

**DIVISION OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS  
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO**

# Order of Protection

Per R.C. 3113.31(F)(3), this Order is indexed at

Case No.

Judge/Magistrate \_\_\_\_\_

State **OHIO**

**LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WHERE INDEXED**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
( ) -  
PHONE NUMBER

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CIVIL PROTECTION ORDER  
(DVCPO) *EX PARTE* (R.C. 3113.31)**

**PETITIONER:**

First                      Middle                      Last

**v.**

**PERSON(S) PROTECTED BY THIS ORDER:**

Petitioner: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Petitioner's Family or Household Members:  
 ( Additional forms attached.)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESPONDENT:**

First                      Middle                      Last

Relationship to Petitioner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address where Respondent can be found:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**RESPONDENT IDENTIFIERS**

SEX	RACE	HGT	WGT
EYES	HAIR	DOB	
		/ /	
DRIVER'S LIC. NO.	EXP. DATE	STATE	

Distinguishing Features: \_\_\_\_\_

**WARNING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT: RESPONDENT HAS FIREARMS ACCESS – PROCEED WITH CAUTION**

Violence Against Women Act, 18 U.S.C. 2265, Federal Full Faith & Credit Declaration: Registration of this Order is not required for enforcement.

**THE COURT HEREBY FINDS:**

That it has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter, and Respondent will be provided with reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard within the time required by Ohio law. **Additional findings of this Order are set forth below.**

**THE COURT HEREBY ORDERS:**

That the above named Respondent be restrained from committing acts of abuse or threats of abuse against Petitioner and other protected persons named in this Order. Additional terms of this Order are set forth below.

**The Court Finds That:** *(Check one of the following two boxes)*

- Neither Petitioner nor Respondent is in the military service of the United States.
- Petitioner and/or  Respondent is/are in the military service of the United States and his/her military service did not impact his/her ability to defend this action.

The terms of this Order shall be effective until \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**UNLESS EXTENDED BY  
SEPARATE ENTRY.**

**WARNING TO RESPONDENT: See the warning page attached to the front of this Order.**

This proceeding came on for an *ex parte* hearing on \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (being present), upon the filing of a Petition by Petitioner for a Domestic Violence Civil Protection Order (DVCPO) against Respondent, pursuant to R.C. 3113.31. In accordance with R.C. 3113.31(D)(1), the Court held an *ex parte* hearing on the same day that the Petition was filed.

The Court finds that the protected persons herein are in immediate and present danger of domestic violence and for good cause shown, the following temporary orders are necessary to protect the persons named in this Order from domestic violence.

**The Court also finds**

**Additional findings on a separate page are included and attached herein.**

**RESPONDENT SHALL NOT ABUSE**, harm, attempt to harm, threaten, follow, stalk, harass, force sexual relations upon, or commit sexually oriented offenses against the protected persons named in this Order. [NCIC 01 and 02]

**ALL OF THE PROVISIONS CHECKED BELOW ALSO APPLY TO RESPONDENT**

**1. RESPONDENT SHALL IMMEDIATELY VACATE** the following residence:

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

2. **EXCLUSIVE POSSESSION OF THE RESIDENCE** located at:

\_\_\_\_\_

is granted to: \_\_\_\_\_ . Respondent shall not interfere with the protected persons' right to occupy the residence including, but not limited to cancelling utilities or insurance or interrupting telecommunication (e.g., telephone, internet, or cable) services, mail delivery, or the delivery of any other documents or items. [NCIC 03]

3. **RESPONDENT SHALL SURRENDER** all keys and garage door openers to the above residence within 24 hours of service of this Order to the law enforcement agency that serves Respondent with this Order or as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_

4. **RESPONDENT SHALL NOT ENTER** or interfere with the residence, school, business, place of employment, day care centers, or child care providers of the protected persons named in this Order, including the buildings, grounds, and parking lots at those locations. Respondent may not violate this Order **even with the permission of a protected person**. [NCIC 04]

