

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} _____

VSO Case Number
240003291

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF VOLUSIA

I, {full legal name} _____ Brian Howard _____, in my position as {job title} _____ Detective _____ 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} _____ 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 February 13th, 2024, TFO Howard participated in the execution of a federal search warrant sworn out by Special Agent _____ with the FBI at _____ Deland. The federal search warrant was signed by United States Magistrate Judge Robert M. Norway on February 13th, 2024.

_____ 3 Additional pages are attached.

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

_____ Additional pages are attached.

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During the execution of the search warrant of the residence, TFO Howard was present with several other agents as [REDACTED] (D1) was interviewed. The interview was done post Miranda in the presence of his father [REDACTED]. During the interview [REDACTED] was questioned in reference to the FBI investigation. [REDACTED] advised he has experimented at his family's residence with mixing compounds (powdered sugar and stump remover granular) in an attempt to make a fuel substance (Rocket fuel) for curiosity and for future use in a rocket experiment. [REDACTED] was asked numerous times by Special Agents and TFO Howard if there were any completed explosive devices at the residence or anywhere on the property, which he advised no. While the interview was being conducted [REDACTED] was presented with some of the facts and concerns in reference to [REDACTED] online activity, which prompted [REDACTED] to ask his [REDACTED] if he was being truthful with law enforcement, as [REDACTED] began crying and continued to advise he did not have any explosive devices at the residence.

During the investigation TFO Howard spoke with both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] separately. Both parents advised [REDACTED] is known to experiment with making things with his 3D printer and has mixed substances in the past in attempt to make a rocket fuel. They both separately informed law enforcement they were unaware of any explosive devices on their property or inside their residence.

During the search of the residence the following items were located;

Item 1: Located in the garage to the home; is described as a suspected Destructive Device consisting of a shot length of rigid plastic which appears to have been 3D printed. The container has a screw top and contained a suspected pyrotechnic powder weighing approximately 9 grams. The container was fused at one end utilizing a suspected green pyrotechnic fuse inserted through a hole and secured with an adhesive.

Item 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6: located in the kitchen area of the home on top of a tool box. The items were gathered together in the same location.

Item 2: a rigid plastic container which appears to have been 3D printed containing a quantity of metal spheres suspected to be steel shot, commonly associated with shotgun ammunition

Item 3: a rigid plastic container which appears to have been 3D printed containing a length of metal tube and 308 bearings

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Item 4: a rigid plastic container which appears to have been 3D printed containing approximately 9 grams of a suspected pyrotechnic powder

Item 5: a length of green pyrotechnic fuse consistent with that utilized in item 1

Item 6: a rifle shell casing with intact primer containing a quantity of suspected pyrotechnic powder

Items 2-6, due to their proximity to one another and individual components are suspected to be a combination of parts which when assembled would be a Destructive Device

Based on the examination of the above items by ATF Special Agent Bomb Tech _____ of the Orlando Division, it was determined the items were in violation of Florida State Statute 790.161 (a person who willfully and unlawfully makes, possesses or attempts to make or possess any destructive device). Additionally Florida State Statute defines a "destructive device" as any bomb, grenade, mine, rocket, missile, pipe bomb or similar device containing an explosive, incendiary, or poison gas and includes any frangible container filled with an explosive, incendiary, explosive gas or expanding gas, which is designed or so constructed as to explode by such filler and is capable of causing bodily harm or property damage; any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into a destructive device and from which a destructive device may be readily available.

At the completion of the FBI Search warrant _____ was taken into custody and charged accordingly in reference to the above charges _____ was later transported to the Family Resource Center for processing.

Based on the above circumstances and the online threats by Respondent, (the specific threats are currently sealed as part of an ongoing investigation) there is reason to believe that Respondent poses a significant danger of injury to himself or others by having in his control, or by purchasing, possessing, or receiving, a firearm or ammunition.

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 _____

_____ 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: 02/14/2024

Signature of Affiant: _____

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

this 14 day of February, 2024, by Detective Brian Howard #8062

Affiant's name

Signature of Attesting LEO Witness

Detective Daniel Smith #8182

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)