PETITION ARE BEING MADE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, PUNISHABLE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 837.02, FLORIDA STATUTES.**

THIS PETITION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PETITIONER BUT IT IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE NOTARIZED IF IT IS FILED DURING THE SCOPE AND DURATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED BY A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Designated E-Mail Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, on \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or clerk.]

Personally known OR  Produced identification

Type of identification produced: \_\_\_\_\_



**IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW:**

[fill in **all** blanks]

This form was prepared for the: {choose only **one** } ( ) Petitioner ( ) Respondent

This form was completed with the assistance of:

{name of individual} \_\_\_\_\_

{name of business} \_\_\_\_\_

{address} \_\_\_\_\_

{city} \_\_\_\_\_, {state} \_\_\_\_\_, {telephone number} \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.900(h), [NOTICE OF RELATED CASES](#) (11/13)**

**When should this form be used?**

Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.545(d) requires the **petitioner** in a family law case to file with the court a notice of related cases, if any. Your circuit may also require this form to be filed even if there are no related cases. A case is considered related if:

- it involves the same parties, children, or issues and is pending when the family law case is filed; or
- it affects the court's jurisdiction to proceed; or
- an order in the related case may conflict with an order on the same issues in the new case; or
- an order in the new case may conflict with an order in the earlier case.

This form is used to provide the required notice to the court.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. It must be **filed** with the **clerk of the circuit court** with the initial pleading in the family law case.

**What should I do next?**

A copy of the form must be served on the presiding judges, either the chief judge or the family law administrative judge, and all parties in the related cases. You should also keep a copy for your records. **Service** must be in accordance with Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516.

**Where can I look for more information?**

**Before proceeding, you should read "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants" found at the beginning of these forms.** The words that are in "**bold underline**" in these instructions are defined there. For further information, see Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.545(d).

**Special notes . . .**

Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms **must** also put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete..

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Petitioner

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

and

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Respondent

**NOTICE OF RELATED CASES**

1. Petitioner submits this Notice of Related Cases as required by Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.545(d). A related case may be an open or closed civil, criminal, guardianship, domestic violence, juvenile delinquency, juvenile dependency, or domestic relations case. A case is "related" to this family law case if it involves any of the same parties, children, or issues and it is pending at the time the party files a family case; if it affects the court's jurisdiction to proceed; if an order in the related case may conflict with an order on the same issues in the new case; or if an order in the new case may conflict with an order in the earlier litigation.

[check **one** only]

\_\_\_ **There are no related cases.**

\_\_\_ **The following are the related cases (add additional pages if necessary):**

**Related Case No. 1**

Case Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner : \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent : \_\_\_\_\_

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Proceeding: [check **all** that apply]

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| ___ Dissolution of Marriage   | ___ Paternity                                     |
| ___ Custody   | ___ Adoption                                      |
| ___ Child Support   | ___ Modification/Enforcement/Contempt Proceedings |
| ___ Juvenile Dependency   | ___ Juvenile Delinquency                          |
| ___ Termination of Parental Rights                                    | ___ Criminal                                      |
| ___ Domestic/Sexual/Dating/Repeat<br>Violence or Stalking Injunctions | ___ Mental Health                                 |
|   | ___ Other {specify} _____                         |

State where case was decided or is pending: \_\_\_ Florida \_\_\_ Other: {specify} \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Court where case was decided or is pending (for example, Fifth Circuit Court, Marion County, Florida): \_\_\_\_\_

Title of last Court Order/Judgment (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Court Order/Judgment (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of cases [check **all** that apply]:

\_\_\_ pending case involves same parties, children, or issues;

\_\_\_ may affect court's jurisdiction;

\_\_\_ order in related case may conflict with an order in this case;  
\_\_\_ order in this case may conflict with previous order in related case.

Statement as to the relationship of the cases: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Related Case No. 2**

Case Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner : \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent : \_\_\_\_\_

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Proceeding: [check **all** that apply]

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dissolution of Marriage   | <input type="checkbox"/> Paternity   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Custody   | <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Support   | <input type="checkbox"/> Modification/Enforcement/Contempt Proceedings                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Dependency   | <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Delinquency  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Termination of Parental Rights                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic/Sexual/Dating/Repeat<br>Violence or Stalking Injunctions | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other {specify} _____ |

State where case was decided or is pending: \_\_\_ Florida \_\_\_ Other: {specify} \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Court where case was decided or is pending (for example, Fifth Circuit Court, Marion County, Florida): \_\_\_\_\_

Title of last Court Order/Judgment (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Court Order/Judgment (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of cases [check **all** that apply]:

- pending case involves same parties, children, or issues;
- may affect court’s jurisdiction;
- order in related case may conflict with an order in this case;
- order in this case may conflict with previous order in related case.

