

# CIVIL COVER SHEET

The civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law. This form is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of reporting judicial workload data pursuant to Florida Statutes 25.075.

**1. Case Style**

Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Case # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Division \_\_\_\_\_

Vs.

Respondent \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Type of case: Place an "X" in one box only. If the case fits more than one type of case, select the most definite.**

Domestic Relations	Torts	Other Civil
<input type="checkbox"/> Simplified Dissolution (SDM) <input type="checkbox"/> Dissolution <input type="checkbox"/> Support IV-D <input type="checkbox"/> Support Non IV-D <input type="checkbox"/> URESA IV-D <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence (DV) <input type="checkbox"/> Repeat Violence/Dating Violence <input type="checkbox"/> Other Domestic Relations	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Malpractice <input type="checkbox"/> Products Liability <input type="checkbox"/> Auto Negligence (AN) <input type="checkbox"/> Other Negligence	<input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Condominium <input type="checkbox"/> Real Property/Mortgage Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Eminent Domain <input type="checkbox"/> Other

**3. Is Jury Trial demanded in Complaint?**

- Yes
- No

**4. Has there been any other domestic violence or litigation with this defendant filed in Santa Rosa County?**

- Yes
- No

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Attorney or Party Initiating Actions

# STALKING

# OFFICE HOURS OF THE SANTA ROSA COUNTY CLERK OF COURT

Monday – Friday

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Domestic/Repeat Violence Injunctions take time to process. Our office closes at 4:30 p.m. Therefore, we ask that you **please bring in your filing by 3:00 p.m.** This will give the Clerk staff time to process and get it to the Judge for Review. You will always get a response to your Petition the day you file it.

**\*\*\*\* PLEASE READ \*\*\*\***

## **Important Instructions**

- 1) Please do not sign or date these forms until you are in front of a Deputy Clerk.
- 2) Please bring photo identification with you when filing (if possible).
- 3) Please do not write in the margins or on the backs of pages. You may add additional pages if necessary.
- 4) Please be sure to write as much information as possible regarding incidents of violence or threats of violence. **You will not be speaking to the Judge.** The Judge's decision will be based solely on what is in your petition.

5) You (the person filing for the injunction) are the **Petitioner**. The person you are filing against is the **Respondent**.

6) You may only file against one Respondent per petition. If filing against multiple people, you will need multiple packets, one for each person you are filing against.

7) If Petitioner or Respondent is a minor, you must file "On Behalf Of" (or OBO) the minor. The following is an example of how you would write the Petitioner or Respondent name:

John Smith OBO Sue Smith, A Minor Child

8) If you are filing "On Behalf Of" a minor child, the information in the petition will be the child's information. If petition asks for Date of Birth, this will be the child's date of birth.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW  
FORM 12.980(t)  
PETITION FOR INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION AGAINST STALKING  
(08/23)**

**When should this form be used?**

If you are a victim of stalking, you can use this form to ask the court for a protective order prohibiting stalking. Stalking means the repeated following, harassment, or cyberstalking of one person by another. Cyberstalk means to engage in a course of conduct to communicate, or to cause to be communicated, words, images, or language by or through the use of electronic mail or electronic communication, directed at a specific person, causing substantial emotional distress to that person and serving no legitimate purpose.

Because you are making a request to the court, you are called the **petitioner**. The person whom you are asking the court to protect you from is called the **respondent**. If you are under the age of eighteen and have never been married or had the disabilities of nonage removed by a court, and are living at home, one of your parents or your legal guardian must sign this petition on your behalf.

The parent or legal guardian of any minor child *who is living at home* may seek an injunction for protection against stalking on behalf of the minor child.

