

FINAL HEARING DATE: _____
9:00 a.m., Room 3030, Family Court, 440 Ross Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
FAMILY DIVISION

No. FD _____

Type of Pleading:
PETITION AND TEMPORARY ORDER

Code:
PROTECTION FROM ABUSE

Filed on Behalf of:
PLAINTIFF, *Pro Se*

ADDRESS OF PLAINTIFF:

Telephone: (_____) _____ - _____

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

ADDRESS OF DEFENDANT:

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Weapons Supplement

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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 the residence specified in the petition, be prohibited from possessing any firearm, other weapon, ammunition or any firearm license, and lose other important rights, including custody of your children. Any 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).

BE ADVISED THAT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF THE FINAL HEARING ARE SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHED TEMPORARY ORDER OF COURT

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 which is punishable by a fine of up to \$ 1,000.00 and/or up to six months in jail under 23 Pa.C.S.A. §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, 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.A. §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 this 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 listing the firearms, other weapons or ammunition and their current location no later that 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.A. §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).

YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE A LAWYER REPRESENT YOU AT THE HEARING. THE COURT WILL NOT, HOWEVER, APPOINT A LAWYER FOR YOU. 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.

Lawyer Referral Service
The Allegheny County Bar Association
11th Floor Koppers Building
436 Seventh Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219
(412) 261-5555

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PETITION FOR PROTECTION FROM ABUSE

1. **PLAINTIFF'S NAME IS:** _____

2. **PLAINTIFF IS FILING THIS PETITION ON BEHALF OF :**
 ___ myself and/or ___ minor child(ren) ___ an incompetent adult

If you are filing on behalf of another person(s), indicate you relationship to that person(s):
 ___ I am the parent of the minor child(ren) ___ I am an adult household member of the minor child(ren)
 ___ I am guardian of the minor child(ren) ___ I am the court appointed guardian for an incompetent adult

3. **LIST Plaintiff's minor children AND ALL other minor children residing in Plaintiff's household:**

NAME	Date of Birth	Are YOU the parent?	Is Defendant the parent?	Is child living with you?	ARE YOU SEEKING Custody?	Protection?
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

4. **PLAINTIFF'S ADDRESS:**

 _____ PA
 OR: ___ - CONFIDENTIAL

5. **DEFENDANT'S INFORMATION:**
NAME: _____
ADDRESS, If known: _____

Plaintiff is asking to evict and/or exclude the Defendant from this residence which is: ___ OWNED or ___ RENTED
 ___ by Plaintiff only
 ___ by Plaintiff **and** Defendant
 ___ by Defendant only, and Defendant owes a duty of support support as the parties are married or have children together
 OTHER: _____
 (confidential, parents, friends, etc.):

THE DEFENDANT AND I:
 ___ presently live together
 ___ have NEVER lived together
 ___ have lived together, but SEPARATED on: _____ (date)

Def. Date of Birth: ___ / ___ / ___
 ___ check here if Defendant is 17 years of age or younger

6. **THE DEFENDANT IS: (check all relationships that apply)**
 ___ my current or former spouse
 ___ my current or former sexual or intimate partner
 ___ a current /former cohabitant (lived together like spouses)
 ___ the parent of Plaintiff's child(ren)
 ___ other: _____
 (parent, child, brother, sister, other family member)

S.S. No.: ___ / ___ / ___ - ___ / ___ - ___ / ___ / ___ / ___
 ___ check here if you have reason to believe that Defendant is required to carry a firearm as a condition of employment, is a licensed firearms dealer, is employed by a licensed firearms dealer or manufacturer, or is employed as a writer, researcher or technician in the firearms or hunting industry.

7. HAVE PLAINTIFF AND DEFENDANT BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING COURT ACTIONS? Protection From Abuse Support Custody Divorce

HAS THE DEFENDANT EVER OBTAINED A P.F.A. ORDER AGAINST YOU?

No Yes, When? _____ FD#: _____

8. For Court Use Only:

PFA :

CUSTODY:

SUPPORT:

DIVORCE:

CROSS PFA:

9. IF PLAINTIFF AND DEFENDANT ARE THE PARENTS OF ANY MINOR CHILDREN TOGETHER, (listed in paragraph #3) IS THERE AN EXISTING COURT ORDER REGARDING THEIR CUSTODY?

YES NO

If YES, describe the terms of the order. If NO, describe any visitation practices or schedules.

If YES, in what County and State was the order issued? _____

If YES, are you requesting to change the terms of the existing custody order? YES NO

10. Plaintiff **IS NOT** seeking new custody relief or to amend an existing custody order through this Petition.

-OR-

Plaintiff **IS** seeking new custody relief and/or to amend an existing custody order through this Petition.
(If checked, CUSTODY SUPPLEMENT must be completed and attached as the next page, "Petition, page 2A").

10. CUSTODY SUPPLEMENT

A. PLAINTIFF AND DEFENDANT ARE THE PARENTS OF THE FOLLOWING MINOR CHILD(REN):

NAME(S)	AGE(S)	WHO RESIDE AT: <i>(LIST ADDRESS UNLESS CONFIDENTIAL)</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

B. ANY EXISTING CUSTODY COURT ORDER RELATING TO ANY OF THESE CHILDREN IS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH #9.