Statement as to the relationship of the cases: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Related Case No. 3**

Case Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner : \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent : \_\_\_\_\_

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Proceeding: [check **all** that apply]

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dissolution of Marriage | <input type="checkbox"/> Paternity                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Custody                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Support           | <input type="checkbox"/> Modification/Enforcement/Contempt Proceedings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Dependency     | <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Delinquency                          |

- Termination of Parental Rights
- Domestic/Sexual/Dating/Repeat Violence or Stalking Injunctions
- Criminal
- Mental Health
- Other {specify} \_\_\_\_\_

State where case was decided or is pending:  Florida  Other: {specify} \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Court where case was decided or is pending (for example, Fifth Circuit Court, Marion County, Florida): \_\_\_\_\_

Title of last Court Order/Judgment (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Court Order/Judgment (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of cases [check **all** that apply]:

- pending case involves same parties, children, or issues;
- may affect court’s jurisdiction;
- order in related case may conflict with an order in this case;
- order in this case may conflict with previous order in related case.

Statement as to the relationship of the cases: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. [check **one** only]

I **do not** request coordination of litigation in any of the cases listed above.

I **do** request coordination of the following cases:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. [check **all** that apply]

Assignment to one judge

Coordination of existing cases

will conserve judicial resources and promote an efficient determination of these cases because: \_\_\_\_\_.

4. The Petitioner acknowledges a continuing duty to inform the court of any cases in this or any other state that could affect the current proceeding.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner’s Signature

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_



**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I **CERTIFY** that I delivered a copy of this Notice of Related Cases to the \_\_\_\_\_ County Sheriff's Department or a certified process server for service on the Respondent, and [**check all used**] ( ) e-mailed, ( ) mailed, ( ) hand delivered, a copy to {name} \_\_\_\_\_, who is the [**check all that apply**] ( ) {name} \_\_\_\_\_, a party to the related case on {date} \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Petitioner/Attorney for Petitioner  
 Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Florida Bar Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW:**

[fill in **all** blanks] This form was prepared for the: {choose only **one**} ( ) Petitioner ( ) Respondent

This form was completed with the assistance of:

{name of individual} \_\_\_\_\_,  
 {name of business} \_\_\_\_\_,  
 {address} \_\_\_\_\_,  
 {city} \_\_\_\_\_, {state} \_\_\_\_\_, {telephone number} \_\_\_\_\_.

IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT  
IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

and

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Respondent

**REQUEST TO DISMISS PETITION FOR INJUNCTION  
IF TEMPORARY INJUNCTION IS DENIED**

1. I understand that I am entitled to a full, final hearing before a judge on my *Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Domestic/Repeat/Dating/Sexual Violence/Stalking* within 15 days of its filing. This hearing will determine if there will be a final/permanent injunction entered. The Respondent will be served with a copy of my *Petition* by the Alachua County Sheriff’s Office. Respondent has the right to appear and be heard by the Court at the final hearing.
2. I understand that the Judge will decide today if there will be a temporary injunction (no contact order) in place during that 15 day period.
3. If my request for a temporary injunction is denied, I understand that the case might still be scheduled for a hearing. I understand that the Respondent will still be served with a copy of my *Petition* even though no temporary injunction or “no contact” was ordered by the judge.

With this knowledge, I do **NOT** believe it will be in my best interest to have a final hearing if the temporary injunction (no contact order) is not entered. In the event the temporary injunction is not entered, **I WAIVE AND GIVE UP** my right to the final hearing and request that the case be dismissed at that time. The case will **END** and my *Petition* will **NOT** be served upon the Respondent.

Petitioner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**784.046. Action by victim of repeat violence, sexual violence, or dating violence for protective injunction; dating violence investigations, notice to victims, and reporting; pretrial release violations**

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Violence" means any assault, aggravated assault, battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault, sexual battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, or false imprisonment, or any criminal offense resulting in physical injury or death, by a person against any other person.