If the respondent is your **spouse**, former spouse, related to you by blood or marriage, living with you now or has lived with you in the past (if you are or were living as a family), or the other parent of your child(ren), whether or not you have ever been married or ever lived together, you may, instead, choose to use the **Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Domestic Violence**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(a), rather than this form.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. You should complete this form (giving as much detail as possible) and sign it in the presence of a notary or in front of the **clerk of the circuit court** in one of the following: the circuit where you currently or temporarily reside; the circuit where the respondent resides; or the circuit where the stalking occurred. The clerk will take your completed petition to a **judge**. You should keep a copy for your records. If you have any questions or need assistance completing this form, the clerk or **family law intake staff** will help you. There is no filing fee for a petition for protection against stalking.

**What should I do if the judge grants my petition?**

If the facts contained in your petition convince the judge that stalking or cyberstalking exists, the judge will sign a **Temporary Injunction for Protection Against Stalking**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(u). A temporary injunction is issued without notice to the respondent. The clerk will give your **petition**, the temporary injunction, and any other papers filed with your petition to the sheriff or other law enforcement officer for **personal service** on the respondent. The temporary injunction will take effect immediately after the respondent is served with a copy of it. It lasts until a **hearing** can be held or for a period of 15 days, whichever comes first.

The court may extend the temporary injunction beyond 15 days for a good reason, which may include failure to obtain **service** on the respondent.

The temporary injunction is issued **ex parte**. This means that the judge has considered only the information presented by one side—YOU. Section I of the temporary injunction gives a date that you should appear in court for a hearing. You will be expected to testify about the facts in your petition. The respondent will be given the

opportunity to testify at this hearing also. At the hearing, the judge will decide whether to issue a **Final Judgment of Injunction for Protection Against Stalking (After Notice)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(v), which will remain in effect for a specific time period or until modified or dissolved by the court. **If either you or the respondent do not appear at the hearing, the temporary injunction may be continued in force, extended, or dismissed, and/or additional orders may be granted, including entry of a permanent injunction and the imposition of court costs. You and the respondent will be bound by the terms of any injunction or order issued at the final hearing.**

**IF EITHER YOU OR THE RESPONDENT DO NOT APPEAR AT THE FINAL HEARING, YOU WILL BOTH BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF ANY INJUNCTION OR ORDER ISSUED IN THIS MATTER.**

If the judge signs a temporary or final injunction, the clerk will provide you with the necessary copies. **Make sure that you keep one certified copy of the injunction with you at all times!**

### **What can I do if the judge denies my petition or does not issue a Temporary Injunction?**

If your petition is denied, you may amend your petition by filing a **Supplemental Affidavit in Support of Petition for Injunction for Protection**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(g). If the only ground for not granting an ex parte temporary injunction is no appearance of immediate and present danger of stalking, the court shall set a full hearing on your petition for injunction at the earliest possible time. The respondent will be notified by **personal service** of your petition and the hearing. You must attend the hearing, present facts, and bring evidence that supports your petition; failure to attend the hearing may result in dismissal of your petition.

### **Where can I look for more information?**

**Before proceeding, you should read General Information for Self-Represented Litigants found at the beginning of these forms.** The words that are in **bold underline** are defined in that section. The clerk of the circuit court or **family law intake staff** will help you complete any necessary forms. For further information, see Section 784.0485, Florida Statutes, and Rule 12.610, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-FILING**

The Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration now require that all petitions, pleadings, and documents be filed electronically except in certain circumstances. **Self-represented litigants may file petitions or other pleadings or documents electronically; however, they are not required to do so.** If you choose to file your pleadings or other documents electronically, you must do so in accordance with Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.525, and you must follow the procedures of the judicial circuit in which you file. **The rules and procedures should be carefully read and followed.**

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-SERVICE ELECTION**

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**SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS MUST SERVE DOCUMENTS BY E-MAIL UNLESS EXCUSED PURSUANT TO FLORIDA RULES OF GENERAL PRACTICE AND JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION 2.516(b)(1)(D).** If a self-represented litigant has been excused from serving documents by e-mail and then elects to serve and receive documents by e-mail, the procedures must always be followed once that election is made.

To serve and receive documents by e-mail, you must designate your e-mail addresses by using the **Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915, and you must provide your e-mail address on each form on which your signature appears. Please **CAREFULLY** read the rules and instructions for: **Certificate of Service (General)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.914; **Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915; and Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.516.

