

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

*Administrative Order 2019-12-Civ (Amendment 2)*

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER GOVERNING PETITIONS FOR RISK  
PROTECTION ORDERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 790.401, FLA. STAT.**

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(a) Pursuant to Article V, section 2(d) of the Florida Constitution, and section 43.26, Florida Statutes, the chief judge of each judicial circuit is charged with the authority and the power to do everything necessary to promote the prompt and efficient administration of justice.

(b) Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215(b)(3) states the chief judge “shall, considering available resources, ensure the efficient and proper administration of all courts within [this] circuit.”

(c) On March 9, 2018, Governor Rick Scott signed into law Senate Bill 7026, also known as the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act, which, among other things, enacted section 790.401, Florida Statutes, and amended certain provisions of Florida’s Baker Act.

(d) Section 790.401, Florida Statutes, as enacted by the Florida Legislature, permits law enforcement agencies and officers to file a petition with the Circuit Court for the issuance of a Risk Protection Order. The statute requires the Clerk of the Court and the petitioning party to provide certain information to the Court.

(e) In accordance with the authority vested in the chief judge by Article V, section 2(d) of the Florida Constitution, section 43.26, Florida Statutes, and Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, it is hereby **ORDERED**:

**I. Duties of the Clerk of the Court, Section 790.401, Florida Statutes**

(1) Upon receipt of a newly-filed petition for risk protection order, the Clerk of the Court shall conduct a search of its records to determine if the respondent:

- a. has had prior, or is currently involved in, any mental health or Baker Act cases;

- b. was or currently is a Respondent in an action for a Risk Protection Order;
- c. was or currently is the subject of a no contact order issued in an action for stalking, domestic, sexual, or dating violence under sections 741.30, 784.046, or 784.0485, Florida Statutes; or
- d. was or currently is a defendant in a criminal action, including misdemeanor, felony, or traffic infraction cases.

(2) After conducting the searches set out above, the Clerk of the Court shall immediately file with the Court a certificate of compliance listing the case number(s) of the related case(s) found or certifying no prior or pending cases could be found after a diligent search. The Clerk of the Court shall utilize the “Certificate of Compliance” form attached hereto as Attachment “A.”

(3) Upon receipt of a newly-filed petition for a risk protection order, the Clerk of the Court shall inform the Court of the filing by sending a notification to [RPO@17th.flcourts.org](mailto:RPO@17th.flcourts.org) and the assigned division judge, which shall include the case number.

(4) All petitions for risk protection orders shall be designated RPO by the Clerk of the Court and assigned to Division 45. In the event the judge assigned to Division 45 is unavailable, the judge assigned to Domestic Violence Backup Duty will preside over any required hearings.

(5) Upon issuance of an order required to be served pursuant to section 790.401(5)(a), Florida Statutes, the Clerk of the Court shall forward a certified copy of the order and a copy of the law enforcement agency’s petition to the petitioning law enforcement agency or the Broward Sheriff’s Office, as applicable, for service by such agency.

(6) The Clerk of the Court shall, within three (3) business days after the issuance of a temporary *ex parte* or final risk protection order, forward a copy of the order and all available identifying information concerning the respondent to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs.

## **II. Duties of the Petitioner, Section 790.401, Florida Statutes**

(1) In determining whether grounds exist for the issuance of a risk protection order, including a temporary *ex parte* risk protection order, the court may consider

any relevant evidence, including evidence relating to factors set forth in section 790.401(3)(c), Florida Statutes. Prior to filing a petition for a risk protection order, including a request for an *ex parte* risk protection order, the petitioning agency shall conduct a search of law enforcement databases to determine whether the respondent:

- a. has, within the past twelve (12) months, committed an act or threat of violence against himself/herself or others;
- b. has or has had in the past, serious or recurring mental health issues;
- c. was or currently is, a respondent in an action for a risk protection order and whether he/she violated a prior risk protection order;
- d. was or currently is, the subject of a no contact order issued under sections 741.30, 784.046, or 784.0485, Florida Statutes;
- e. has used or has threatened to use, a weapon against himself/herself or others;
- f. has unlawfully or recklessly displayed or brandished a firearm;
- g. has threatened physical force against or stalked another person;
- h. in this State, or any other State, was arrested, convicted, had adjudication withheld or pled nolo contendere to a crime involving violence or a threat of violence;
- i. has a history of abusing alcohol or controlled substances; and
- j. recently acquired a firearm or ammunition.

(2) If the petitioning law enforcement agency discovers any of the above information or other relevant evidence during its search of law enforcement databases, the petitioning agency shall file such information with the Clerk of the Court, unless already included in its' petition.

(3) All petitions for a risk protection order shall:

- a. allege the respondent poses a significant danger of causing personal injury to himself/herself or others by having a firearm or ammunition in his/her custody or control or by purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm or any

ammunition;

- b. be accompanied by an affidavit, based on *personal knowledge*, setting forth the specific statements, actions, or facts that give rise to a reasonable fear of significant dangerous acts by the respondent;
- c. identify the quantities, types, and location of all firearms and ammunition the petitioner believes to be in the respondent's current ownership, possession, custody, or control, or the attempts by the petitioning agency to identify and investigate whether the respondent owns, controls, or possesses firearms or ammunition;
- d. identify whether there is a known existing protection order governing the respondent under sections 741.30, 784.046, or 784.0485, Florida Statutes, or under any other applicable statute; and
- e. state that petitioner made a good faith effort to provide notice to the respondent's family or household member, and any unknown third party who may be at risk of violence, in compliance with s.790.401(2)(1), Florida Statutes.

(4) The petitioning agency shall attach to its petition a physical description and location of the respondent. The law enforcement agency shall use a form that is substantially similar to Attachment "B."

(5) In order to permit the Court to comply with its statutory duties to timely hold hearings and issues orders in risk protection cases, the petitioning party shall send an email notification to the Court at [RPO@17th.flcourts.org](mailto:RPO@17th.flcourts.org) and the assigned division judge upon the filing of a petition and motion for extend a risk protection order.

(6) Upon service of any paper required to be served under section 790.401(5)(a), Florida Statutes, the law enforcement agency effecting service shall file a return of service with the Clerk of the Court as prescribed by the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure.

