

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  
VP240007339

**AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF VOLUSIA

I, {full legal name} TAYLOR MATTHEW WHITE, 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 04/01/2024, at approximately 1857 hours, Deputies Gonzalez and Galarza responded to the intersection of S Spring Garden Av/W Euclid Av, Deland in reference to a report of a disturbance complaint. Prior to arrival, central dispatch advised responding deputies a white male wearing a gray shirt and blue jeans was running into oncoming

2 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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traffic.

Upon arrival, deputies observed a white male and a female in a verbal altercation. The white male was later identified as \_\_\_\_\_ (V1), as he approached Deputy Galarza he was belligerent and a strong odor of alcoholic beverage was emitting from his mouth. \_\_\_\_\_ demanded Deputy Galarza place him under the Baker Act since he needs help and was a intoxicated. Due to officer safety, \_\_\_\_\_'s high level of intoxication, and the above information given by central dispatch of \_\_\_\_\_ stepping into on-coming traffic, Deputy Galarza secured \_\_\_\_\_ in handcuffs and escorted him to the front of Deputy Galarza's patrol vehicle. Once there, \_\_\_\_\_ violently struck the hood of Deputy Galarza's brand new patrol vehicle with his head several times. Deputies restrained \_\_\_\_\_ and escorted him to the rear passenger side of the patrol vehicle in which deputies were going to place him in the back of the patrol vehicle. Deputies then observed \_\_\_\_\_ was going to strike the passenger side of the patrol vehicle with his head due to him moving his head back and then forward. Deputies gently escorted \_\_\_\_\_ to the ground in order to prevent him from continuing to strike the patrol vehicle with his head. \_\_\_\_\_ did not sustain any injuries as a result of deputies gently taking \_\_\_\_\_ to the ground. The injuries to \_\_\_\_\_ were preexisting prior to the arrival of law enforcement.

It shall be noted, Sgt. Medina responded to the scene to document the damage to the front of Deputy Galarza's patrol vehicle. The watch commander, Lt. Calkins, was also on scene.

Deputies made contact with \_\_\_\_\_ (OI), who said the following: She has known \_\_\_\_\_ for several months and does not know of any potential narcotics \_\_\_\_\_ could be on but advised he is a heavy drinker. \_\_\_\_\_ said she was attempting to pull \_\_\_\_\_ out of oncoming traffic and onto the sidewalk for his safety. \_\_\_\_\_ advised \_\_\_\_\_ used her knife to cut his wrists in which deputies observed fresh abrasions to \_\_\_\_\_'s wrists. Medical personal arrived on scene to treat \_\_\_\_\_ for his injuries. \_\_\_\_\_ advised deputies \_\_\_\_\_ had been "raped" and he wanted to protect her. Deputy Galarza made contact with \_\_\_\_\_ who said she was "raped" and had reported the incident to law enforcement (see Deland Police case number DL240001876 for further details).

Based on the above information, the self-inflicted injuries, Deputy Gonzalez determined without treatment and care, there was a significant likelihood \_\_\_\_\_ could cause serious bodily harm to himself and others, as evident by recent behavior and actions. \_\_\_\_\_ was placed under the protective custody of Baker Act and later transported to Halifax Hospital without further incident.

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On April 1, 2024 at approximately 1901 hours, Deputy White responded to the intersection of S Spring Garden Av/ W Euclid Av., DeLand in reference to a disturbance. Upon arrival, Deputy White assisted Deputy Galarza by placing [REDACTED] (V1) into Deputy Galarza's marked patrol vehicle. It should be noted [REDACTED] was being taken into protective custody under the Baker Act Statute (refer to Deputy Galarza's original report for further information). Due to [REDACTED]'s erratic and harmful behavior, he was subsequently placed into Deputy White's marked patrol vehicle. Deputies also placed a hobble, chest restraint and spit hood on [REDACTED] due to his behavior. [REDACTED] was later transported to Halifax Hospital, located in Daytona Beach for further medical assistance.

While [REDACTED] was receiving medical assistance, he asked Deputy Mechtel (8262) if he could borrow his Volusia Sheriff's Office agency issued weapon to "blow" his brain's out. [REDACTED] also stated his girlfriend [REDACTED] was raped and he was going to kill "Gary" for doing it. When Deputy White asked [REDACTED] more about "Gary", he could only state he is a white male, approximately in his forties and a slim build. [REDACTED] further stated himself and Gary reside in a transient camp at the intersection of Marsh Rd/ E International Speedway., DeLand. When Deputy White asked [REDACTED] what type of firearm he has, he could only state it is a black Beretta 9MM pistol. The pistol also is buried eight feet deep underneath his tent. [REDACTED] could provided no further information in reference to the incident.

Deputies were unable to canvass the area for the weapon at this time.

Due to the fact [REDACTED] made statements about harming himself and others with a firearm, Deputy White completed a Risk Protection Order against [REDACTED]

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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\_\_\_\_\_ 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: 04/02/2024

Signature of Affiant: \_\_\_\_\_

*[Signature]* #9087

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

this 2 day of April, 2025, by DEPUTY T. WHITE 9087

Affiant's name

*[Signature]*

Signature of Attesting LEO Witness

*Williams, Cody 9616*

Print name of Attesting LEO Witness

OR

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary Public

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

Personally known or Produced Identification

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(Type of Identification Produced)