### **Special notes . . .**

If you require that your address be confidential for safety reasons, you should complete a **Request for Confidential Filing of Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(h), and file it with the clerk of the circuit. You should then write confidential in the space provided on the petition.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner,

and

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent.

## PETITION FOR INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION AGAINST STALKING

I, *{full legal name}* \_\_\_\_\_, being sworn, certify that the following statements are true:

### SECTION I. PETITIONER

(This section is about you. It must be completed; **however, if you require that your address be confidential for safety reasons**, you should complete and file a **Request for Confidential Filing of Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(h), and write confidential in the space provided on this form for your address and telephone number.)

1. Petitioner resides at the following address: *{address, city, state, zip code}* \_\_\_\_\_

*{Indicate if applicable}*

**Petitioner seeks an injunction for protection on behalf of a minor child.** Petitioner is the parent or legal guardian of *{full legal name}* \_\_\_\_\_, a minor child who is living at home.

2. Petitioner's attorney's name, address, and telephone number is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(If you do not have an attorney, write "none.")

### SECTION II. RESPONDENT

(This section is about the person you want to be protected from. It must be completed.)

1. Respondent resides at the following address: *{provide last known street address, city, state, and zip code}* \_\_\_\_\_

2. Respondent's last known place of employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment address: \_\_\_\_\_

Working hours of Respondent: \_\_\_\_\_



3. Physical description of Respondent:  
 Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Male  Female  Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Color: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Distinguishing marks and/or scars: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vehicle: (make/model) \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Tag Number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Other names Respondent goes by (aliases or nicknames): \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
5. Respondent's attorney's name, address, and telephone number is: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If you do not know whether Respondent has an attorney, write "unknown." If Respondent does not have an attorney, write "none.")

**SECTION III. CASE HISTORY AND REASON FOR SEEKING PETITION** (This section must be completed.)

1. Has Petitioner ever received or tried to get an injunction for protection against stalking against Respondent in this or any other court?  
 Yes  No If yes, what happened in that case? {Include case number, if known} \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
2. Has Respondent ever received or tried to get an injunction for protection against stalking against Petitioner in this or any other court?  
 Yes  No If yes, what happened in that case? {Include case number, if known} \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Describe any other court case that is either going on now or that happened in the past **between Petitioner and Respondent** {Include case number, if known}: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
4. Petitioner is a victim of stalking because Respondent has: {please mark all sections that apply}
- a.  Committed stalking;
  - b.  Previously threatened, harassed, stalked, cyberstalked, or physically abused the Petitioner;
  - c.  Threatened to harm Petitioner or family members or individuals closely associated with Petitioner;
  - d.  Intentionally injured or killed a family pet;
  - e.  Used, or threatened to use, against Petitioner any weapons such as guns or knives;
  - f.  A criminal history involving violence or the threat of violence, if known;
  - g.  Another order of protection issued against him or her previously from another jurisdiction, if known;
  - h.  Destroyed personal property, including, but not limited to, telephones or other communication equipment, clothing, or other items belonging to Petitioner.

5. Below is a description of the specific incidents of stalking or cyberstalking: *{for cyberstalking, please include a description of all evidence of contacts and/or threats made by Respondent in voice messages, texts, emails, or other electronic communication}*

On {dates} \_\_\_\_\_ the following incidents of stalking occurred at the following locations: *{the locations may include, but need not be limited to, a home, school, or place of employment}*

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Please indicate here if you are attaching additional pages to continue these facts.

6. **Additional Information**

Respondent owns, has, and/or is known to have guns or other weapons.

Describe weapon(s) and where they may be located, if known: \_\_\_\_\_.