(7) Within seventy-two (72) hours of service of a temporary *ex parte* or final risk protection order, the law enforcement officer or agency taking possession of any firearm or ammunition owned by the respondent, or a license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm issued under section 790.06, Florida Statutes, shall issue a receipt

identifying all firearms and the quantity and type of ammunition that has been surrendered, and any concealed weapons license surrendered, and shall file said receipt with the Clerk of the Court.

### III. General Provisions

(1) The Clerk of the Court, any law enforcement agency or officer located within Broward County, and the judicial officers and staff of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, may communicate via electronic means as prescribed by the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration on any matter relating to notification of petitions for risk protection orders or service of risk protection orders.

(2) All law enforcement agencies filing petitions for risk protection orders pursuant to section 790.401, Florida Statutes, shall provide the Clerk of the Court and Court Administration Office of the General Counsel an email address for communications pertaining to service and notification of petitions for risk protection orders. The email address shall be provided to the Court's designated risk protection order email address at [RPO@17th.flcourts.org](mailto:RPO@17th.flcourts.org), and the assigned division judge and to the Clerk of the Court designated risk protection order email address at [RPO@browardclerk.org](mailto:RPO@browardclerk.org).

(3) When requested by a law enforcement agency authorized to effect service under section 790.401, Florida Statutes, the Clerk of the Court may transmit to the petitioning agency via email, facsimile or other electronic transmission permitted under the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, a copy of any pleading or order required to be served under section 790.401, Florida Statutes.

(4) Pursuant to section 790.401(14), the standard petition and risk protection order forms, attached to this Administrative Order as Composite Exhibit "C", are to be used for all risk protection order proceedings.

(5) Upon the filing of a petition for a temporary *ex parte* risk protection order, the court must conduct an *ex parte* hearing on the day the petition is filed or on the next business day. Unless ordered otherwise by the assigned division judge, all *ex parte* hearings contemplated under section 790.401, Florida Statutes shall be conducted by telephonic conference. All *ex parte* hearings will be scheduled by the Court and it shall be the responsibility of the petitioning party to make the affiant or affiants of the petition available for a telephonic conference call as prescribed by the Court. Upon notification of the date and time for the *ex parte* hearing, the petitioning law

enforcement agency shall provide the assigned division judge with conference call-in information or a direct telephone number.

(6) Three (3) day compliance hearings relating to the surrender of firearms or ammunition may be conducted by telephone, in person or as otherwise ordered by the presiding judge. The Court may cancel the three (3) day compliance hearing based on the filing of an affidavit demonstrating that the respondent is in compliance with the *ex parte* or final order.

(7) The petitioning agency and the Clerk of the Court shall comply with the requirements of Florida Rules of Judicial Administration pertaining to the confidentiality of court records, including the filing by the petitioning agency of appropriate notices of filing confidential information. In cases involving a juvenile respondent, the Court will strive to balance a juvenile's right to privacy against public safety. In order to effect service of process under section 790.401, Florida Statutes, a juvenile respondent shall be identified by full name.

(8) If a petitioner obtains a final risk protection order, the risk protection order will expire on the date listed in the final order. The petitioner may, by motion, request an extension of a final risk protection order at any time within thirty (30) days before the expiration of the order. This paragraph shall serve as the court's notice to petitioner pursuant section 790.401(6)(b), Florida Statutes.

This Administrative Order supersedes and vacates Administrative Order 2019-12-Civ (Amendment 1).

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers, Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

/s/ Jack Tuter  
Jack Tuter, Chief Judge

**Attachment "A"**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Petitioner,

v.

Case Number: RPO

Judge:

Respondent.

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**CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE PURSUANT TO  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER GOVERNING RISK PROTECTION ORDER**

I HEREBY certify that pursuant to the Court's Administrative Order Governing Petitions for Risk Protection Orders Pursuant to Section 790.401, Fla. Stat., the Clerk has conducted a search for all previous and currently pending cases involving the Respondent.

Listed below are all of the aforementioned cases involving the Respondent:

After a diligent search and inquiry of the Clerk's records, there are no previous or currently pending cases involving the Respondent.

**Brenda D. Forman**

By \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENT "B"**

**RESPONDENT DESCRIPTION INFORMATION**

**ATTENTION LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, PLEASE REMOVE THIS SHEET PRIOR TO SERVICE. PLEASE DO NOT GIVE THIS SHEET TO THE RESPONDENT.**

**SECTION I: RESPONDENT'S NAME**

Respondent's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname/Alias: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION II: PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Other Marks/Scars/Tattoos: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION III: RESPONDENTS CURRENT ADDRESS**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Hangouts: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION IV: RESPONDENT'S CLOSE RELATIVES**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION V: LICENSE/VEHICLE INFORMATION DRIVER LICENSE**

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION VI: LETHALITY ASSESSMENT** (Indicate yes, no, or unknown. If yes, add details.)

Does Respondent have any weapons? \_\_\_\_\_

Does Respondent have a drug problem? \_\_\_\_\_

Does Respondent have an alcohol problem? \_\_\_\_\_

Does Respondent have children in his/her care? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the Respondent wanted by police? \_\_\_\_\_

Does Respondent have a criminal record? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the Respondent expecting this Order? \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE ATTACH A PHOTOGRAPH OF RESPONDENT IF YOU HAVE ONE**



## Attachment "C" (composite)

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING A PETITION FOR A RISK PROTECTION ORDER (With or Without Requesting a Temporary Ex Parte Risk Protection Order)

#### **Who may file this form?**

This petition must be filed by either a law enforcement officer or a law enforcement agency through an employee or person authorized to file the petition on their behalf (the "Petitioner"). No one other than law enforcement may file a petition for a risk protection order. It is not necessary for the Petitioner to be an attorney.

#### **When should this form be used?**

This form should be used in situations when there is evidence that a person (the "Respondent") poses a significant danger of harming himself or herself or others by possessing a firearm or ammunition.

This form can be used to request a court order that will require the Respondent to 1) surrender to law enforcement all firearms, ammunition, and any license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm in their possession, custody or control; and 2) be prohibited from purchasing, attempting to purchase, receiving, or possessing any firearms or ammunition for a specified period of time, up to one year.