(b) "Repeat violence" means two incidents of violence or stalking committed by the respondent, one of which must have been within 6 months of the filing of the petition, which are directed against the petitioner or the petitioner's immediate family member.

(c) "Sexual violence" means any one incident of:

1. Sexual battery, as defined in chapter 794;
2. A lewd or lascivious act, as defined in chapter 800, committed upon or in the presence of a person younger than 16 years of age;
3. Luring or enticing a child, as described in chapter 787;
4. Sexual performance by a child, as described in chapter 827; or
5. Any other forcible felony wherein a sexual act is committed or attempted,

regardless of whether criminal charges based on the incident were filed, reduced, or dismissed by the state attorney.

(d) "Dating violence" means violence between individuals who have or have had a continuing and significant relationship of a romantic or intimate nature. The existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on the consideration of the following factors:

1. A dating relationship must have existed within the past 6 months;
2. The nature of the relationship must have been characterized by the expectation of affection or sexual involvement between the parties; and
3. The frequency and type of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship must have included that

the persons have been involved over time and on a continuous basis during the course of the relationship.

The term does not include violence in a casual acquaintanceship or violence between individuals who only have engaged in ordinary fraternization in a business or social context.

(2) There is created a cause of action for an injunction for protection in cases of repeat violence, there is created a separate cause of action for an injunction for protection in cases of dating violence, and there is created a separate cause of action for an injunction for protection in cases of sexual violence.

(a) Any person who is the victim of repeat violence or the parent or legal guardian of any minor child who is living at home and who seeks an injunction for protection against repeat violence on behalf of the minor child has standing in the circuit court to file a sworn petition for an injunction for protection against repeat violence.

(b) Any person who is the victim of dating violence and has reasonable cause to believe he or she is in imminent danger of becoming the victim of another act of dating violence, or any person who has reasonable cause to believe he or she is in imminent danger of becoming the victim of an act of dating violence, or the parent or legal guardian of any minor child who is living at home and who seeks an injunction for protection against dating violence on behalf of that minor child, has standing in the circuit court to file a sworn petition for an injunction for protection against dating violence.

(c) A person who is the victim of sexual violence or the parent or legal guardian of a minor child who is living at home who is the victim of sexual violence has standing in the circuit court to file a sworn petition for an injunction for protection against sexual violence on his or her own behalf or on behalf of the minor child if:

1. The person has reported the sexual violence to a law enforcement agency and is cooperating in any criminal proceeding against the respondent, regardless of whether criminal charges based on the sexual violence have been filed, reduced, or dismissed by the state attorney; or
2. The respondent who committed the sexual violence against the victim or minor child was sentenced to a term of imprisonment in state prison for the sexual violence and the respondent's term of imprisonment has expired or is due to expire within 90 days following the date the petition is filed.

(d) A cause of action for an injunction may be sought whether or not any other petition, complaint, or cause of

action is currently available or pending between the parties.

(e) A cause of action for an injunction does not require that the petitioner be represented by an attorney.

(3)(a) The clerk of the court shall provide a copy of this section, simplified forms, and clerical assistance for the preparation and filing of such a petition by any person who is not represented by counsel.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, the clerk of the court may not assess a fee for filing a petition for protection against repeat violence, sexual violence, or dating violence. However, subject to legislative appropriation, the clerk of the court may, each quarter, submit to the Office of the State Courts Administrator a certified request for reimbursement for petitions for protection issued by the court under this section at the rate of \$40 per petition. The request for reimbursement shall be submitted in the form and manner prescribed by the Office of the State Courts Administrator. From this reimbursement, the clerk shall pay the law enforcement agency serving the injunction the fee requested by the law enforcement agency; however, this fee may not exceed \$20.

(c) No bond shall be required by the court for the entry of an injunction.

(d) The clerk of the court shall provide the petitioner with a certified copy of any injunction for protection against repeat violence, sexual violence, or dating violence entered by the court.

(4)(a) The sworn petition shall allege the incidents of repeat violence, sexual violence, or dating violence and shall include the specific facts and circumstances that form the basis upon which relief is sought. With respect to a minor child who is living at home, the parent or legal guardian seeking the protective injunction on behalf of the minor child must:

- 1. Have been an eyewitness to, or have direct physical evidence or affidavits from eyewitnesses of, the specific facts and circumstances that form the basis upon which relief is sought, if the party against whom the protective injunction is sought is also a parent, stepparent, or legal guardian of the minor child; or
- 2. Have reasonable cause to believe that the minor child is a victim of repeat sexual or dating violence to form the basis upon which relief is sought, if the party against whom the protective injunction is sought is a person other than a parent, stepparent, or legal guardian of the minor child.

