

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} Julie [REDACTED]

VSO Case Number
26-14881

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF VOLUSIA

I, {full legal name} John Berard, 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:

Please see attached pages to this affidavit.

2 Additional pages are attached.

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

[REDACTED] stated he observed [REDACTED] discharge the firearm into the bedroom ceiling while she was intoxicated. See full report for further information.

2 Additional pages are attached.

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BWC RECORDING

MARSY'S LAW INVOKED

On 7/10/2026 at approximately 1430 hours, deputies responded to _____ in Debary in reference to a shooting.

Upon arrival, deputies contacted _____ (W1) who stated his wife _____ (D1) had been drinking alcohol all day and was suicidal. _____ told deputies he was on the phone with _____ while he was on his way home and she seemed intoxicated and distraught, stating she wanted to end her life. _____ advised when he arrived home and entered the residence at the above-mentioned address, he observed _____ holding a handgun to her head stating she was going to kill herself. _____ stated that when he walked away from her because worried _____ was going to shoot him, he heard the firearm discharge. _____ left the residence while _____ remained inside and called 911. _____ completed a sworn written statement detailing the incident.

Deputies collectively contained the residence utilizing a perimeter and awaited additional resources to begin calling _____ out of the residence. Lieutenant Turney contacted _____ on her cell phone and was able to obtain an effective dialogue with her. _____ was observed opening the front door placing a black Glock handgun on the front porch. _____ retreated inside the residence while maintaining a dialogue with Lieutenant Turney. After approximately 14 minutes of talking with _____ via cell phone, _____ exited the residence with her hands up. Deputies held lethal and less lethal coverage on _____ until she was secured in handcuffs and placed in a patrol vehicle without incident. While _____ was walking backward toward the deputies, she appeared to be stumbling and having a hard time walking. Once in contact with _____ Deputy Berard detected the odor of alcohol on her breath along with her slurred speech.

See Lieutenant Turney's supplement for further information reference the phone conversation between him and _____

Deputies cleared the residence along with the mother-in-law suite in the backyard for any potential victims. Once the residence was clear, _____ signed consent to search for deputies' permission to enter and investigate inside the residence. Once inside deputies observed a single bullet hole which was through the ceiling of the bedroom.

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Deputy Berard transported [REDACTED] to the district six office where she was placed in a holding cell. Deputy Berard advised [REDACTED] of her constitutional rights using his agency issued Miranda card. [REDACTED] stated she wanted to speak with Deputy Berard.

Post Miranda, [REDACTED] stated she had been drinking alcohol and became extremely depressed. [REDACTED] told Deputy Berard she just wanted to kill herself by shooting herself in the head. When asked, [REDACTED] stated she retrieved the black Glock 43 handgun and pointed it at her head. [REDACTED] advised when she pulled the trigger and nothing happened, she realized there was no round in the chamber. [REDACTED] stated she put a round in the chamber and pointed the firearm at her head once again. [REDACTED] advised she moved her head and discharged the firearm into the ceiling of the bedroom. After [REDACTED] discharged the firearm, she placed the firearm on the nightstand located inside the bedroom and laid on the bed. [REDACTED] advised she was not aware [REDACTED] was inside the residence while she discharged the firearm. Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stated she did not point the firearm at [REDACTED] and did make any threats to harm him.

Based on the evidence located, along with the post Miranda statement provided by [REDACTED] it was determined that [REDACTED] did in fact wantonly discharge a firearm inside an occupied dwelling. Consequently, [REDACTED] was taken into custody and placed under arrest.

Deputies on scene completed a crime scene log and on-call crime scene was notified and responded to the scene. Crime scene took possession of all evidence and collected a gunshot residue sample from [REDACTED]'s hands. See the evidence technician supplement for further information. Out of an abundance of caution, [REDACTED] was provided with a victim's notification card which he completed. [REDACTED] owned a firearm which was located and collected for risk protection order purposes. A temporary risk protection order was completed.

Deputies conducted an FCIC/NCIC check of the two firearms which yielded negative results. The Glock 43x bearing serial #BNNE736 which was the firearm used during the incident. The Glock 23 Gen 4 bearing serial #BCDZ469 was [REDACTED]'s firearm which was collected for risk protection order purposes.

Case status: Arrest/Adult.

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

No 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	<u>2</u>	Type	<u>Handguns</u>	Location	<u>VSO EVIDENCE</u>
Quantity	<u>2 rounds</u>	Type	<u>ammunition</u>	Location	<u>" "</u>
Quantity		Type		Location	
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N/A 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: 07/10/2026

Signature of Affiant: John Berard #9417

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

this 10 day of July, 2026, by John Berard
Affiant's name

[Signature]
Signature of Attesting LEO Witness

Brandon Cobb
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)