The Petitioner may also use this form to request a temporary ex parte risk protection order. A temporary ex parte risk protection order may be issued without notice to the Respondent upon a showing that the Respondent poses a significant danger of causing personal injury to himself or herself or others in the near future. Such an order is in effect only until the hearing on the petition for a final risk protection order at which time the Respondent will have received notice and an opportunity to participate in the hearing.

If the Petitioner requests a temporary ex parte risk protection order, there are two additional requirements that are not otherwise required for a petition for a final risk protection order: 1) the sworn facts that demonstrate that Respondent poses a significant danger of causing injury must be *based on personal knowledge*; and 2) the sworn facts must demonstrate that the danger may occur *in the near future*.

If issued, a temporary ex parte risk protection order 1) will require the Respondent to immediately surrender all firearms and ammunition in the Respondent's custody, control, or possession and any license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm issued to the Respondent under section 790.06, Florida Statutes, and 2) will temporarily prohibit the Respondent from purchasing, attempting to purchase, receiving, or possessing a firearm or ammunition.

#### **Where must this form be filed?**

This petition must be filed in the clerk's office for the circuit court 1) in the county where the Petitioner's law enforcement office is located or 2) in the county where the Respondent resides.

#### **What must be shown?**

The petition and accompanying affidavit(s) must provide facts that give rise to a reasonable fear that Respondent poses a significant danger of causing personal injury to themselves/others by having a firearm or ammunition in their custody, control, or possession. The burden of persuasion for a temporary ex parte risk protection order is “reasonable cause.” The burden of persuasion for a final risk protection order is “clear and convincing evidence.”

As much of the Respondent’s identifying and demographic information as possible must be included in the appropriate spaces in Section II.

**Other important instructions:**

Depending on the facts and circumstances, the Petitioner may either file a petition only for a final risk protection order, or file a petition for a final risk protection order with a request for a temporary ex parte risk protection order. The Petitioner should indicate immediately under the title whether the Petitioner **does** or does **not** request a temporary ex parte risk protection order.

Pursuant to section 790.401(2)(h), Florida Statutes, there are no fees for filing a petition.

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IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner  
(Law Enforcement Officer/Agency)

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

v.

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent

**PETITION FOR RISK PROTECTION ORDER**

(With or Without Request for Temporary Ex Parte Risk Protection Order)

This petition **DOES** or **DOES NOT** request a Temporary Ex Parte Risk Protection Order.

**SECTION I. PETITIONER**

**Petitioner must be a law enforcement officer or a law enforcement agency.**

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

3. Petitioner's telephone number for 24 hour accessibility: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION II. RESPONDENT** *{Petitioner is to fill out as much information as possible.}*

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

3. Identifying information of Respondent:

Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender Expression: Male    Female    Other

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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

4. Distinguishing marks or scars: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Vehicle: *{make/model}* \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Tag #: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Other names Respondent goes by: *{aliases or nicknames}* \_\_\_\_\_

7. Respondent's email address: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Respondent's telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Respondent's Driver's License number: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Respondent's attorney's name, address, and telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_
11. Is Respondent in jail? Yes          No  
   If yes, date of arrest \_\_\_\_\_ Jail #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_
12. Is Respondent a juvenile? Yes          No

**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 themselves or others by having a firearm or any ammunition in their custody or control or by purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm or any ammunition.

**Respondent poses a significant danger of causing personal injury to themselves or others in the near future.** [Required for a Temporary Ex Parte Risk Protection Order.]

2. An affidavit (or affidavits) alleging specific facts that give rise to a reasonable fear of significant dangerous acts by the Respondent is attached to this petition as Exhibit A and is incorporated by reference. {If a temporary risk protection order is requested, facts supporting the allegation that Respondent poses a significant danger of causing personal injury to themselves or others IN THE NEAR FUTURE must be provided from someone with PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE of those facts. }
3. The quantities, types, and locations of all firearms and ammunition the Petitioner believes to be in the Respondent's ownership, possession, custody, or control are listed below and/or on the attached Exhibit B.

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent                      was issued                      was not issued a concealed weapon/firearms license.

See attached Exhibit B for firearms and/or ammunition.

4. Petitioner        is aware        is not aware of an existing protection order governing the Respondent under s. 741.30, s. 784.046, or s. 784.0485, Florida Statutes, or under any other applicable statute. If aware, list the existing protection order case number(s) and attach a copy, if available. \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Relevant evidence for the Court's consideration is detailed in the attached affidavit(s) that demonstrates the Respondent:

was involved in a recent act or threat of violence against themselves or others;

engaged in an act or threat of violence, including but not limited to acts or threats of violence against themselves, within the past 12 months;

may be seriously mentally ill or may have recurring mental health issues;

has violated a risk protection order or no contact order issued under section(s) 741.30, 784.046, or 784.0485, Florida Statutes;

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, Florida Statutes;

has used, or threatened to use, against themselves 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;

is required to possess firearm(s) and/or ammunition in the scope and duties of their occupation;

has been the subject of proceedings under the Baker Act or Marchman Act;

other (Additional relevant information may be included as attached exhibits. This may include reports or conclusions from a threat assessment team.).

**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), Florida Statutes; or

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

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**SECTION V. [TEMPORARY] RISK PROTECTION ORDERS**

For the foregoing reasons, Petitioner requests the Court to:

enter a Temporary Risk Protection Order.

schedule a hearing to be held within 14 days of the date of the order to determine if a Final Risk Protection Order should be entered.

Respectfully submitted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of person filing petition

\_\_\_\_\_  
Law Enforcement Agency

\_\_\_\_\_  
Service address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email address

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

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\_\_\_\_\_,  
Petitioner  
(Law Enforcement Officer/Agency)

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

v.

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Respondent

**TEMPORARY EX PARTE RISK PROTECTION ORDER  
AND NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS**

**THIS CAUSE** came before the Court upon a Petition for a Risk Protection Order including a request for a Temporary Ex Parte Risk Protection Order. The Court having reviewed the petition, considered all relevant evidence presented, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, the request for a Temporary Ex Parte Risk Protection Order is hereby **GRANTED**.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

The hearing on the petition for a Final Risk Protection Order will be held in Courtroom \_\_\_\_\_, in the court facility located at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ A.M./P.M. At this hearing, the Court will determine if a final risk protection order should be issued.