(b) The sworn petition must be in substantially the following

form:

PETITION FOR INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION AGAINST REPEAT VIOLENCE, SEXUAL VIOLENCE, OR DATING VIOLENCE

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Petitioner (Name), who has been sworn and says that the following statements are true:

1. Petitioner resides at (address) (A petitioner for an injunction for protection against sexual violence may furnish an address to the court in a separate confidential filing if, for safety reasons, the petitioner requires the location of his or her current residence to be confidential pursuant to [s. 119.071\(2\)\(j\), Florida Statutes.](#))

2. Respondent resides at (address).

3. a. Petitioner has suffered repeat violence as demonstrated by the fact that the respondent has:

(enumerate incidents of violence)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b. Petitioner has suffered sexual violence as demonstrated by the fact that the respondent has: (enumerate incident of violence and include incident report number from law enforcement agency or attach notice of inmate release.)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c. Petitioner is a victim of dating violence and has reasonable cause to believe that he or she is in imminent danger of becoming the victim of another act of dating violence or has reasonable cause to believe that he or she is in imminent danger of becoming a victim of dating violence, as demonstrated by the fact that the respondent has: (list the specific incident or incidents of violence and describe the length of time of the relationship, whether it has been in existence during the last 6 months, the nature of the relationship of a romantic or intimate nature, the frequency and type of interaction, and any other facts that characterize the relationship.)

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4. Petitioner genuinely fears repeat violence by the respondent.

5. Petitioner seeks: an immediate injunction against the respondent, enjoining him or her from committing any further acts of violence; an injunction enjoining the respondent from committing any further acts of violence; and an injunction providing any terms the court deems necessary for the protection of the petitioner and the petitioner's immediate family, including any injunctions or directives to law enforcement agencies.

(5) Upon the filing of the petition, the court shall set a hearing to be held at the earliest possible time. The respondent shall be personally served with a copy of the petition, notice of hearing, and temporary injunction, if any, prior to the hearing.

(6)(a) When it appears to the court that an immediate and present danger of violence exists, the court may grant a temporary injunction which may be granted in an ex parte hearing, pending a full hearing, and may grant such relief as the court deems proper, including an injunction enjoining the respondent from committing any acts of violence.

(b) Except as provided in s. 90.204 in a hearing ex parte for the purpose of obtaining such temporary injunction, no evidence other than the verified pleading or affidavit shall be used as evidence, unless the respondent appears at the hearing or has received reasonable notice of the hearing.

(c) Any such ex parte temporary injunction shall be effective for a fixed period not to exceed 15 days. However, an ex parte temporary injunction granted under subparagraph (2)(c)2. is effective for 15 days following the date the respondent is released from incarceration. A full hearing, as provided by this section, shall be set for a date no later than the date when the temporary injunction ceases to be effective. The court may grant a continuance of the ex parte injunction and the full hearing before or during a hearing, for good cause shown by any party.

(7) Upon notice and hearing, the court may grant such relief as the court deems proper, including an injunction:

(a) Enjoining the respondent from committing any acts of violence.

(b) Ordering such other relief as the court deems necessary for the protection of the petitioner, including injunctions or

directives to law enforcement agencies, as provided in this section.

(c) The terms of the injunction shall remain in full force and effect until modified or dissolved. Either party may move at any time to modify or dissolve the injunction. Such relief may be granted in addition to other civil or criminal remedies.

(d) A temporary or final judgment on injunction for protection against repeat violence, sexual violence, or dating violence entered pursuant to this section shall, on its face, indicate that:

1. The injunction is valid and enforceable in all counties of the State of Florida.

2. Law enforcement officers may use their arrest powers pursuant to [s. 901.15\(6\)](#) to enforce the terms of the injunction.

3. The court had jurisdiction over the parties and matter under the laws of Florida and that reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard was given to the person against whom the order is sought sufficient to protect that person's right to due process.