**SECTION IV. INJUNCTION** *{This section must be completed.}*

1. Petitioner asks the Court to enter a **TEMPORARY INJUNCTION** for protection against stalking that will be in place from now until the scheduled hearing in this matter, which will immediately restrain Respondent from committing any acts of stalking, and which will provide any terms the Court deems necessary for the protection of a victim of stalking, including any injunctions or directives to law enforcement agencies.
2. Petitioner asks the Court to enter, after a hearing has been held on this petition, a **FINAL JUDGMENT** for protection against stalking prohibiting Respondent from committing any acts of stalking against Petitioner **and**:
  - a. prohibiting Respondent from going to or within 500 feet of any place Petitioner lives, or to any specified place regularly frequented by Petitioner and any named family members or individuals closely associated with Petitioner: \_\_\_\_\_;
  - b. prohibiting Respondent from going to or within 500 feet of Petitioner's place(s) of employment or the school that Petitioner attends; the address of Petitioner's place(s) of employment and/or school is: \_\_\_\_\_;
  - c. prohibiting Respondent from contacting Petitioner by telephone, mail, by e-mail, in writing, through another person, or in any other manner;
  - d. ordering Respondent that he or she shall not have in his or her care, custody, possession, or control any firearm or ammunition;
  - e. prohibiting Respondent from knowingly and intentionally going to or within 100 feet of Petitioner's motor vehicle, whether or not that vehicle is occupied;
3. Petitioner asks the Court to enter any other terms it deems necessary to protect Petitioner from stalking by Respondent.

**I UNDERSTAND THAT BY FILING THIS PETITION, I AM ASKING THE COURT TO HOLD A HEARING ON THIS PETITION, THAT BOTH THE RESPONDENT AND I WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE HEARING, AND THAT I MUST APPEAR AT THE HEARING. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF EITHER RESPONDENT OR I FAIL TO APPEAR AT THE FINAL HEARING, WE WILL BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF ANY INJUNCTION OR ORDER ISSUED AT THAT HEARING.**

I HAVE READ EVERY STATEMENT MADE IN THIS PETITION, AND EACH STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE STATEMENTS MADE IN THIS PETITION ARE BEING MADE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, PUNISHABLE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 837.02, FLORIDA STATUTES.

THIS PETITION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PETITIONER BUT IT IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE NOTARIZED IF IT IS FILED DURING THE SCOPE AND DURATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED BY A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Designated E-Mail Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of  physical presence or  online notarization, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK

\_\_\_\_\_  
{Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or clerk.}

Personally Known OR  Produced Identification  
Type of Identification Produced: \_\_\_\_\_

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INJUNCTION  
WEAPONS INFORMATION**

1. Does the Respondent have any weapons?  Yes  No

2. If so, what kind of weapons?

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3. How many of each?

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4. Where are these weapons located?

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5. Do you have access to these weapons?  Yes  No

6. Does the Respondent have access to these weapons?  Yes  No

7. Does he/she have any weapons located outside the home?  Yes  No

8. Where are these weapons located?

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9. Do any of the weapons in the home belong to someone else?  Yes  No

10. Other important information regarding weapons:

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Petitioner's Signature

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Date

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW  
FORM 12.915  
DESIGNATION OF CURRENT MAILING AND E-MAIL ADDRESS  
(08/23)**

**When should this form be used?**

This form should be used to inform the clerk and the other **party** of your current mailing and e-mail address(es) or **any change of address**. It is very important that the court and the other party in your case have your correct address.

A party not represented by an attorney is required to designate a primary e-mail address for **service** unless excused pursuant to Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.516(b)(1)(D). A primary and up to two secondary e-mail addresses can be designated. If you do so and the other party is represented by an attorney or has also designated e-mail address(es) for service, e-mail will be the **exclusive means of service**.

If there is any change in your mailing or e-mail address(es), you must complete a new form, file it with the clerk, and serve a copy on any other party or parties in your case.

**What should I do next?**

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing this form, you should **file** the original with the **clerk of the circuit court** in the county where your case is filed and keep a copy for your records. A copy of this form must be served on any other party in your case. **Service** must be in accordance with Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.516.

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To serve and receive documents by e-mail, you must designate your e-mail addresses by using the **Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915, and you must provide your e-mail address on each form on which your signature appears. Please **CAREFULLY** read the rules and instructions for: **Certificate of Service (General)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.914; **Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915; and Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.516.