**SECTION I. EVIDENCE AND FINDINGS**

The Court has received evidence that:

\_\_\_\_\_ the Respondent engaged in a recent act or threat of violence against themselves or others;

\_\_\_\_\_ the Respondent engaged in an act or threat of violence, including but not limited to acts or threats of violence against themselves, within the past 12 months;

\_\_\_\_\_ the Respondent may be seriously mentally ill or may have recurring mental health issues;

\_\_\_\_\_ the Respondent has violated a risk protection order or no contact order issued under section(s) 741.30, 784.046, or 784.0485, Florida Statutes;

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

\_\_\_\_\_ the Respondent has violated a previous or existing risk protection order;

\_\_\_\_\_ the Respondent 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, Florida Statutes;

\_\_\_\_\_ the Respondent has used, or threatened to use, against themselves or others, any weapons;

\_\_\_\_\_ the Respondent has unlawfully or recklessly used, displayed, or brandished a firearm;

\_\_\_\_\_ the Respondent has used, or threatened to use on a recurring basis, physical force against another person or has stalked another person;

\_\_\_\_\_ the Respondent 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;

\_\_\_\_\_ the Respondent, based on corroborated evidence, has abused or is abusing controlled substances or alcohol;

\_\_\_\_\_ the Respondent has recently acquired firearms or ammunition;

In addition, the Court has:

\_\_\_\_\_ considered all relevant information from family and household members concerning the Respondent;

\_\_\_\_\_ received witness testimony while the witness was under oath concerning the present matter; and

\_\_\_\_\_ considered other relevant evidence as follows:



Based on these facts, the Court finds there is reasonable cause to believe Respondent poses a significant danger of causing personal injury to themselves or others in the near future by having in their custody or control any firearm or ammunition, or by purchasing, possessing, or receiving, a firearm or ammunition.

**SECTION II. ORDERED AND AJUDGED**

**RESPONDENT IS HEREBY ORDERED TO SURRENDER TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SERVING THIS ORDER ALL FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION THAT THEY OWN OR HAVE IN THEIR CUSTODY, CONTROL, OR POSSESSION AND ANY LICENSE TO CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON OR A CONCEALED FIREARM ISSUED UNDER S. 790.06, FLORIDA STATUTES.**

**A person who has in their custody or control a firearm or any ammunition or who purchases, possesses, or receives a firearm or any ammunition with knowledge that they are prohibited from doing so by court order commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, Florida Statutes.**

**Respondent has the sole responsibility to refrain from violating this order. Only the court can change the order and only upon written request.**

**To the subject of this protection order: This order is valid until the date noted above. You are required to surrender all firearms and ammunition that you own in your custody, control, or possession. You may not have in your custody or control, or purchase, possess, receive, or attempt to purchase or receive, a firearm or ammunition while this order is in effect. You must surrender immediately to the \_\_\_\_\_ (insert name of local law enforcement agency) all firearms and ammunition in your custody, control, or possession and any license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm issued to you under section 790.06, Florida Statutes. A hearing will be held on the date and at the time noted above to determine if a final risk protection order should be issued. Failure to appear at that hearing may result in a court issuing an order against you which is valid for 1 year. You may seek the advice of an attorney as to any matter connected with this order.**

Additional provisions applicable to this order, if any: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE HEARING**

Petitioner and Respondent are ORDERED to appear for a hearing at which the Respondent will be required to prove compliance with this Order, to be held in Courtroom \_\_\_\_\_, in the court facility located at \_\_\_\_\_ on

\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ A.M./P.M. A law enforcement officer taking possession of any firearm or ammunition owned by the Respondent or a license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm held by the Respondent shall issue a receipt identifying all firearms and the quantity and type of ammunition that have been surrendered. Law enforcement shall file the original receipt with the Court. The Court may cancel the hearing upon a satisfactory showing that the Respondent is in compliance with the order.

Respondent and/or Respondent's attorney may file any responsive pleadings in this cause with the Clerk of the Circuit Court located at \_\_\_\_\_.

**DONE AND ORDERED** at \_\_\_\_\_, Florida, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge

I CERTIFY the foregoing is a true copy of the original order as it appears on file in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of [name of county], Florida, and that I have furnished copies of this order as indicated below.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
{Deputy Clerk or Judicial Assistant}

*Copies furnished to:*

Petitioner (or his or her attorney):

\_\_\_\_ by email

\_\_\_\_ by hand-delivery in open court (Petitioner acknowledged receipt in writing on the face of the original order – see below.)

\_\_\_\_ by certification by clerk (Petitioner failed or refused to acknowledge receipt of a certified copy.)

\_\_\_\_ by mail to last known address

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

I, [name of petitioner], acknowledge receipt of a certified copy of this Temporary Ex Parte Risk Protection Order and Notice of Further Proceedings.

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*[Name of petitioner]*

Respondent:

\_\_\_\_ copy forwarded to law enforcement for personal service

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

\_\_\_\_ by email

\_\_\_\_ U.S. mail

Section 790.401, Florida Statutes, does not require the court to record a hearing on a petition for a risk protection order; however, any party may arrange for a court reporter to record the hearing and to prepare a written transcript of the hearing at that party's expense. Arrangements for a court reporter must be made in advance. In the event of an appeal, the appealing party will be required to provide the court with a written transcript of what was said at the hearing.

Respondent has a responsibility to keep the court informed, in writing, of any change of address. Failure to do so may jeopardize Respondent's rights.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Petitioner  
(Law Enforcement Officer/Agency)

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

v.

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Respondent

**ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR A  
TEMPORARY EX PARTE RISK PROTECTION ORDER AND SETTING A HEARING  
FOR A FINAL RISK PROTECTION ORDER**

**THIS CAUSE** came before the Court upon a Petition for a Final Risk Protection Order including a request for a Temporary Ex Parte Risk Protection Order. The Court, having considered the petition, testimony, record, applicable law, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, makes the following findings and rulings:

The request for a Temporary Ex Parte Risk Protection Order is hereby **DENIED**.

The specific facts or findings for said denial are as follows:

It is therefore **ORDERED and ADJUDGED** that Petitioner's request for a temporary ex parte risk protection order is **DENIED** without prejudice for Petitioner to provide evidence at the hearing for a final risk protection order or to file a subsequent petition for a temporary ex parte risk protection order against the Respondent herein.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

The Final Risk Protection Order Hearing will be held in Courtroom \_\_\_\_\_, in the court facility located at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ A.M./P.M. At this hearing, the Court will determine if a final risk protection order should be issued.