5. **RESPONDENT SHALL STAY AWAY FROM ALL** protected persons named in this Order, and not be present within 500 feet or \_\_\_\_\_ (distance) of any protected persons wherever those protected persons may be found, or any place Respondent knows or should know the protected persons are likely to be, **even with a protected person's permission**. If Respondent accidentally comes in contact with protected persons in any public or private place, Respondent must depart *immediately*. This Order includes encounters on public and private roads, highways, and thoroughfares. [NCIC 04]

6. **RESPONDENT SHALL NOT INITIATE OR HAVE ANY CONTACT** with the protected persons named in this Order or their residences, businesses, places of employment, schools, day care centers, or child care providers. Contact includes, but is not limited to, landline, cordless, cellular or digital telephone; text; instant messaging; fax; e-mail; voicemail; delivery service; social media; blogging; writings; electronic communications; posting a message; or communications by any other means directly or through another person.

Respondent may not violate this Order **even with the permission of a protected person**. [NCIC 05]

7. **RESPONDENT SHALL NOT** use any form of electronic surveillance on protected persons.

8. **RESPONDENT SHALL IMMEDIATELY SURRENDER POSSESSION OF ALL KEYS TO THE FOLLOWING MOTOR VEHICLE,** \_\_\_\_\_, to the law enforcement agency that served Respondent with the Order or as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_

and Petitioner is granted exclusive use of this motor vehicle.

9. **RESPONDENT SHALL NOT REMOVE, DAMAGE, HIDE, OR DISPOSE OF ANY PROPERTY** owned or possessed by the protected persons named in this Order. Personal property shall be apportioned as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_

10. **RESPONDENT SHALL NOT REMOVE, DAMAGE, HIDE, OR DISPOSE OF ANY COMPANION ANIMALS OR PETS** owned or possessed by the protected persons named in this Order.

11. **PETITIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO REMOVE THE FOLLOWING COMPANION ANIMALS OR PETS** owned by Petitioner from the possession of Respondent:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Exchange of the listed companion animals or pets shall take place as follows:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

12. **RESPONDENT SHALL NOT CAUSE OR ENCOURAGE ANY PERSON** to do any act prohibited by this Order.

13. **RESPONDENT SHALL NOT POSSESS, USE, CARRY, OR OBTAIN ANY DEADLY WEAPON** at any time while the Order remains in effect in order to bring about a cessation of violence. Furthermore, Respondent may be subject to firearms and ammunition restrictions pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 922(g)(1) through (9), 18 U.S.C. 922(n), or R.C. 2923.13. [NCIC 07]

**RESPONDENT IS EXCEPTED** only for official use pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 925(a)(1), if no other firearms and ammunition prohibitions apply.

14. **RESPONDENT SHALL TURN OVER ALL DEADLY WEAPONS** owned by Respondent or in Respondent's possession to the law enforcement agency that serves Respondent with this Order no later than \_\_\_\_\_ or as follows:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Any law enforcement agency is authorized to accept possession of deadly weapons pursuant to this paragraph and hold them in protective custody for the duration of this Order. [NCIC 07]

Law enforcement shall immediately notify the Court upon receiving Respondent's deadly weapons for protective custody as set forth in this Order.

Upon the expiration or termination of this Order and if a full hearing order is not issued or consent agreement approved, Respondent may reclaim any deadly weapons held in protective custody by law enforcement pursuant to this Order unless Respondent is otherwise disqualified as verified by a check of the NCIC protection order file.

15. **RESPONDENT'S CONCEALED CARRY WEAPON LICENSE**, if any, is now subject to R.C. 2923.128.

16. **PETITIONER IS AN UNMARRIED FEMALE** who gave birth to \_\_\_\_\_ (a child) born on \_\_\_\_\_. As set forth in R.C. 3109.042, Petitioner is the sole residential parent or legal custodian of the child until a court of competent jurisdiction issues an order designating another person as the residential parent or legal custodian.

