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Criteria For PPO

The petitioner and respondent:

- Are husband and wife and an action for annulment, divorce, or support (is/not) pending
- Were husband and wife
- Reside or resided in the same household
- Have a child in common
- Have or had an intimate dating relationship
- Have some other family relationship
- Are in a stalking situation as defined by:

MCLA 750.411(h)

Sec. 411h. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Course of conduct" means a pattern of conduct composed of a series of **2 or more separate noncontinuous acts evidencing a continuity of purpose.**

(d) "Stalking" means a willful course of conduct involving repeated or continuing harassment of another individual that would cause a reasonable person to feel terrorized, frightened, intimidated, threatened, harassed, or molested, and that actually causes the victim to feel terrorized, frightened, intimidated, threatened, harassed or molested.

Statutory Requirements

- Personal Protection Orders are not for civil matters such as custody and neighbor disputes.
- Petitioner must be at least 18 years old unless accompanied by someone of that age or older who will consent to be petitioner's NEXT FRIEND, preferably a parent.

Forms Available

- This office makes available the proper personal protection forms, provides direction for completing and filing those forms, and offers information on local sources that deal with domestic violence.

Other Requirements

- Parties filing need to present valid picture ID (includes other State driver's license, passport or school identification)
- A signed personal protection order must be served upon the respondent and a proof of that service needs to be filed in the case.

PPO Expiration Date

- Your PPO is only in effect up to the expiration date. This is located near the bottom right of the order in RED. Extensions may be requested for another 6 months, 1-year, or 5-years, the Judge has the final say as to how long an extension will be granted for.

Enforcement Of Order

- If a violation occurs, ***call the police***. A police report is helpful, but not required to pursue a violation of the respondent through the courts. If no arrest is made and you wish to pursue the violation, contact the PPO Office for paperwork to schedule a hearing. The petitioner will need to follow the PPO conditions as well as the respondent. Please note that only the Judge may change the conditions of or dismiss the PPO.

Change Of Address

- Keep the court updated on any address or phone number changes for the duration of the order.

Remember:

- The *processing of the PPO* generally takes 24 to 48 hours. In most cases, the petitioner may expect to return the next business day to pick up the signed order. If the order is not signed, the petitioner will be informed of the reasons for denial.
- The *jurisdiction for PPOs* fall under the Family Division of the Circuit Court.

What to Expect

The following is what happens when you come to the Personal Protection Office to file for a Personal Protection Order:

Front window staff gives out the petition and affidavit with instructions on how to complete.

Front window staff requests and makes a copy of picture ID of Petitioner and next of friend, if required.

Petitioner then completes paperwork and returns it to the front window staff.

Front window staff attaches copy & original picture ID to completed paperwork and places in file for PPO Staff to interview in the order received.

PPO staff, prior to meeting with petitioner, will do a case look-up in the court's computer system and complete as much of the order as possible prior to the interview.

PPO staff meets with the petitioner, answers any questions and explains the petitioner's responsibilities. The PPO staff then completes the Order and notarizes the signature of the petitioner.

PPO staff makes copies of the petition, affidavit and coversheet. Places originals and copies in red folder.

Petitioner takes the red folder with the original and copies to the Clerk's Office to open the case.

Clerk's office opens the case while the petitioner waits. Clerk's office keeps the original cover sheet, affidavit and petition. They then places the copies back in the red folder and give it back to the petitioner.

Petitioner returns the red folder and copies to the front window staff in suite 3500.

PPO staff take the paperwork to the assigned Judge for review.

Once the Judge has made the decision to grant or deny the PPO, it is sent back to the PPO staff.

PPO staff will contact the petitioner by phone as soon as they receive the signed order from the Judge. They will inform petitioner that their order is ready to be picked up and if it has been granted or denied.

After the PPO staff call, if petitioner does not pick up the signed order within 48 hours, unless a specific pick up date is stated by petitioner, the order will be mailed. PPO staff will let petitioner know this will happen if not picked up in 48 hours.

Petitioner must present picture ID when picking up signed PPO.