C. WHERE HAS EACH CHILD RESIDED DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS?

<u>Child's name</u>	<u>Person(s) child lived with</u>	<u>Address, unless confidential (if unknown, just list county)</u>	<u>When</u>
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

D. LIST ANY OTHER PERSONS *(other than the parties of this case)* WHO ARE KNOWN TO HAVE OR CLAIM TO HAVE A RIGHT TO CUSTODY OF EACH CHILD LISTED ABOVE.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Basis of Claim</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

E. ALL MINOR CHILDREN PRESENTLY LIVING WITH PLAINTIFF ARE LISTED IN PARAGRAPH #3 OF THIS PETITION.

Plaintiff

FAMILY DIVISION

vs.

Defendant

No. FD _____

Code: Protection From Abuse

Deft. Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Deft. Social Security Number: ____ / ____ / ____ - ____ / ____ - ____ / ____ / ____

TEMPORARY PROTECTION FROM ABUSE ORDER

Name(s) of All Protected Persons, including Plaintiff and minor children:

AND NOW, this _____ day of _____, 200_____, upon consideration of the attached Petition for Protection from Abuse, the court hereby enters the following Temporary Order:

A FINAL HEARING FOR THE PLAINTIFF AND DEFENDANT WILL BE HELD

on the _____ day of _____, 200_____, at **9:00 A.M.**
Check-In at **ROOM 3030**, 3rd Floor, Family Court Building, 440 Ross Street, Pittsburgh, PA

PENDING THE FINAL HEARING, IT IS ORDERED:

- 1.) Defendant shall not abuse, harass, stalk or threaten any of the above persons in any place where they might be found.
- 2.) Defendant shall be evicted and excluded from the residence at:

OR any other permanent or temporary residence where Plaintiff or any other person protected under this order may live. Plaintiff is granted exclusive possession of the residence. Defendant shall have no right or privilege to enter or be present on the premises of Plaintiff or any other person protected under this order. **IF FOR ANY REASON DEFENDANT RETURNS TO PLAINTIFF’S RESIDENCE WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE COURT, DEFENDANT SHALL BE ARRESTED ON THE CHARGE OF INDIRECT CRIMINAL CONTEMPT.**

- 3.) Except as may be provided in Paragraph 5 of this order, Defendant is prohibited from the **SCHOOL, DAYCARE, BUSINESS, or PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT** of the Plaintiff, or any other person protected under this order.
- 4.) Except as may be provided in Paragraph 5 of this order, Defendant shall not contact Plaintiff, or any other person protected under this Order, either directly or indirectly, by telephone or by any other means, including through third persons.

5.) **CUSTODY:**

A. **_____ THERE IS A CURRENT CUSTODY ORDER AS TO THE CHILD(REN) OF THE PARTIES.**

Date of Custody Order: _____ Docket No.: _____ County: _____

_____ **THIS PFA ORDER SHALL NOT SUPERSEDE THE CURRENT CUSTODY ORDER.**

The parties shall follow the existing custody order, subject to the conditions and limitations regarding contact or custody exchanges, if set forth below.

OR

_____ **THIS PFA ORDER SUPERSEDES ANY PRIOR ORDER RELATING TO CHILD CUSTODY.**

Any prior orders regarding custody are temporarily suspended pending the Final PFA hearing.

B. **_____ PENDING THE FINAL PFA HEARING, ALL CONTACT BETWEEN DEFENDANT AND THE MINOR CHILD(REN) and/or PLAINTIFF SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:**

- ___ - No contact with the minor child(ren) pending the Final PFA Hearing.
- ___ - Minor child(ren) may initiate telephone calls to Defendant.
- ___ - Defendant is permitted to call and have reasonable telephone contact with child(ren).
- ___ - Supervised visitation under the conditions set forth below.
- ___ - Visitation / partial custody with the minor child(ren) only at the times and dates approved by Plaintiff.
- ___ - Defendant may have a third party contact Plaintiff, only to arrange visitation.

Other: _____

Exchange locations and conditions: _____

C. **_____ PENDING THE FINAL PFA HEARING, PLAINTIFF IS AWARDED TEMPORARY CUSTODY OF THE FOLLOWING MINOR CHILDREN:**

The local law enforcement agency in the jurisdiction where the child(ren) are located shall ensure that the child(ren) are placed in the care and control of the Plaintiff in accordance with the terms of this order.

6. **FIREARMS, OTHER WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION RESTRICTIONS:** (Check all that apply)

_____ **DEFENDANT IS PROHIBITED FROM POSSESSING, TRANSFERRING OR ACQUIRING ANY FIREARMS OR OTHER WEAPONS FOR THE DURATION OF THIS ORDER.**

_____ Defendant shall **RELINQUISH** to the sheriff, or a designated local law enforcement agency for delivery to the sheriff, ANY and ALL items checked below and all items listed in "Attachment A" (Attached as "Temporary Order – Page 4"), which is incorporated herein by references.