17 **PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ARE TEMPORARILY ALLOCATED AS FOLLOWS:** [NCIC 09] \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

This Order applies to the following child children:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

18. **PARENTING TIME ORDERS DO NOT PERMIT RESPONDENT TO VIOLATE THE TERMS OF THIS ORDER.**

(A) Respondent's parenting time rights are suspended; or

(B) As a limited exception to paragraphs 5 and 6, temporary parenting time rights are established as follows: [NCIC 06]

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

This Order applies to the following  child  children:

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

19. **LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**, including but not limited to, \_\_\_\_\_ are ordered to assist Petitioner in gaining physical custody of the  child  children, if necessary.

20. **RESPONDENT SHALL SUPPORT** the protected persons named in this Order as follows:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

21. **RESPONDENT MAY PICK UP CLOTHING** and personal effects from the above residence only in the company of a uniformed law enforcement officer within seven or \_\_\_\_\_ days of the filing of this Order. Arrangements may be made by contacting:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

22. **RESPONDENT SHALL NOT USE OR POSSESS**  alcohol or  illegal drugs.

23. **RESPONDENT SHALL NOT INTERFERE** with wireless service transfer, prevent the functionality of a device on the network, or incur further contractual or financial obligations related to the transferred numbers.

Wireless service rights to and billing responsibility for the wireless service number or numbers in use by Petitioner or any minor children in the care of Petitioner shall be transferred to Petitioner by separate order, Wireless Service Transfer Order (Form 10-E).

24. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:** [NCIC 08]  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

25. **ALL DISCOVERY SHALL STRICTLY COMPLY** with Civ.R. 65.1(D).

26. **THE CLERK OF COURT SHALL CAUSE A COPY OF THE PETITION, THIS ORDER, AND ANY OTHER ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENT** to be served on Respondent as set forth in Civ.R. 65.1(C)(2). The Clerk of Court shall also provide copies of the Petition and certified copies of this Order to Petitioner upon request.

27. **THIS ORDER DOES NOT EXPIRE** because of a failure to serve notice of the full hearing upon Respondent before the date set for the full hearing or because the Court grants a continuance, as set forth in R.C. 3113.31(D)(2)(b).

28. **THIS ORDER SURVIVES** a divorce, dissolution of marriage, or legal separation. Any subsequent order from this Court, another domestic relations court, or juvenile court may modify paragraphs 16, 17, 18, and 19.
29. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED NO COSTS OR FEES SHALL BE ASSESSED AGAINST PETITIONER** for filing, issuing, registering, modifying, enforcing, dismissing, withdrawing, serving, subpoenaing witnesses for, or obtaining a certified copy of this Order. This Order is granted without bond.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**JUDGE/MAGISTRATE**

**NOTICE TO RESPONDENT**

**NO PERSON PROTECTED BY THIS ORDER CAN GIVE YOU LEGAL PERMISSION TO CHANGE OR VIOLATE THE TERMS OF THIS ORDER. IF YOU VIOLATE ANY TERM OF THIS ORDER EVEN WITH THE PROTECTED PERSON'S PERMISSION, YOU MAY BE HELD IN CONTEMPT OR ARRESTED. ONLY THE COURT CAN CHANGE THIS ORDER. YOU ACT AT YOUR OWN RISK IF YOU DISREGARD THIS WARNING.**

**A FULL HEARING** on this Order, and on all other issues raised by the Petition, shall be held before Judge or Magistrate:

on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

2023 at \_\_\_\_\_  a.m.  p.m. at the following

location:

**1 W. LAKESIDE AVE., ROOM \_\_\_\_\_  
(ground level)  
CLEVELAND, OHIO 44113**

**Court Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**On the day of the Full Hearing, come prepared to:**

**(1) tell the Court what happened,**

**(2) bring with you any witnesses, evidence, and documentation to prove your case, and**

**(3) be aware that the other party or the party's attorney may ask you questions.**

**If you do not have an attorney, you may ask for a brief continuance to obtain an attorney per R.C. 3113.31(D)(2)(a)(iii) or you may represent yourself.**

**Parties do not have to give discovery, answer questions, or give information to the other party or the other party's lawyer unless ordered by judge or magistrate (Civ.R. 65.1(D)(2)).**

**NOTICE**

**Evidence originating from an electronic source, including social media and text messages, should be presented in printed format. If you have electronic evidence (audio/video files) that cannot be printed, bring it to Court on a flash drive/USB drive. Keep a copy for yourself.**

