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NOTICE OF HEARING AND ORDER

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED IN COURT. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the following papers, you must appear at the hearing scheduled herein. If you fail to do so, the case may proceed against you and a FINAL order may be entered against you granting the relief requested in the petition. In particular, you may be evicted from your residence, prohibited from possessing any firearm, other weapon, ammunition, or any firearm license, and lose other important rights, including custody of your children. A protection order granted by a court may be considered in subsequent proceedings under Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, including child custody proceedings under Chapter 53 (relating to custody) and Child Protective Services Law proceedings under Chapter 63 (related to juvenile matters).

A hearing on the matter is scheduled for the ___ day of _____, 20___, at __.m. in Courtroom _____ at _____ Courthouse, Pennsylvania.

If an order of protection has been entered, you MUST obey the order until it is modified or terminated by the court after notice and hearing. If you disobey this order, the police or sheriff may arrest you. Violation of this order may subject you to a charge of indirect criminal contempt under 23 Pa C.S. § 6114. Violation may also subject you to prosecution and criminal penalties under the Pennsylvania Crimes Code. Under federal law, 18. U.S.C. § 2265, this order is enforceable anywhere in the United States, tribal lands, U.S. Territories, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. If you travel outside of the state and intentionally violate this order, you may be subject to federal criminal proceedings under the Violence Against Women Act. 18 U.S.C. §§ 2261-2262.

If this order directs you to relinquish any firearm, other weapon, ammunition, or any firearm license to the sheriff or the appropriate law enforcement agency, you may do so upon service of this order. As an alternative, you may relinquish any firearm, other weapon, or ammunition listed herein to a third party provided you and the third party first comply with all requirements to obtain a safekeeping permit. 23 Pa.C.S. § 6108.3. You must relinquish any firearm, other weapon, ammunition, or

any firearm license listed in the order no later than 24 hours after service of the order. If, due to their current location, firearms, other weapons, or ammunition cannot reasonably be retrieved within the time for relinquishment, you must provide an affidavit to the sheriff or the appropriate law enforcement agency listing the firearms, other weapons, or ammunition and their current location no later than 24 hours after service of the order. Failure to timely relinquish any firearm, other weapon, ammunition, or any firearm license shall result in a violation of this order and may result in criminal conviction under the Uniform Firearms Act, 18 Pa.C.S. § 6105.

NOTICE: Even if this order does not direct you to relinquish firearms, you may be subject to federal firearms prohibitions and federal criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(8) or state firearms prohibitions and state criminal penalties under 18 Pa.C.S. § 6105.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE A LAWYER REPRESENT YOU AT THE HEARING, HOWEVER, THE COURT WILL NOT APPOINT A LAWYER FOR YOU. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO PRESENT EVIDENCE AT THE HEARING, INCLUDING SUBPOENAING WITNESSES TO TESTIFY ON YOUR BEHALF.

YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER, GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW. THIS OFFICE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT HIRING A LAWYER. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE A LAWYER, THIS OFFICE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT AGENCIES THAT MAY OFFER LEGAL SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS AT A REDUCED FEE OR NO FEE. IF YOU CANNOT FIND A LAWYER, YOU MAY HAVE TO PROCEED WITHOUT ONE.

County Lawyer Referral Service
[Insert Street Address]
[Insert City, State, Zip Code]
[Insert Phone]

PETITION FOR PROTECTION FROM ABUSE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF
_____ COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
NO. _____

1. PLAINTIFF

First Middle Last Plaintiff's DOB

Plaintiff's Address:

Plaintiff's address is confidential or Plaintiff's address is: _____

V.