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### **Special notes...**

Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Division: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner,

and

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent.

### DESIGNATION OF CURRENT MAILING AND E-MAIL ADDRESS

I, *{full legal name}*, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that:

#### MAILING ADDRESS:

My current mailing address is:

*{Street or Post Office Box}* \_\_\_\_\_

*{Apartment, lot, etc.}* \_\_\_\_\_

*{City}*, \_\_\_\_\_, *{State}*, \_\_\_\_\_, *{Zip}* \_\_\_\_\_.

*{Telephone No.}* \_\_\_\_\_ *{Fax No.}* \_\_\_\_\_.

#### E-MAIL ADDRESS:

The following is/are my e-mail address(es) for purposes of serving and receiving documents:

Primary e-mail address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Secondary e-mail address No.1:

\_\_\_\_\_

Secondary e-mail address No. 2:

\_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I must keep the clerk's office and the opposing party or parties notified of my current mailing and e-mail address(es) and that all future papers in this lawsuit will be served at the address(es) on record at the clerk's office.

I certify that a copy of this document was [check all used]  e-mailed  mailed  faxed  
 hand-delivered to the person(s) listed below on {date} \_\_\_\_\_.

**Other party or his/her attorney:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

**I HAVE READ EVERY STATEMENT MADE IN THIS DOCUMENT AND EACH STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE STATEMENTS MADE IN THIS DOCUMENT ARE BEING MADE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, PUNISHABLE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 837.02, FLORIDA STATUTES.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Designated E-Mail Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW:**

[fill in all blanks] This form was prepared for the: {choose only one}  Petitioner  Respondent

This form was completed with the assistance of:

{name of individual} \_\_\_\_\_  
{name of business} \_\_\_\_\_  
{street} \_\_\_\_\_  
{city} \_\_\_\_\_, {state} \_\_\_\_\_, {zip code} \_\_\_\_\_, {telephone number} \_\_\_\_\_



**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW  
FORM 12.980(h)  
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILING OF ADDRESS  
(06/18)**

**When should this form be used?**

If you fear that disclosing your address would put you in danger because you are the victim of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, stalking, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery, or domestic violence, you should complete this form and file it with the clerk of the circuit court.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing this form, you should file the original with the clerk of the circuit court in the county where your petition was filed and keep a copy for your records.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner,

and

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent.

### REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILING OF ADDRESS

I, {full legal name} \_\_\_\_\_, request that the Court maintain and hold as confidential, the following address:

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (area code and number) \_\_\_\_\_

This request is being made for the purpose of keeping the location of my residence unknown for safety reasons pursuant to section 119.071(2)(j)1, section 741.30(3)(b)(a), section 784.046(4)(b)1, and section 784.0485(3)(b)1, Florida Statutes, or other statutory provision providing for the separate confidential filing for safety reasons.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

### CLERK'S CERTIFICATE AS TO REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILING OF ADDRESS

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as Clerk of the Circuit Court, do hereby certify that I received and filed the above and will keep the above address confidential, subsequent to further order of the Court relative to such confidentiality.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

(SEAL)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
{Deputy Clerk}

CASE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

PETITIONER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

D.O.B: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SERVE RESPONDENT AT:**

RESPONDENT'S INFORMATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER INSTRUCTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

RACE: \_\_\_\_\_ SEX: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_

HEIGHT: \_\_\_\_\_ WEIGHT: \_\_\_\_\_

EYE COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_ HAIR COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTINGUISHING MARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

VEHICLE (MAKE/MODEL): \_\_\_\_\_

COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_ TAG NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE FORWARD RETURN OF SERVICE INFORMATION TO THE FOLLOWING  
ADDRESS:

**CLERK OF COURTS  
4025 Avalon Blvd.  
MILTON, FLORIDA 32583  
ATTN: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DIVISION**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
OFFICE AT (850) 981-5553.