**DONE AND ORDERED** at \_\_\_\_\_, Florida, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge

I CERTIFY the foregoing is a true copy of the original order as it appears on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Florida, and that I have furnished copies of this order as indicated below.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*{Deputy Clerk or Judicial Assistant}*

*Copies furnished to:*

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\_\_\_\_ by email

\_\_\_\_ by hand-delivery in open court (Petitioner acknowledged receipt in writing on the face of the original order – see below.)

\_\_\_\_ by certification by clerk (Petitioner failed or refused to acknowledge receipt of a certified copy.)

\_\_\_\_ by mail to last known address

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

I, *[name of petitioner]*, acknowledge receipt of a certified copy of this Order Denying Petition for a Temporary Ex Parte Risk Protection Order and Setting a Hearing for a Final Risk Protection Order.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[Name of petitioner]*

Respondent (or his or her attorney):

\_\_\_\_ copy forwarded to law enforcement for personal service

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR  
BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Petitioner,

CASE NO.: RPO \_\_\_\_\_  
JUDGE: \_\_\_\_\_

v.

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Respondent.  
\_\_\_\_\_ /

**ORDER ON COMPLIANCE PURSUANT TO F.S. 790.401(7)(f)**

THIS CAUSE, having come before the Court on the Compliance Hearing held pursuant to Florida Statute 790.401(7)(f), and the Court having considered

- sworn testimony and argument of counsel,
- the return of service and attached affidavits submitted by the Petitioner,

and having been otherwise fully advised in the premises, finds as follows:

1.

- The Petitioner duly served the Respondent with the Risk Protection Petition, Temporary Order, and Notice of Final Hearing
- The Respondent was not lawfully served with the Risk Protection Petition, Temporary Order, and Notice of Final Hearing as follows:

2.

- The Petitioner requested that the Respondent immediately surrender all firearms, concealed weapons permits, and ammunition in his/her custody, control or possession and
- Respondent advised they did not have any firearms
- Respondent refused to surrender all firearms
- Respondent surrendered all firearms and the Petitioner has submitted all relevant property receipts
- Other outcome as follows:

3.

- The Petitioner requested the Respondent consent to a search of his/her residence, vehicle and person for firearms and ammunition and
- The Respondent denied the request
- The Respondent granted the request and NO firearms or ammunition were located
- The request was granted, a search was conducted, firearms/ammunition/permit(s) were recovered, and Petitioner has submitted all relevant property receipts
- A search was not yet conducted as the Order was served at a location other than the residence of the Respondent.
- The Petitioner executed a search warrant on the Respondent's residence/vehicles/person, firearms and/or ammunition were recovered, and the Petitioner has submitted all relevant property receipts, OR
- The Petitioner executed a search warrant on the Respondent's residence/vehicle/person and NO firearms or ammunition were recovered.

Based on the foregoing, the Court deems the parties

- compliant with the requirements of F.S. 790.401(7)(f), and hereby cancels any further *Compliance* hearings scheduled in the above-referenced matter.
- non-compliant with the requirements of F.S. 790.401(7)(f), as follows:

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Broward County, Florida, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Copies furnished:



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IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Petitioner  
(Law Enforcement Officer/Agency)

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

v.

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Respondent

**FINAL RISK PROTECTION ORDER**  
**[AND NOTICE OF HEARING]**

A Petition for a Risk Protection Order under Section 790.401, Florida Statutes, and other papers filed in this court have been reviewed. The Court has jurisdiction of the parties and subject matter.

**SECTION I. HEARING**

The cause came before the Court for a hearing to determine whether a Final Risk Protection Order should be \_\_\_\_\_ issued \_\_\_\_\_ modified \_\_\_\_\_ extended.

The Final Hearing was attended by:

\_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner      \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner's Counsel

\_\_\_\_\_ Respondent      \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent's Counsel

**SECTION II. EVIDENCE and FINDINGS**

On {date} \_\_\_\_\_, a notice of this hearing was served upon the Respondent together with a copy of the Petition For Risk Protection Order and any other relevant papers, and if issued, a Temporary Risk Protection Order. Service was within the time required by Florida law and the Respondent was given an opportunity to be heard.

The Court has received evidence that:

\_\_\_\_\_ the Respondent engaged in a recent act or threat of violence against themselves or others;

\_\_\_\_\_ the Respondent engaged in an act or threat of violence, including but not limited to acts or threats of violence against themselves, within the past 12 months;

\_\_\_\_\_ the Respondent may be seriously mentally ill or may have recurring mental health issues;

\_\_\_\_\_ the Respondent has violated a risk protection order or no contact order issued under section(s) 741.30, 784.046, or 784.0485, Florida Statutes;

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

\_\_\_\_\_ the Respondent has violated a previous or existing risk protection order;

\_\_\_\_\_ the Respondent 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, Florida Statutes;

\_\_\_\_\_ the Respondent has used, or threatened to use, against themselves or others, any weapons;

\_\_\_\_\_ the Respondent has unlawfully or recklessly used, displayed, or brandished a firearm;

\_\_\_\_\_ the Respondent has used, or threatened to use on a recurring basis, physical force against another person or has stalked another person;

\_\_\_\_\_ the Respondent 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;

\_\_\_\_\_ the Respondent, based on corroborated evidence, has abused or is abusing controlled substances or alcohol;

\_\_\_\_\_ the Respondent has recently acquired firearms or ammunition;

In addition the Court has:

\_\_\_\_\_ considered all relevant information from family and household members concerning the Respondent;

\_\_\_\_\_ accepted an agreed stipulation from the parties agreeing to entry of the risk protection order;

\_\_\_\_\_ received witness testimony while the witness was under oath concerning the present matter; and

\_\_\_\_\_ considered other relevant evidence as follows:

Based on these facts, the Court finds, by clear and convincing evidence, that Respondent poses a significant danger of causing personal injury to themselves or others by having in their custody or control any firearm or ammunition, or by purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm or ammunition.