**TO THE CLERK**

**A COPY OF PETITION, THIS ORDER, AND ANY OTHER ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS (PARENTING PROCEEDING AFFIDAVIT, AND EXHIBITS) SHALL BE SERVED ON RESPONDENT BY PERSONAL SERVICE OR OTHER METHODS OF SERVICE PURSUANT TO CIV.R. 65.1(C)(2).**

**COPIES OF THIS ORDER AND OTHER ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS (PARENTING PROCEEDING AFFIDAVIT, AND EXHIBITS) SHALL BE DELIVERED TO:**

Petitioner: **(5 certified copies, additional upon request)**

Petitioner's Attorney:

Law Enforcement Agency Where Petitioner Resides:

Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office (Radio Room):  
1215 West 3<sup>rd</sup> St.  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Law Enforcement Agency Where Petitioner Works:

Cuyahoga County Child Support Enforcement Agency:  
1640 Superior Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Other:

Other:

**FORM 10-C:**  
**WARNING CONCERNING THE ATTACHED**  
**PROTECTION ORDER OR CONSENT AGREEMENT**

***NOTE:*** Rules 10.01, 10.02, 10.03, and 10.05 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio require this Warning to be attached to the **FRONT** of all civil and criminal **EX PARTE** or **FULL HEARING** protection orders issued by the courts of the State of Ohio.

**WARNING TO RESPONDENT / DEFENDANT**

Violating the attached Protection Order is a crime, punishable by incarceration, fine, or both and may cause the revocation of your bond or result in a contempt of court citation against you.

This Protection Order is enforceable in all counties in Ohio and 50 states, the District of Columbia, tribal lands, and U.S. territories pursuant to state law and the Violence Against Women Act, 18 U.S.C. 2265. Violating this Protection Order may subject you to state and federal charges and punishment.

Only the Court may change the terms of this Protection Order. The Petitioner/Alleged Victim/Protected Person cannot give you legal permission to change this Order. If you go near the Petitioner/Alleged Victim/ Protected Person, even with the person's permission, you may be arrested. Only the Court may change or end this Protection Order. Unless the Court changes or ends this Order, you may be arrested for violating this Protection Order. **YOU ACT AT YOUR OWN RISK IF YOU DISREGARD THIS WARNING.**

**WARNING TO PETITIONER / ALLEGED VICTIM**

You **cannot** change the terms of this Order by your words or actions. Only the Court may allow the Respondent/Defendant to contact you or return to your residence. This Protection Order **cannot** be changed by either party without obtaining a written court order.

**NOTICE ABOUT FIREARMS AND OTHER DEADLY WEAPONS**

As a result of this Protection Order or Consent Agreement, it may be a federal crime for you to possess or purchase a firearm, including a rifle, pistol, or revolver, or ammunition pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 922(g)(8) for the duration of this Order. If you have any questions whether the law makes it illegal for you to possess or purchase a firearm or ammunition, you should consult with a lawyer.

This Protection Order may be subject to the exceptions pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 925(a)(1) **only** with respect to the official use of government-issued firearms or ammunition for the use of any department or agency of the United States, Ohio, or its political subdivision. This exception does not apply if the Defendant/ Respondent has been convicted of an offense of violence, for example, domestic violence, menacing by stalking, etc., against a family or household member.

**NOTICE TO ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND OFFICERS**

The attached Protection Order is enforceable in all counties in Ohio. Violation of this Protection Order is a crime under R.C.2919.27. Law enforcement officers with powers to arrest under R.C. 2935.03 for violations of the Ohio Revised Code must enforce the terms of this Protection Order as required by R.C. 2151.34, 2903.213, 2903.214, 2919.26, 2919.27, and 3113.31. If you have reasonable grounds to believe that the Respondent/Defendant has violated this Protection Order, it is the preferred course of action in Ohio under R.C. 2935.03 to arrest and detain the Respondent/ Defendant until a warrant may be obtained. Federal and state law prohibits charging a fee for service of this Order to the Petitioner/Alleged Victim or protected parties.