

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR
PETITION FOR RISK PROTECTION ORDER**

(no temporary order requested / no ex-parte hearing)

When should this form be used?

This form should be used to obtain a hearing and a long-term order that will require a person who is at high risk of harming himself/herself or others to immediately surrender all firearms and ammunition in his/her custody, control, or possession and any license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm.

Who may file this form?

A petition must be filed by a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency.

Where should this form be filed?

A petition must be filed in the county where the petitioner's law enforcement office is located or the county where the respondent resides.

What must be shown?

The petition and accompanying affidavit must allege specific statements, actions, or facts based on personal knowledge that give rise to a reasonable fear of significant dangerous acts by the Respondent, and that Respondent poses a significant danger of injury to himself/herself or others by having in his/her control, or by purchasing, possessing, or receiving, a firearm or ammunition.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR _____ COUNTY, FLORIDA**

_____,
Petitioner (Law Enforcement Officer/Agency)

Case No.: _____

Division: _____

v.

_____,
Respondent

PETITION FOR RISK PROTECTION ORDER

SECTION I. PETITIONER

1. Petitioner's full legal name or name of petitioning agency: _____
2. Petitioner's law enforcement office/agency is located at *{street address, city, state and zip code}*: _____

SECTION II. RESPONDENT

1. Respondent's full legal name: _____
2. Respondent's current address: *{street address, city, state, and zip code}*

3. Physical description of Respondent:
Race: _____ Sex: Male Female Date of Birth: _____
Height: _____ Weight: _____ Eye Color: _____ Hair Color: _____
4. Distinguishing marks or scars: _____
5. Vehicle: *{make/model}* _____ Color: _____ Tag Number: _____
6. Other names Respondent goes by: *{aliases or nicknames}* _____

7. Respondent's email address: *{if known}* _____
8. Respondent's Driver's License number: *{if known}* _____
9. Respondent's attorney's name, address, and telephone number: *{if known}* _____

SECTION III. BASIS FOR PETITION

In support of this Petition the undersigned Law Enforcement Officer/Agency alleges:

1. Respondent poses a significant danger of causing personal injury to himself/herself or others by having a firearm or any ammunition in his/her custody or control or by purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm or any ammunition.
2. A sworn affidavit alleging specific statements, actions, or facts based on personal knowledge that give rise to a reasonable fear of significant dangerous acts by the Respondent is attached to this petition and incorporated by reference.
3. The attached sworn affidavit includes a list of the quantities, types, and locations of all firearms and ammunition believed to be in the Respondent's ownership, possession, custody, or control.
4. Respondent poses a significant danger of injury to himself/herself or others by having in his/her control, or by purchasing, possessing, or receiving, a firearm or ammunition.
5. Relevant evidence for the Court's consideration is detailed in the attached affidavit and shows that the Respondent:

- was involved in a recent act or threat of violence against himself/herself or others;
- engaged in an act or threat of violence, including but not limited to acts or threats of violence against himself/herself, within the past 12 months;
- is seriously mentally ill or has recurring mental health issues;

has violated a risk protection order or no contact order issued under sections 741.30, 784.046, or 784.0485, Fla. Stat.;

is the subject of a previous or existing risk protection order;

has violated a previous or existing risk protection order;

has been convicted of, had adjudication withheld on, or pled *nolo contendere* in Florida or in any other state to a crime that constitutes domestic violence as defined in s. 741.28, Fla. Stat.;

has used, or threatened to use, against himself/herself or others, any weapons;

has unlawfully or recklessly used, displayed or brandished a firearm;

has used or threatened to use on a recurring basis physical force against another person or has stalked another person;

has been arrested for, convicted of, had adjudication withheld, or pled *nolo contendere* to a crime involving violence or a threat of violence in Florida or in any other state;

has abused or is abusing controlled substances or alcohol;

has recently acquired firearms or ammunition;

other (Additional relevant information may be attached).

SECTION IV. NOTICE

Petitioner has made a good faith effort to provide notice to a family or household member of the Respondent and to any known third party who may be at risk of violence in compliance with s. 790.401(2)(f), Fla.Stat.

Petitioner will take the following steps to provide notice as required by s. 790.401(2)(f), Fla.Stat. _____

SECTION V. RISK PROTECTION ORDER

For the foregoing reasons, petitioner requests the Court to enter a RISK PROTECTION ORDER in this matter requiring Respondent to:

1. Immediately surrender all firearms and ammunition in his or her custody, control, or possession and any license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm to the *{name of law enforcement agency}*; _____

2. Not have in his/her custody, control, or possession any firearm or ammunition while this order is in effect;
3. Not purchase, possess, receive, or attempt to purchase or receive, a firearm or ammunition while this order is in effect; and
4. Abide by any other lawful relief the Court may.

Petitioner requests the Risk Protection Order to remain in effect for a period the Court deems appropriate, up to and including but not exceeding 12 months.

Petitioner further requests this Court to schedule a Hearing for a Risk Protection Order to be held within 14 days.

Respectfully submitted this _____ day of _____, _____.

Signature of Petitioner

Law Enforcement Agency

Service Address