2. DEFENDANT

First Middle Last Suffix

Defendant's Address:

DEFENDANT IDENTIFIERS			
DOB		HEIGHT	
SEX		WEIGHT	
RACE		EYES	
HAIR			
SSN			
DRIVERS LICENSE #			
EXP DATE		STATE	

CAUTION:

- Weapon Involved**
- Weapon Present on the Property**
- Weapon Requested Relinquished**

Defendant's Place of employment is: _____

Check here if you have reason to believe that Defendant is a licensed firearms dealer, employed by a licensed firearms dealer or manufacturer; employed as a writer, researcher, or technician in the firearms or hunting industry, or is required to carry a firearm as a condition of employment.

3. I am filing this Petition on behalf of: Myself or Another Person

If you checked "myself", please answer all questions referring to yourself as "Plaintiff". If you ONLY checked "another person", please answer all questions referring to that person as the "Plaintiff", and provide your name and address here, as filer, unless confidential.

Filer's Name:

First Middle Last Suffix

Filer's Address is Confidential or Filer's address is: _____

If you checked "Another Person", indicate your relationship with Plaintiff:

- parent of minor Plaintiff(s)
- applicant for appointment as guardian ad litem of minor Plaintiff(s)
- adult household member with minor Plaintiff(s)
- court appointed guardian of incompetent Plaintiff(s)

4. Name(s) of all persons, including minor child/ren, who seek protection from abuse:

5. Indicate the relationship between Plaintiff and Defendant:

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

- spouse or former spouse of Defendant
- parent of a child with Defendant
- current or former sexual or intimate partner with Defendant
- child of Plaintiff
- child of Defendant
- family member related by blood (consanguinity) to Defendant
- family member related by marriage or affinity to Defendant
- sibling (person who shares parenthood) of Defendant

- Check here if Defendant is 17 years old or younger.

6. Have Plaintiff and Defendant been involved in any of the following court actions?

- Divorce Custody Support Protection from Abuse

If you checked any of the above, briefly indicate when and where the case was filed and the court number, if known: _____

7. Has Defendant been involved in any criminal court action? _____

If you answered Yes, is Defendant currently on probation? _____

Has Defendant been determined to be a perpetrator in a founded or indicated report under the Child Protective Services Law, 23 Pa.C.S. §§ 6301 - 6386? _____

If you answered Yes, what county's court or child protective services agency issued the founded or indicated report? _____

8. Plaintiff and Defendant are the parents of the following minor child/ren:

Name(s)	Age(s)	who reside at (list address unless confidential)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

9. If Plaintiff and Defendant are parents of any minor child/ren together, is there an

existing court order regarding their custody? _____

If you answered "Yes," describe the terms of the order (e.g., primary, shared, legal or physical custody):

If you answered "yes", in what county and state was the order issued?

If you are now seeking an order of child custody as part of this petition, list the following information:

(a) Where has each child resided during the past five years?

Child's name	Person(s) child lived with	Address, unless confidential	When
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

(b) List any other persons who are known to have or claim a right to custody of each child listed above.

Name	Address	Basis of Claim
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

10. The following other minor child/ren presently live with Plaintiff:

Name(s)	Age(s)	Plaintiff's relationship to child/ren
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

11. The facts of the most recent incident of abuse are as follows:

Approximate Date: _____

Approximate Time: _____

Place: _____

Describe in detail what happened, including any physical or sexual abuse, threats, injury, incidents of stalking, medical treatment sought, or calls to law enforcement. (attach additional sheets of paper if necessary):

12. If Defendant has committed prior acts of abuse against Plaintiff or the minor child/ren, describe these prior incidents, including any threats, injuries, or incidents of stalking, and indicate approximately when such acts of abuse occurred (attach additional sheets of paper if necessary):

13. (a) Has Defendant used or threatened to use any firearms or other weapons against Plaintiff or the minor child/ren? If so, please describe the use or threatened use below and list on Attachment A to Petition, which is incorporated by reference into this petition, any firearms, other weapons, or ammunition Defendant used or threatened to use against Plaintiff or the minor child/ren: _____

(b) Other than the firearms, other weapons, or ammunition Defendant used or threatened to use against Plaintiff or the minor child/ren, does Defendant, to the best of your knowledge or belief, own or possess any additional firearm, other weapon, ammunition, or any firearm license?

