

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

VOLUSIA SHERIFF'S OFFICE,  
Petitioner

v.

Case No.: 250005570

Division: PATROL

VSO Case Number 250005570
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[REDACTED],  
Respondent

**PETITION FOR TEMPORARY EX PARTE RISK PROTECTION ORDER  
AND RISK PROTECTION ORDER**

**SECTION I. PETITIONER**

1. Petitioner's full legal name or name of petitioning agency: VOLUSIA SHERIFF'S OFFICE
2. Petitioner's law enforcement office/agency is located at *{street address, city, state, and zip code}*:  
123 W. Indiana Av., Deland 32724

**SECTION II. RESPONDENT**

1. Respondent's full legal name: [REDACTED]
2. Respondent's current address: *{street address, city, state, and zip code}*:  
[REDACTED] Deltona 32738
3. Physical description of Respondent:  
Race: W Sex: Male ☒ Female ☐ Date of Birth: [REDACTED]  
Height: 5'08 Weight: 150 Eye Color: BLUE Hair Color: BLONDE
4. Distinguishing marks or scars: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Vehicle *{make/model}*: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Tag Number: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Other names Respondent goes by *{aliases or nicknames}*: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Respondent's email address *{if known}*: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Respondent's Driver's License number *{if known}*: [REDACTED]
9. Respondent's attorney's name, address, and telephone number *{if known}*: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### SECTION III. BASIS FOR PETITION

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In support of this Petition the undersigned Law Enforcement Officer/Agency alleges:

1. 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.
2. A sworn affidavit alleging specific statements, actions, or facts based on personal knowledge that give rise to a reasonable fear of significant dangerous acts by the Respondent is attached to this petition and incorporated by reference.
3. The attached sworn affidavit includes a list of the quantities, types, and locations of all firearms and ammunition believed to be in the Respondent's ownership, possession, custody, or control.
4. Respondent poses a significant danger of injury to himself/herself or others by having in his/her control, or by purchasing, possessing, or receiving, a firearm or ammunition.

☒ **[Required for Temporary Ex Parte Risk Protection Order]** Respondent poses this significant risk of injury in the near future.

5. Relevant evidence for the Court's consideration is detailed in the attached affidavit and shows that the Respondent:

- ☒ was involved in a recent act or threat of violence against himself/herself or others;
- ☐ engaged in an act or threat of violence; including but not limited to acts or threats of violence against himself/herself; within the past 12 months;
- ☒ is seriously mentally ill or has recurring mental health issues;
- ☐ has violated a risk protection order or no contact order issued under sections 741.30, 784.046, or 784.0485, Fla. Stat.;
- ☐ is the subject of a previous or existing risk protection order;
- ☐ has violated a previous or existing risk protection order;
- ☐ has been convicted of, had adjudication withheld on, or pled *nolo contendere* in Florida or in any other state to a crime that constitutes domestic violence as defined in s. 741.28, Fla. Stat.;
- ☒ has used, or threatened to use, against himself/herself or others, any weapons;
- ☐ has unlawfully or recklessly used, displayed or brandished a firearm;
- ☐ has used or threatened to use on a recurring basis physical force against another person or has stalked another person;
- ☐ has been arrested for, convicted of, had adjudication withheld, or pled *nolo contendere* to a crime involving violence or a threat of violence in Florida or in any other state;
- ☐ has abused or is abusing controlled substances or alcohol;
- ☐ has recently acquired firearms or ammunition;
- ☐ other (Additional relevant information may be attached).

#### SECTION IV. NOTICE

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X Petitioner has made a good faith effort to provide notice to a family or household member of the Respondent and to any known third party who may be at risk of violence in compliance with s. 790.401(2)(f), Fla.Stat.

       Petitioner will take the following steps to provide notice as required by s. 790.401(2)(f), Fla.Stat.

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#### SECTION V. RISK PROTECTION ORDERS

For the foregoing reasons, petitioner requests the Court to enter:

X A **TEMPORARY EX PARTE RISK PROTECTION ORDER** in this matter requiring Respondent to:

1. Immediately surrender all firearms and ammunition in his or her custody, control, or possession and any license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm to the *{name of law enforcement agency}*;  

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2. Not have in his/her custody, control, or possession any firearm or ammunition while this order is in effect;
3. Not purchase, possess, receive, or attempt to purchase or receive, a firearm or ammunition while this order is in effect; and
4. Abide by any other lawful relief the Court may order.

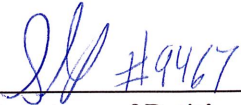
Petitioner further requests this Court to schedule a Hearing for a Risk Protection Order to be held within 14 days.

X A **RISK PROTECTION ORDER** in this matter requiring Respondent to:

1. Immediately surrender all firearms and ammunition in his or her custody, control, or possession and any license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm to the *{name of law enforcement agency}*;  
VOLUSIA SHERIFF'S OFFICE
2. Not have in his/her custody, control, or possession any firearm or ammunition while this order is in effect;
3. Not purchase, possess, receive, or attempt to purchase or receive, a firearm or ammunition while this order is in effect; and
4. Abide by any other lawful relief the Court may order.

Petitioner requests the Risk Protection Order to remain in effect for a period the Court deems appropriate, up to and including but not exceeding 12 months.

Respectfully submitted this 20 day of MARCH, 2025.

