

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

IN RE: PETITION FOR RISK PROTECTION ORDER
AGAINST {Name of Respondent} [REDACTED]

VSO Case Number
VP240027067

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF VOLUSIA

I, {full legal name} SHAUN HINSON, in my position as {job title} DEPUTY SHERIFF with the {name of law enforcement officer/agency} VOLUSIA SHERIFF'S OFFICE, swear and affirm that the following facts are true and correct.

1. {Name of Respondent} [REDACTED] 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:

On December 20, 2024, VSO Communications received a call from [REDACTED] who stated her brother, [REDACTED] attempted to shoot himself under their carport. She told the call taker [REDACTED] fired the gun, but there were no reported injuries. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] reside together at [REDACTED] Ormond Beach.

Upon deputies' arrival to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was crying while lying

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2. {Name of Witness} [REDACTED] provided the following information based on his/her personal knowledge:

[REDACTED] is [REDACTED]'s sister. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] reside together at [REDACTED] Ormond Beach, FL. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] has been depressed and heartbroken for the last two days because women he's been talking to online have scammed him out of money. On 12/20/24, [REDACTED] was crying as they ate dinner together. After dinner, [REDACTED] grabbed his gun, told [REDACTED] goodbye, and walked out of their shared residence. [REDACTED] saw [REDACTED] with the gun to his head in the carport,

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face-down on the front porch of the residence. [REDACTED] immediately admitted to Deputy Laventure he wanted to die and further shared he tried to shoot himself. When Deputy Laventure asked [REDACTED] why he wanted to die, he replied because he was "old" and had nothing to live for. Volusia County Fire Rescue responded to evaluate [REDACTED] for any injuries.

Deputy Laventure then spoke with [REDACTED]'s sister, [REDACTED] who advised the following:

[REDACTED] has been talking to women online who have been scamming him. He's been scammed twice over the last few months, and he has provided a lot of money to the scammers. She described [REDACTED] as "heartbroken." [REDACTED] cried throughout dinner, just prior to law enforcement's arrival on scene. After dinner, [REDACTED] stood up from the table, retrieved his firearm, and walked outside, telling his sisters "goodbye." [REDACTED] walked out to the carport, towards his truck (a white GMC pickup truck bearing [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] followed him outside. [REDACTED] had the gun up to his head and was about to pull the trigger when [REDACTED] pushed the gun away from him. [REDACTED] fired the gun, while [REDACTED] was in close proximity to him, and the bullet traveled upwards into the roof of their carport. [REDACTED] was able to take the gun from [REDACTED] and secure it in her bedroom prior to contacting law enforcement.

After [REDACTED] contacted law enforcement, [REDACTED] became aggressive and agitated, and he pushed down their other sister, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was uninjured, but she was on the ground when deputies arrived. [REDACTED]'s story was consistent with [REDACTED]'s, but [REDACTED] also shared [REDACTED] contacted his two children by phone and told them goodbye, with the intention of ending his life.

[REDACTED] provided a sworn written statement, detailing her involvement and observations in the incident. Based on the aforementioned facts, [REDACTED] was taken into custody under a law enforcement Baker Act. Baker Act paperwork was completed, and [REDACTED] was transported to Halifax Hospital, where he was turned over to hospital staff.

Also based on the above circumstances, to include [REDACTED] discharging his firearm in an unsafe manner within arms' reach of [REDACTED] and pushing down [REDACTED], firearm and ammunition were seized under the Baker Act. Without care or treatment, [REDACTED] will cause serious bodily harm to himself in the near future, as evidenced by recent behavior, and [REDACTED] has shown violence towards others, namely [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

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RPO paperwork was completed and forwarded to the appropriate personnel. [REDACTED]'s firearm, a [REDACTED] handgun, one magazine, and nine (9) rounds of .380 ammunition were submitted to the District 3 North evidence lockers.

[REDACTED] was provided a "Risk Protection Order Notification" form with a copy of community-based assistance programs and contact phone numbers attached. She was also provided a copy of the Volusia Sheriff's Office RPO/Baker Act Firearms and Ammunition Receipt.

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and she walked up to him and pushed the gun away from his head as he pulled the trigger. [REDACTED] fired the gun into the roof of the carport. [REDACTED] was able to retrieve the gun from [REDACTED] as he fell to the ground. [REDACTED] then began crying again, stating he didn't want to live. [REDACTED] later learned [REDACTED] also contacting his children just prior to attempting suicide to tell his children goodbye.

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

0 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:

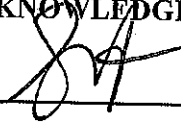
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AFFIANT HEREBY CERTIFIES UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE STATEMENTS AND FACTS IN THIS AFFIDAVIT AND IN ANY ATTACHMENTS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Dated: 12/23/2024

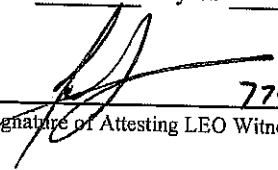
Signature of Affiant:

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Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization,

this 23 day of December, 2024, by SHAUN HINSON

Affiant's name

 7748
Signature of Attesting LEO Witness

SGT. CORDELL LEMAY

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)