### **SECTION III. ORDERED and ADJUDGED**

**RESPONDENT IS HEREBY ORDERED TO SURRENDER IMMEDIATELY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT ALL FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION THAT THEY OWN OR HAVE IN THEIR CUSTODY, CONTROL, OR POSSESSION AND ANY LICENSE TO CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON OR FIREARM ISSUED UNDER S. 790.06, FLORIDA STATUTES. RESPONDENT MAY NOT HAVE IN THEIR CUSTODY OR CONTROL, OR PURCHASE, POSSESS, RECEIVE, OR ATTEMPT TO PURCHASE OR RECEIVE, A FIREARM OR AMMUNITION WHILE THIS ORDER IS IN EFFECT.**

**A person who has in his or her custody or control a firearm or any ammunition or who purchases, possesses, or receives a firearm or any ammunition with knowledge that they are prohibited from doing so by court order commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, Florida Statutes.**

**Respondent has the sole responsibility to refrain from violating this order. Only a judge can change the order and only upon written request.**

Additional provisions applicable to this order, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### **SECTION IV. COMPLIANCE HEARING**

\_\_\_\_\_ The court has received a stipulation/agreement of compliance from the parties or has received evidence proving that the Respondent has surrendered all firearms, ammunition, and/or

any license issued under s. 790.06, Florida Statutes, making it unnecessary to schedule a three-day compliance hearing on the issue.

(or)

\_\_\_\_\_ The Respondent has been ordered to surrender all firearms, ammunition and any license issued under s. 790.06, Florida Statutes; however, there has not been a satisfactory showing at this time that they are in full compliance with that order. Therefore, it is further ordered that the matter be set for an evidentiary hearing.

### **NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE HEARING**

**Petitioner and Respondent shall appear for a hearing at which the Respondent will be required to prove compliance, to be held in Courtroom \_\_\_\_\_, in the court facility located at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ A.M./P.M. A law enforcement officer taking possession of any firearm or ammunition owned by the Respondent, or a license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm held by the Respondent, shall issue a receipt identifying all firearms and the quantity and type of ammunition that have been surrendered. Law enforcement shall file the original receipt with the Court. The Court may cancel the compliance hearing upon a satisfactory showing the Respondent is in compliance with this order.**

### **SECTION V. EVALUATIONS**

Pursuant to s. 790.041, Florida Statutes, the court has considered whether a mental health evaluation or a chemical dependency evaluation is appropriate. Based on the facts established at this hearing, the court finds:

\_\_\_\_\_ such an evaluation is not required at this time.

(or)

\_\_\_\_\_ the evidence supports a requirement that the Respondent obtain, from a licensed mental health professional or licensed facility:

\_\_\_\_\_ a mental health evaluation.

\_\_\_\_\_ a chemical dependency evaluation.

Therefore, the court now orders such evaluation(s). Respondent shall, within \_\_\_\_\_ days of the date of this order, obtain such evaluation(s) and file evidence of compliance with the court and serve a copy on Petitioner.

### **SECTION VI. EXPIRATION/EXTENSION/VACATION**

THIS FINAL RISK PROTECTION ORDER shall be in effect until \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, unless extended or vacated, pursuant to section 790.401, Florida Statutes.

**Petitioner is hereby noticed that this Final Risk Protection Order will last until the date noted above. The Petitioner may, by motion, request an extension of this order at any**

**time within 30 days before the end of the order.**

To the subject of this protection order: This order will last until the date noted above. If you have not done so already, you must surrender immediately to the \_\_\_\_\_ (insert name of local law enforcement agency) all firearms and ammunition that you own in your custody, control, or possession and any license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm issued to you under section 790.06, Florida Statutes. You may not have in your custody or control, or purchase, possess, receive, or attempt to purchase or receive, a firearm or ammunition while this order is in effect. You have the right to request one hearing to vacate this order, starting after the date of the issuance of this order, and to request another hearing after every extension of the order, if any. You may seek the advice of an attorney as to any matter connected with this order.

Respondent and/or Respondent's attorney may file a written request to vacate this order pursuant to s. 790.401(6), Florida Statutes, with the Clerk of the Circuit Court located at

\_\_\_\_\_.

**DONE AND ORDERED** at \_\_\_\_\_, Florida, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge

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\_\_\_\_ by mail to last known address

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

I, [name of petitioner], acknowledge receipt of a certified copy of this Final Risk Protection Order [and Notice of Hearing].

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Name of petitioner]

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#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I, *[name of respondent]*, acknowledge receipt of a certified copy of this Final Risk Protection Order [and Notice of Hearing].

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*[Name of Respondent]*

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

\_\_\_\_ by email  
\_\_\_\_ U.S. mail

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

v.

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Respondent

**FINAL ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR RISK PROTECTION ORDER**

**THIS CAUSE** came before the Court upon a Petition for a Risk Protection Order. The Court, having considered the petition, testimony, record, applicable law, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, makes the following findings and rulings:

The petition is hereby **DENIED**.

The specific facts or findings for said denial are as follows:

It is therefore **ORDERED and ADJUDGED** that Petitioner's petition for a Risk Protection Order is **DENIED**.

**DONE AND ORDERED** at \_\_\_\_\_, Florida, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge

I CERTIFY the foregoing is a true copy of the original order as it appears on file in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of *[name of county]*, Florida, and that I have furnished copies of this order as indicated below.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*{Deputy Clerk or Judicial Assistant}*

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I, *[name of petitioner]*, acknowledge receipt of a certified copy of this Final Order Denying Petition for Risk Protection Order.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[Name of petitioner]*

Respondent (or his or her attorney):

- \_\_\_\_ by email
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I, *[name of respondent]*, acknowledge receipt of a certified copy of this Final Order Denying Petition for Risk Protection Order.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[Name of respondent]*

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

- \_\_\_\_ by email
- \_\_\_\_ U.S. mail



**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
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\_\_\_\_\_,  
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(Law Enforcement Officer/Agency)

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

v.

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Respondent

**FINAL ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR RISK PROTECTION ORDER AND  
VACATING TEMPORARY RISK PROTECTION ORDER**

**THIS CAUSE** came before the Court upon a Petition for a Risk Protection Order. The Court, having considered the petition, testimony, record, applicable law, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, makes the following findings and rulings:

The petition is hereby **DENIED**.