4. The date that the respondent was served with the temporary or final order, if obtainable.

(8)(a) 1. The clerk of the court shall furnish a copy of the petition, notice of hearing, and temporary injunction, if any, to the sheriff or a law enforcement agency of the county where the respondent resides or can be found, who shall serve it upon the respondent as soon thereafter as possible on any day of the week and at any time of the day or night. When requested by the sheriff, the clerk of the court may transmit a facsimile copy of an injunction that has been certified by the clerk of the court, and this facsimile copy may be served in the same manner as a certified copy. Upon receiving a facsimile copy, the sheriff must verify receipt with the sender before attempting to serve it upon the respondent. In addition, if the sheriff is in possession of an injunction for protection that has been certified by the clerk of the court, the sheriff may transmit a facsimile copy of that injunction to a law enforcement officer who shall serve it in the same manner as a certified copy. The clerk of the court shall be responsible for furnishing to the sheriff such information on the respondent's physical description and location as is required by the department to comply with the verification procedures set forth in this section. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the chief judge of each circuit, in consultation with the appropriate sheriff, may authorize a law enforcement agency within the chief judge's jurisdiction to effect this type

of service and to receive a portion of the service fee. No person shall be authorized or permitted to serve or execute an injunction issued under this section unless the person is a law enforcement officer as defined in chapter 943.

2. When an injunction is issued, if the petitioner requests the assistance of a law enforcement agency, the court may order that an officer from the appropriate law enforcement agency accompany the petitioner and assist in the execution or service of the injunction. A law enforcement officer shall accept a copy of an injunction for protection against repeat violence, sexual violence, or dating violence, certified by the clerk of the court, from the petitioner and immediately serve it upon a respondent who has been located but not yet served.

(b) There shall be created a Domestic, Dating, Sexual, and Repeat Violence Injunction Statewide Verification System within the Department of Law Enforcement. The department shall establish, implement, and maintain a statewide communication system capable of electronically transmitting information to and between criminal justice agencies relating to domestic violence injunctions, dating violence injunctions, sexual violence injunctions, and repeat violence injunctions issued by the courts throughout the state. Such information must include, but is not limited to, information as to the existence and status of any injunction for verification purposes.

(c) 1. Within 24 hours after the court issues an injunction for protection against repeat violence, sexual violence, or dating violence or changes or vacates an injunction for protection against repeat violence, sexual violence, or dating violence, the clerk of the court must forward a copy of the injunction to the sheriff with jurisdiction over the residence of the petitioner.

2. Within 24 hours after service of process of an injunction for protection against repeat violence, sexual violence, or dating violence upon a respondent, the law enforcement officer must forward the written proof of service of process to the sheriff with jurisdiction over the residence of the petitioner.

3. Within 24 hours after the sheriff receives a certified copy of the injunction for protection against repeat violence, sexual violence, or dating violence, the sheriff must make information relating to the injunction available to other law enforcement agencies by electronically transmitting such information to the department.

4. Within 24 hours after the sheriff or other law enforcement officer has made service upon the respondent and the sheriff has been so notified, the sheriff must make information relating to the service available to other law

enforcement agencies by electronically transmitting such information to the department.

5. Subject to available funding, the Florida Association of Court Clerks and Comptrollers shall develop an automated process by which a petitioner may request notification of service of the injunction for protection against repeat violence, sexual violence, or dating violence and other court actions related to the injunction for protection. The automated notice shall be made within 12 hours after the sheriff or other law enforcement officer serves the injunction upon the respondent. The notification must include, at a minimum, the date, time, and location where the injunction for protection against repeat violence, sexual violence, or dating violence was served. The Florida Association of Court Clerks and Comptrollers may apply for any available grants to fund the development of the automated process.

6. Within 24 hours after an injunction for protection against repeat violence, sexual violence, or dating violence is lifted, terminated, or otherwise rendered no longer effective by ruling of the court, the clerk of the court must notify the sheriff or local law enforcement agency receiving original notification of the injunction as provided in subparagraph 2. That agency shall, within 24 hours after receiving such notification from the clerk of the court, notify the department of such action of the court.

(9)(a) The court shall enforce, through a civil or criminal contempt proceeding, a violation of an injunction for protection. The court may enforce the respondent's compliance with the injunction by imposing a monetary assessment. The clerk of the court shall collect and receive such assessments. On a monthly basis, the clerk shall transfer the moneys collected pursuant to this paragraph to the State Treasury for deposit in the Crimes Compensation Trust Fund established in [s. 960.21](#).