  
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**Signature of Petitioner**

VOLUSIA SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
Law Enforcement Agency

123 W. Indiana Av., Deland, Florida  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Service Address

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IN RE: PETITION FOR RISK PROTECTION ORDER  
AGAINST {Name of Respondent} \_\_\_\_\_

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**AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF VOLUSIA

I, {full legal name} DEPUTY STEWART GRIDWOOD, 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} \_\_\_\_\_ 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 03/20/2025, at approximately 0111 hours, Deputy Girdwood responded to \_\_\_\_\_ Deltona, in reference to a suicidal person. Upon arrival, Deputy Girdwood made contact with the reporting party, \_\_\_\_\_ (R1), who advised the following:

2 Additional pages are attached.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ stated \_\_\_\_\_ destroyed her house and wrote things like "REDRUM" and "This isn't going to end well" on her dishes. \_\_\_\_\_ has was diagnosed with schizophrenia and psychosis recently. \_\_\_\_\_ owns two firearms that she keeps in the living room that \_\_\_\_\_ can access. \_\_\_\_\_ also stated that \_\_\_\_\_ said he wanted to die and that he did not want to live anymore. \_\_\_\_\_ stated she is removing the guns from her home because she does not feel safe with them in the home.

\_\_\_\_\_ Additional pages are attached.

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	_____ 2	Type	_____ HANDGUNS	Location	_____ IN THE RESIDENCE
Quantity	_____	Type	_____	Location	_____
Quantity	_____	Type	_____	Location	_____
Quantity	_____	Type	_____	Location	_____
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Quantity	_____	Type	_____	Location	_____

\_\_\_\_\_ Additional pages are attached.

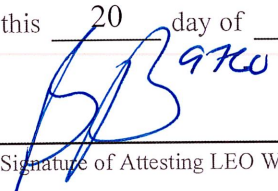
**AFFIANT HEREBY CERTIFIES UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE STATEMENTS AND FACTS IN THIS AFFIDAVIT AND IN ANY ATTACHMENTS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.**

Dated: 03/20/2025 Signature of Affiant:  #9467

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

this 20 day of March, 2025, by Stewart Girdwood

Affiant's name

  
Signature of Attesting LEO Witness

Bri Hney Ba Hista  
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)

**AFFIDAVIT CONTINUATION**

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[REDACTED] stated she is currently the guardian of [REDACTED] (V1), who she refers to as her son. [REDACTED] stated this evening [REDACTED] had a mental crisis and began to draw on the walls of the residence with permanent markers. [REDACTED] explained [REDACTED] was drawing penis's and "REDRUM" on all of the walls and on multiple items in the residence. [REDACTED] further explained that [REDACTED] informed her that he was going to shoot himself in the arm, in hopes to receive pain medicine. [REDACTED] also stated [REDACTED] no longer wanted to live and that he wanted to die. [REDACTED] also made deputies aware that [REDACTED] locked all the doors so no one could get in or out and even put tape over the door handle to the front door. [REDACTED] stated at that point she removed the tape from the front door and left the residence as [REDACTED] watched her. [REDACTED] did not try to keep [REDACTED] in the house and had no intent to falsely imprison her. [REDACTED] made deputies aware that [REDACTED] does not currently possess any firearms but does have access to two of them, due to knowing where they are located. [REDACTED] also informed Deputies that [REDACTED] was just recently diagnosed with schizophrenia and psychosis back in December. [REDACTED] stated when she asked [REDACTED] why he was acting this way, he informed her that "tonight would not end well" making her fear that he was going to either harm himself or potentially light the house on fire, due to [REDACTED] lighting several candles as she was exiting the residence. Due to [REDACTED] being suicidal and having access to firearms, Deputy Girdwood made contact with him by the phone. During the phone call, [REDACTED] advised that he did not need help and that he was planning on going back to bed. [REDACTED] explained that he had slept all day, and that when he woke up, he was exercising his beliefs. When asking [REDACTED] what beliefs he was exercising, he advised he was drawing penises and the word "REDRUM" on the walls with marker. [REDACTED] also advised that he had recently been seeing three (3) different doctors for psychosis and that he was not given any medication. [REDACTED] however further explained that he has not been back to see any of the doctors due to not liking the facilities he was sent to. [REDACTED] was also asked why he was lighting candles in the residence, in which he replied that he and [REDACTED] have several hundred candles in their house and that he has a interest in fire. When questioning [REDACTED] more about his interest in fire, he advised that he likes to light fires and has a fire pit for such. Deputy Girdwood attempted to have [REDACTED] step out of the house to make contact with Deputies in person, in which he denied to several times. After conversing with [REDACTED] more, Deputy Girdwood informed [REDACTED] that Deputies could provide him with someone to speak with, in which he

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which he wished to do so. [REDACTED] was also informed that Deputies were only there to help him and that he was not in any trouble.

[REDACTED] finally agreed to stepping outside of the house to make in contact person with Deputy Prado and Deputy Thomas.

Based upon Deputy Girdwood's investigation, coupled with statements, it was determined [REDACTED] was a risk to himself and others. Without proper care or treatment, there was sufficient likelihood [REDACTED] would suffer from self-harm or have the intentions on harming someone else. [REDACTED] was placed in protective custody under a Baker Act and was later transported to Stewart Marchman without incident for further evaluation.

Due to [REDACTED] having access to firearms located within his residence and the statement he made about wanting to shoot himself, a Risk Protection Order was completed and submitted.

Case Status: Closed