- ___ - firearms licenses owned or possessed by Defendant
- ___ - firearms, other weapons or ammunition

Defendant may relinquish firearms, other weapons and ammunition to the sheriff or a designated law enforcement agency for delivery to the sheriff. As an alternative, Defendant may relinquish firearms, other weapons and ammunition to a third party, provided Defendant and the third party first comply with all the requirements to obtain a safekeeping permit. Defendant must relinquish any firearm, other weapon, ammunition or firearm license ordered to be relinquished no later than 24 hours after service of this order. If, due to their current location, firearms, other weapons or ammunition cannot reasonably be retrieved within the time for relinquishment, Defendant shall provide to the sheriff an affidavit listing the firearms, other weapons or ammunition and their current location no later than 24 hours after service of this 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.A. §6105.

7.) ADDITIONAL RELIEF: _____

8.) THIS ORDER SUPERSEDES ANY PRIOR PROTECTION FROM ABUSE ORDER OBTAINED BY THE SAME PLAINTIFF AGAINST THE SAME DEFENDANT..

9.) THIS ORDER APPLIES IMMEDIATELY TO DEFENDANT AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL THE FINAL HEARING DATE OR UNTIL OTHERWISE MODIFIED OR TERMINATED BY THIS COURT AFTER NOTICE AND HEARING.

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT

Defendant is hereby notified that violation of this order may result in arrest for indirect criminal contempt, which is punishable by a fine of up to \$1000 and/or up to six months in jail. 23 Pa.C.S. § 6114. Consent of Plaintiff to Defendant's return to the residence shall NOT invalidate this order, which can only be changed or modified through the filing of appropriate court papers for that purpose. 23 Pa.C.S. § 6108(g). If Defendant is required to relinquish any firearms, other weapons or ammunition or any firearm license, those items must be relinquished to the sheriff within 24 hours of the service of this order. As an alternative, Defendant may relinquish any firearm, other weapon or ammunition listed herein to a third party, provided Defendant and third party first comply with all requirements to obtain a safekeeping permit. If, due to their current location, firearms, other weapons or ammunition cannot reasonably be retrieved within the time for relinquishment, Defendant shall provide an affidavit to the sheriff listing the firearms, other weapons or ammunition and their current location no later than 24 hours after service of this order. Defendant is further notified that violation of this order may subject him/her to state charges and penalties under the Pennsylvania Crimes Code and to federal charges and penalties under the Violence Against Women Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 2261-2262.

NOTICE TO SHERIFF, POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS

This order shall be enforced by the police department or sheriff who has jurisdiction over Plaintiff's residence **OR** any location where a violation of this order occurs **OR** where Defendant may be located. If Defendant violates Paragraphs 1 through 7 of this order, Defendant shall be arrested on the charge of Indirect Criminal Contempt. An arrest for violation of this order may be made without warrant, based solely on probable cause, whether or not the violation is committed in the presence of a police officer or sheriff.

Subsequent to an arrest, the law enforcement officer or sheriff **SHALL SEIZE ALL FIREARMS, OTHER WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION** in Defendant's possession which were used or threatened to be used during the violation of the protection order or during prior incidents of abuse and any other firearms in Defendant's possession. . Any firearm, other weapons, ammunition or any firearm license must be delivered to the sheriff's office of the county which issued this order, which office shall maintain possession of the firearms, other weapons and ammunition until further order of this court, unless the weapon(s) are evidence of a crime, in which case, they shall remain with the law enforcement agency whose officer or sheriff made the arrest.

When the DEFENDANT is placed under arrest for violation of this Order, the DEFENDANT shall be taken by the police to the presiding Magisterial District Judge in the area where the violation occurred **OR** to the County Night Court.

A "**COMPLAINT FOR INDIRECT CRIMINAL CONTEMPT**" shall then be completed and signed by the police officer, sheriff **OR** the Plaintiff. Plaintiff's presence and signature are **NOT** required to file the complaint. If sufficient grounds for violation of the Order are alleged, the DEFENDANT shall be arraigned, bond set, and both parties given notice of the final hearing date.

BY THE COURT:

_____ **J.**

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
FAMILY DIVISION

_____, No. FD _____
Plaintiff,
vs.
_____,
Defendant.

PETITIONER’S ATTACHMENT ‘A’
FIREARMS, OTHER WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION INVENTORY

I, _____, Plaintiff in this Protection from Abuse Action, hereby request that the court order Defendant to relinquish the following firearms, other weapons, ammunition and firearm licenses to the Sheriff or a designated local law enforcement agency for delivery to the Sheriff’s Office:

_____ Any and all firearms the Defendant may own or have in his/her possession.

_____ The following specific firearms and other weapons:

- 1. _____ 4. _____
- 2. _____ 5. _____
- 3. _____ 6. _____

_____ Any and all Firearms license(s)
_____ Ammunition

I believe the above items are located at: *(list all relevant addresses or locations where they may be found)*

Phone number(s) for Defendant: _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

Notice: This attachment will be withheld from public inspection in accordance with 23 Pa.C.S.A. §6108 (a)(7)(v).