The specific facts or findings for said denial are as follows:

It is therefore **ORDERED and ADJUDGED** that Petitioner's petition for a Risk Protection Order is **DENIED** and the Temporary Risk Protection Order entered in this matter is **VACATED**.

It is further **ORDERED** that Petitioner shall, as requested by Respondent, return any firearms, ammunition, or license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm that was surrendered by Respondent only after complying with all applicable provisions of federal and state law.

It is further **ORDERED** that the Clerk of the Court shall immediately forward a copy of this Order to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and Petitioner.

It is further **ORDERED** that the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall, if it has suspended Respondent's license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm, reinstate Respondent's license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm only after complying with all applicable provisions of federal and state law.

It is further **ORDERED** that upon receipt of this Order, Petitioner shall promptly remove the risk protection order in this case from any computer-based system in which it was entered, including the Florida Crime Information Center and National Crime Information Center.

**DONE AND ORDERED** at \_\_\_\_\_, Florida, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge

I CERTIFY the foregoing is a true copy of the original order as it appears on file in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of [name of county], Florida, and that I have furnished copies of this order as indicated below.

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*[Name of petitioner]*

Respondent (or his or her attorney):

\_\_\_\_ by email

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

I, *[name of respondent]*, acknowledge receipt of a certified copy of this Final Order Denying Petition for Risk Protection Order.

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*[Name of respondent]*

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

\_\_\_\_ by email

\_\_\_\_ U.S. mail

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR WRITTEN REQUEST FOR HEARING TO VACATE FINAL RISK PROTECTION ORDER**

### **When should this form be used?**

This form must be used if you wish to request a hearing to vacate a final risk protection order that has been entered against you pursuant to section 790.401(3), Florida Statutes, or that has been extended pursuant to section 790.401(6), Florida Statutes. If you use this form, you are the respondent. As respondent, you may file one written request for a hearing to vacate a final risk protection order after the date the order is issued by the judge. You may also file one written request for a hearing to vacate after each extension of the final risk protection order.

### **Who may file this form?**

This form may be filed by:

- A respondent who has had a final risk protection order entered against him or her pursuant to section 790.401(3), Florida Statutes, and who has not previously filed a written request for a hearing to vacate the order; or
- A respondent who has had a final risk protection order against him or her extended and who has not previously filed a written request to vacate the risk protection order since such extension.

### **Additional Instructions**

You must file the original of this form with the clerk of court and must serve a copy (by U.S. Mail, email, hand delivery, or other means of service permitted under the rules of court) on the Petitioner in this case.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Petitioner  
(Law Enforcement Officer/Agency)

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

v.

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Respondent

**REQUEST FOR HEARING TO VACATE FINAL RISK PROTECTION ORDER**

**SECTION I.**

1. I am the Respondent in this case.
2. I currently live at the following address *{street address, city, state, and zip code}*:

- \_\_\_\_\_
3. My telephone number *{area code and number}* is: \_\_\_\_\_
  4. My email address (if applicable) is: \_\_\_\_\_
  5. My attorney's name, address, and telephone number are:

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

**SECTION II.**

1. Pursuant to Section 790.401(6)(a), Florida Statutes, this is a request for a hearing to vacate a Final Risk Protection Order entered *{date}* \_\_\_\_\_ by Judge \_\_\_\_\_.  
*{name of judge who entered the risk protection order}*.
2. I have not previously requested a hearing to vacate the Final Risk Protection Order presently in effect.
3. I do not pose a significant danger of causing personal injury to myself or to others by having firearms and/or ammunition in my custody, control, or possession, or by purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm or ammunition for the reasons below.

(add another page if necessary)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Respondent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Respondent

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of this Request to Vacate Final Risk Protection Order was served on Petitioner by (enter service method – e.g. U.S. Mail, email, hand delivery, etc.) at (enter address), this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Respondent

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner  
(Law Enforcement Officer/Agency)

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

v.

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent

**ORDER SETTING HEARING ON RESPONDENT'S  
REQUEST TO VACATE FINAL RISK PROTECTION ORDER**

This cause came before the Court upon Respondent's request for a hearing to vacate the Final Risk Protection Order dated \_\_\_\_\_. The Court, having reviewed the file and determined the Respondent has not previously requested such relief, **ORDERS** the matter to be set for hearing as follows:

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

The hearing on Respondent's Request to Vacate the Final Risk Protection Order will be held in Courtroom \_\_\_\_\_ in the court facility located at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ A.M./P.M. to determine if the Risk Protection Order shall remain in effect or shall be vacated.

**DONE AND ORDERED** at \_\_\_\_\_, Florida, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge

I CERTIFY the foregoing is a true copy of the original order as it appears on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Florida, and that I have furnished copies of this order as indicated below.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

*{Deputy Clerk or Judicial Assistant}*

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

I, *[name of petitioner]*, acknowledge receipt of a certified copy of this Order Setting Hearing on Respondent’s Request to Vacate Final Risk Protection Order.

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*[Name of petitioner]*

Respondent (or his or her attorney):

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*[Name of respondent]*

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\_\_\_\_\_,  
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\_\_\_\_\_,  
Respondent

**ORDER VACATING FINAL RISK PROTECTION ORDER**

This cause came before the Court upon Respondent's request, pursuant to s. 790.401(6)(a), Florida Statutes, to vacate a Final Risk Protection Order dated \_\_\_\_\_.

The Court, having reviewed the file and heard the testimony, makes the following findings:

1. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties.
2. The Respondent has proven by clear and convincing evidence that they do not pose a significant danger of causing personal injury to themselves or others by having firearms or ammunition in their custody or control, or by purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm or ammunition.

Accordingly, it is hereby:

**ORDERED** that the Final Risk Protection Order dated \_\_\_\_\_ is hereby VACATED.

It is further **ORDERED** that Petitioner shall, as requested by Respondent, return any firearms, ammunition, or license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm that was surrendered by Respondent only after complying with all applicable provisions of federal and state law.

It is further **ORDERED** that the Clerk of the Court shall immediately forward a copy of this Order to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and Petitioner.

It is further **ORDERED** that the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall, if it has suspended Respondent's license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm, reinstate Respondent's license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm only after complying with all applicable provisions of federal and state law.

It is further **ORDERED** that upon receipt of this Order, Petitioner shall promptly remove the risk protection order in this case from any computer-based system in which it was entered, including the Florida Crime Information Center and National Crime Information Center.