(b) If the respondent is arrested by a law enforcement officer under [s. 901.15\(6\)](#) for committing an act of repeat violence, sexual violence, or dating violence in violation of an injunction for protection, the respondent shall be held in custody until brought before the court as expeditiously as possible for the purpose of enforcing the injunction and for admittance to bail in accordance with chapter 903 and the applicable rules of criminal procedure, pending a hearing.

(10) The petitioner or the respondent may move the court to modify or dissolve an injunction at any time.

(11) Any law enforcement officer who investigates an alleged incident of dating violence shall assist the victim to

obtain medical treatment if such is required as a result of the alleged incident to which the officer responds. Any law enforcement officer who investigates an alleged incident of dating violence shall advise the victim of such violence that there is a domestic violence center from which the victim may receive services. The law enforcement officer shall give the victim immediate notice of the legal rights and remedies available on a standard form developed and distributed by the Department of Law Enforcement. As necessary, the Department of Law Enforcement shall revise the Legal Rights and Remedies Notice to Victims to include a general summary of this section, using simple English as well as Spanish, and shall distribute the notice as a model form to be used by all law enforcement agencies throughout the state. The notice shall include:

(a) The resource listing, including telephone number, for the area domestic violence center designated by the Department of Children and Families; and

(b) A copy of the following statement: "IF YOU ARE THE VICTIM OF DATING VIOLENCE, you may ask the state attorney to file a criminal complaint. You also have the right to go to court and file a petition requesting an injunction for protection from dating violence which may include, but need not be limited to, provisions that restrain the abuser from further acts of abuse; direct the abuser to leave your household; and prevent the abuser from entering your residence, school, business, or place of employment."

(12) When a law enforcement officer investigates an allegation that an incident of dating violence has occurred, the officer shall handle the incident pursuant to the arrest policy provided in [s. 901.15\(7\)](#), and as developed in accordance with subsections (13), (14), and (16). Whether or not an arrest is made, the officer shall make a written police report that is complete and clearly indicates that the alleged offense was an incident of dating violence. Such report shall be given to the officer's supervisor and filed with the law enforcement agency in a manner that will permit data on dating violence cases to be compiled. Such report must include:

(a) A description of physical injuries observed, if any.

(b) If a law enforcement officer decides not to make an arrest or decides to arrest two or more parties, the grounds for not arresting anyone or for arresting two or more parties.

(c) A statement which indicates that a copy of the legal rights and remedies notice was given to the victim.

Whenever possible, the law enforcement officer shall obtain a written statement from the victim and witnesses

concerning the alleged dating violence. The officer shall submit the report to the supervisor or other person to whom the employer's rules or policies require reports of similar allegations of criminal activity to be made. The law enforcement agency shall, without charge, send a copy of the initial police report, as well as any subsequent, supplemental, or related report, which excludes victim or witness statements or other materials that are part of an active criminal investigation and are exempt from disclosure under chapter 119, to the nearest locally certified domestic violence center within 24 hours after the agency's receipt of the report. The report furnished to the domestic violence center must include a narrative description of the dating violence incident.

(13) Whenever a law enforcement officer determines upon probable cause that an act of dating violence has been committed within the jurisdiction, or that a person has violated a condition of pretrial release as provided in [s. 903.047](#) and the original arrest was for an act of dating violence, the officer may arrest the person or persons suspected of its commission and charge such person or persons with the appropriate crime. The decision to arrest and charge shall not require consent of the victim or consideration of the relationship of the parties.

(14)(a) When complaints are received from two or more parties, the officers shall evaluate each complaint separately to determine whether there is probable cause for arrest.

(b) If a law enforcement officer has probable cause to believe that two or more persons have committed a misdemeanor or felony, or if two or more persons make complaints to the officer, the officer shall try to determine who was the primary aggressor. Arrest is the preferred response only with respect to the primary aggressor and not the preferred response with respect to a person who acts in a reasonable manner to protect or defend himself or herself or another family or household member from dating violence.

(15) A person who willfully violates a condition of pretrial release provided in [s. 903.047](#), when the original arrest was for an act of dating violence as defined in this section, commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in [s. 775.082](#) or [s. 775.083](#), and shall be held in custody until his or her first appearance.

(16) A law enforcement officer acting in good faith under this section and the officer's employing agency shall be immune from all liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise be incurred or imposed by reason of the officer's or agency's actions in carrying out the provisions of this section.