

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

VSO Case Number
23-9667

IN RE: PETITION FOR RISK PROTECTION ORDER
AGAINST *{Name of Respondent}* _____

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF VOLUSIA

I, *{full legal name}* Deputy M. Bartzter, in my position as *{job title}* Deputy Sheriff with the *{name of law enforcement officer/agency}* Volusia Sheriffs Office, swear and affirm that the following facts are true and correct.

1. *{Name of Respondent}* _____ poses a significant danger of causing personal injury to himself/herself or others by having a firearm or any ammunition in his/her custody or control or by purchasing, possessing or receiving a firearm or any ammunition. The following specific statements, actions, or facts give rise to a reasonable fear of significant dangerous acts by the respondent:

BWC RECORDING
On 05/20/2023 at approximately 0525 hours, Deputy Bartzter responded to _____ Orange City in reference to an attempted suicide. Central Dispatch advised the male in question attempted to shoot himself but was now armed with kitchen knives.

2 Additional pages are attached.

2. *{Name of Witness}* _____ provided the following information based on his/her personal knowledge:

Please see information provided in section 1 for _____'s statement in official police report.

_____ Additional pages are attached.

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Deputies arrived quickly in the area and made contact with the wife of the suicidal person, _____ (RI), outside of the residence. _____ advised the following: She was unsure what triggered her husband, _____ to begin stating he did not wish to live anymore and enter the backyard with a loaded 9 millimeter pistol. _____ fired one shot, which _____ believed was an attempt to harm himself, however, he missed. After the shot was fired, _____ went inside the residence and armed himself with a knife. At this time, _____ was able to take the firearm and hide it from _____. At this point, _____ removed herself from the residence and made contact with deputies who assumed the scene. It should be noted, _____ is a veteran who suffers from PTSD and schizophrenia and seeks help from the VA. _____ has been baker acted several times, with the last time being approximately one month ago.

Deputies maintained their distance and located _____ pacing in and out of the residence, armed with a knife. After an approximate thirty minute negotiation to plead with _____ to surrender to deputies, _____ agreed for deputies to take him into custody, which occurred without incident.

Based on the statements provided, coupled with the observations on scene, Deputy Bartzter determined without proper care or treatment _____ was likely to suffer great bodily harm to himself. Subsequently, _____ was placed into protective custody under the Baker Act and transported to Stewart Marchman in Daytona Beach for further evaluation.

On 05/21/2023, at approximately 1515 hours, Deputy Bartzter responded to the location of incident in order to conduct a follow up investigation. Deputy Bartzter made contact with _____ who advised the following: _____ clarified that _____ has never been baker acted by law enforcement and has sought help voluntarily two times previously. _____ only has one firearm in the residence that stays in her purse. When _____ sleeps, her purse is near her so she can feel if _____ is trying to look through her purse. _____ woke up around 0400 hours to use the restroom and believed _____ was up getting ready for work. After coming back from the restroom she did not think anything was going on and went back to bed. She believes approximately 20-30 minutes later is when she woke up to hearing one single shot. _____ checked on her kids prior to going to the backyard and seeing _____ slumped over. _____ pleaded for the firearm since _____ was still holding it and was ultimately successful with retrieving it. Deputy Bartzter observed one spent 9mm shell that _____ located in the backyard of the residence near the porch. There were no signs of any bullet strikes. _____ informed Deputy Bartzter she is extremely concerned for her

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husbands well being and hopes he receives long term treatment for his suicidal tendencies. Additionally, other than a suicide attempt last month, [REDACTED] has been "fine" for seven years. [REDACTED] confirmed the only firearm that was in the residence on the night of the incident has since been removed and is being secured in a safe place.

3. Affiant is is not aware of any existing protection order governing the respondent under any applicable statute.

_____ Known protection orders are attached

4. The quantities, types, and locations of all firearms and ammunition the petitioner believes to be in the respondent's current ownership, possession, custody or control are as follows:

Quantity _____	Type _____	Location _____
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Quantity _____	Type _____	Location _____
Quantity _____	Type _____	Location _____
Quantity _____	Type _____	Location _____
Quantity _____	Type _____	Location _____

_____ Additional pages are attached.

AFFIANT HEREBY CERTIFIES UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE STATEMENTS AND FACTS IN THIS AFFIDAVIT AND IN ANY ATTACHMENTS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Dated: 05/21/2023 Signature of Affiant: Rep. Bartzler

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this 21 day of May, 2023, by Dep. Bartzler
Affiant's name

JELM / 9417
Signature of Attesting LEO Witness

D/S Bernard
Print name of Attesting LEO Witness

OR

Signature of Notary Public

(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

Personally known or Produced Identification

(Type of Identification Produced)