**DONE AND ORDERED** at \_\_\_\_\_, Florida, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge

I CERTIFY the foregoing is a true copy of the original order as it appears on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Florida, and that I have furnished copies of this order as indicated below.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
{Deputy Clerk or Judicial Assistant}

*Copies furnished to:*

Petitioner (or his or her attorney):

- \_\_\_\_ by email
- \_\_\_\_ by hand-delivery in open court (Petitioner acknowledged receipt in writing on the face of the original order – see below.)
- \_\_\_\_ by certification by clerk (Petitioner failed or refused to acknowledge receipt of a certified copy.)
- \_\_\_\_ by mail to last known address

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

I, [*name of petitioner*], acknowledge receipt of a certified copy of this Order Vacating Final Risk Protection Order.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[*Name of petitioner*]

Respondent (or his or her attorney):

- \_\_\_\_ by email
- \_\_\_\_ by hand-delivery in open court (Respondent acknowledged receipt in writing on the face of the original order – see below.)
- \_\_\_\_ certification by clerk (Respondent failed or refused to acknowledge receipt of a certified copy.)
- \_\_\_\_ by mail to last known address

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

I, [*name of respondent*], acknowledge receipt of a certified copy of this Order Vacating Final Risk Protection Order.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[*Name of respondent*]

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

- \_\_\_\_ by email
- \_\_\_\_ U.S. mail

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner  
(Law Enforcement Officer/Agency)

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

v.

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent

**ORDER DENYING RESPONDENT'S REQUEST TO VACATE**

This cause came before the Court upon Respondent's request for a hearing to vacate a Final Risk Protection Order dated \_\_\_\_\_.

The Court, having reviewed the file makes the following findings:

\_\_\_\_\_ The Respondent previously filed a Request to Vacate the above dated Final Risk Protection Order that is presently in effect. That prior request was considered by the court at a hearing and was denied. Therefore, the Respondent is not entitled to another hearing on this matter and the Request to Vacate must be and is **DENIED**.

-or-

\_\_\_\_\_ The Respondent has not previously filed a Request to Vacate the above dated Final Risk Protection Order and the matter was set for hearing. After considering the evidence submitted at that hearing, the court finds the Respondent has not proven by clear and convincing evidence that they no longer pose a significant danger of causing personal injury to themselves or others by having firearms or ammunition in their custody or control, or by purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm or ammunition.

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:**

The Final Risk Protection Order dated \_\_\_\_\_ is not vacated and remains in effect. Respondent may not request another hearing to vacate unless the risk protection order presently in effect is extended.

**DONE AND ORDERED** at \_\_\_\_\_, Florida, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge

I CERTIFY the foregoing is a true copy of the original order as it appears on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Florida, and that I have furnished copies of this order as indicated below.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
{Deputy Clerk or Judicial Assistant}

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

I, *[name of petitioner]*, acknowledge receipt of a certified copy of this Order Denying Respondent's Request to Vacate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[Name of petitioner]*

Respondent (or his or her attorney):

- \_\_\_ by email
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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

I, *[name of respondent]*, acknowledge receipt of a certified copy of this Order Denying Respondent's Request to Vacate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[Name of respondent]*

Respondent has a responsibility to keep the court informed, in writing, of any change of address. Failure to do so may jeopardize Respondent's rights.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner  
(Law Enforcement Officer/Agency)

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

v.

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent

**PETITIONER'S MOTION TO EXTEND FINAL RISK PROTECTION ORDER**

**COMES NOW**, the Petitioner, pursuant to s. 790.401(6)(c), Florida Statutes, and hereby requests the Court to extend the final risk protection order in this case for a period of \_\_\_\_\_, and as grounds alleges that:

1. A Final Risk Protection Order was entered in this case on \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Final Risk Protection Order expires on \_\_\_\_\_, which is within 30 days from today's date.
3. The grounds for the extension of the Final Risk Protection Order are as follows:

(Attach an affidavit or additional pages if necessary.)

Respectfully submitted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of person filing petition

\_\_\_\_\_  
Law Enforcement Agency

\_\_\_\_\_  
Service address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email address

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

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of this Motion to Extend Final Risk Protection Order was served on Respondent by (enter service method) at (enter address), this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

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

Section 790.401, Florida Statutes, does not require the court to record a hearing on motion to extend a risk protection order; however, any party may arrange for a court reporter to record the hearing and to prepare a written transcript of the hearing at that party's expense. Arrangements for a court reporter must be made in advance. In the event of an appeal, the appealing party will be required to provide the court with a written transcript of what was said at the hearing.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Petitioner  
(Law Enforcement Officer/Agency)

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

v.

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Respondent

**ORDER SETTING HEARING ON PETITIONER'S  
MOTION TO EXTEND FINAL RISK PROTECTION ORDER**

This cause came before the Court upon Petitioner's Motion to Extend Final Risk Protection Order and the Court, having reviewed the file, **ORDERS** as follows:

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

The hearing on the Motion to Extend Final Risk Protection Order will be held in Courtroom \_\_\_\_\_, in the court facility located at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ A.M./P.M. At this hearing, the Court will determine if the final risk protection order should be extended or if the final risk protection order will be allowed to expire.

**To the Respondent:** A hearing will be held on the date and at the time noted above to determine if the final risk protection order should be extended. Failure to appear at that hearing may result in a court issuing a risk protection order against you which is valid for up to 1 year. You may seek the advice of an attorney as to any matter connected with this order.

**DONE AND ORDERED** at \_\_\_\_\_, Florida, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge

I CERTIFY the foregoing is a true copy of the original order as it appears on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Florida, and that I have furnished copies of this order as indicated below.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*{Deputy Clerk or Judicial Assistant}*

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

I, *[name of petitioner]*, acknowledge receipt of a certified copy of this Order Setting Hearing on Petitioner's Motion to Extend Final Risk Protection Order.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[Name of petitioner]*

Respondent (or his or her attorney):

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

I, *[name of respondent]*, acknowledge receipt of a certified copy of this Order Setting Hearing on Petitioner's Motion to Extend Final Risk Protection Order.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[Name of respondent]*

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**If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Diana Sobel, Room 20140, 201 S.E. 6th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301, 954-831-7721 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.**