(c) If the answer to (b) above is "yes," list any additional firearm, other weapon, or ammunition owned by or in the possession of Defendant on Attachment A to Petition, which is incorporated by reference into this petition.

(d) Plaintiff (*check one*) DOES DOES NOT request that the court order Defendant to relinquish firearms, other weapons, or ammunition listed on Attachment A to Petition. If Plaintiff does seek relinquishment, identify on Attachment A to Petition the firearms, other weapons, or ammunition Plaintiff requests the court to order Defendant to relinquish.

14. Identify the sheriff, police department, or law enforcement agency in the area in which Plaintiff lives that should be provided with a copy of the protection order: _____

15. There is an immediate and present danger of further abuse from Defendant.

CHECK THE FOLLOWING BOXES ONLY IF THEY APPLY TO YOUR CASE AND PROVIDE THE REQUESTED INFORMATION

- Plaintiff is asking the court to evict and exclude Defendant from the following residence: _____
 - owned by (list owners, if known): _____
 - rented by (list all names, if known): _____
 - Defendant owes a duty of support to Plaintiff or the minor child/ren:
 - Plaintiff has suffered out-of-pocket financial losses as a result of the abuse described above. Those losses are: _____
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FOR THE REASONS SET FORTH ABOVE, I REQUEST THAT THE COURT ENTER A TEMPORARY ORDER, AND AFTER HEARING, A FINAL ORDER THAT WOULD DO THE FOLLOWING (CHECK ALL FORMS OF RELIEF REQUESTED)

- A. Restrain Defendant from abusing, harassing, stalking, threatening, or attempting or threatening to use physical force against Plaintiff or the minor child/ren in any place where Plaintiff or the child/ren may be found.
 - B. Evict/exclude Defendant from Plaintiff's residence and prohibit Defendant from attempting to enter any temporary or permanent residence of Plaintiff.
 - C. Require Defendant to provide Plaintiff or the minor child/ren with other suitable housing.
 - D. Award Plaintiff temporary custody of the minor child/ren and place the following restrictions on contact between Defendant and the child/ren: _____
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- E. Prohibit Defendant from having any contact with Plaintiff or the minor child/ren, in person, by telephone, or in writing, personally or through third persons, including but not limited to any contact at Plaintiff's school, business, or place of employment, except as the court may find necessary with respect to partial custody with the minor child/ren.
 - F. Prohibit Defendant from having any contact with Plaintiff's relatives and Plaintiff's children listed in this petition, except as the court may find necessary with respect to partial custody with the minor child/ren. The following persons are Plaintiff's relatives or family and household members that Plaintiff believes require protection from stalking and harassment by Defendant.

VERIFICATION

I verify that I am the petitioner as designated in the present action and that the facts and statements contained in the above Petition are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false statements are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities

Signature

Date

(Caption)

**ATTACHMENT A TO PETITION
FIREARMS, OTHER WEAPONS, OR
AMMUNITION INVENTORY**

I, _____, Plaintiff in this Protection from Abuse Action, hereby

(a) state that Defendant used or threatened to use the following firearms, other weapons, ammunition against Plaintiff or the minor child/ren (include addresses or locations, if known, such as "front seat of blue truck", "gun cabinet," "bedroom closet," etc.)

Firearm/Other Weapon/Ammunition	Location
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- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

(b) state that Defendant, to the best of my knowledge or belief, owns or possesses the following firearms, other weapons, or ammunition not set forth in (a) above (include addresses or locations if, known):

Firearm/Other Weapon/Ammunition	Location
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- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

(c) request that the court order Defendant to relinquish the following firearms, other weapons, or ammunition (include addresses or locations, if known):

Firearm/Other Weapon/Ammunition	Location
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- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.