**Donald C. Spencer**  
*Clerk of Court and Comptroller*  
*Santa Rosa County*  
4025 Avalon Blvd., Milton, Florida 32583  
Phone: 850-981-5553 Fax: 850-626-7849

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have been advised to call the Clerk's Office at 850-981-5553 at approximately \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm. At that time, I will be notified of the Order that the Judge has issued in my case regarding the Petition for Protection against Domestic Violence or Repeat Violence that I have filed with the Court. I have also been advised that I must return to the Santa Rosa County Courthouse, located at 4025 Avalon Blvd., Milton, Florida 32583, no later than 4:15 p.m. on the day I filed the Petition to pick up copies of that order. The Courthouse doors are locked at 4:30 pm daily.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk  
Santa Rosa County, Florida  
Clerk of Court

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.900(h), NOTICE OF RELATED CASES (02/24)

### When should this form be used?

Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.545(d) requires the **petitioner** in a family law case to file with the court a notice of related cases, if any. Your circuit may also require this form to be filed even if there are no related cases. A case is considered related if:

- it involves the same parties, children, or issues and is pending when the family law case is filed; or
- it affects the court's jurisdiction to proceed; or
- an order in the related case may conflict with an order on the same issues in the new case; or
- an order in the new case may conflict with an order in the earlier case.

This form is used to provide the required notice to the court.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. It must be **filed** with the **clerk of the circuit court** with the initial pleading in the family law case.

### What should I do next?

A copy of the form must be served on the presiding judge, either the chief judge or the family law administrative judge, and all parties in the related cases. You should also keep a copy for your records. **Service** must be in accordance with Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.516.

### Where can I look for more information?

**Before proceeding, you should read "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants" found at the beginning of these forms.** The words that are in "**bold and underline**" in these instructions are defined there. For further information, see Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.545(d).

### Special notes . . .

Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms **must** also put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Division: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner,  
and  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent.

### NOTICE OF RELATED CASES

1. Petitioner submits this Notice of Related Cases as required by Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.545(d). A related case may be an open or closed civil, criminal, guardianship, domestic violence, juvenile delinquency, juvenile dependency, or domestic relations case. A case is "related" to this family law case if it involves any of the same parties, children, or issues and it is pending at the time the party files a family case; if it affects the court's jurisdiction to proceed; if an order in the related case may conflict with an order on the same issues in the new case; or if an order in the new case may conflict with an order in the earlier litigation.

[check **one** only]

\_\_\_\_\_ **There are no related cases.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **The following are the related cases (add additional pages if necessary):**

#### Related Case No. 1

Case Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent \_\_\_\_\_

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Proceeding: [check **all** that apply]

<input type="checkbox"/> Dissolution of Marriage	<input type="checkbox"/> Paternity
<input type="checkbox"/> Custody	<input type="checkbox"/> Adoption
<input type="checkbox"/> Child Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Support for Dependent Adult Children
<input type="checkbox"/> Modification/Enforcement/Contempt Proceedings	
<input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Dependency	<input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Delinquency
<input type="checkbox"/> Termination of Parental Rights	<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal
<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic/Sexual/Dating/Repeat	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health
<input type="checkbox"/> Violence or Stalking Injunctions	<input type="checkbox"/> Other {specify} _____

State where case was decided or is pending: \_\_\_\_\_ Florida \_\_\_\_\_ Other: {specify} \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Court where case was decided or is pending (for example, Fifth Circuit Court, Marion County, Florida): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of last Court Order/Judgment (if any): \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Court Order/Judgment (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of cases check **all** that apply]:  
 pending case involves same parties, children, or issues;  
 may affect court's jurisdiction;  
 order in related case may conflict with an order in this case;  
 order in this case may conflict with previous order in related case.

Statement as to the relationship of the cases: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Related Case No. 2**

Case Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent \_\_\_\_\_  
Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Proceeding: [check **all** that apply]  
 Dissolution of Marriage                       Paternity  
 Custody     Adoption  
 Child Support                                       Support for Dependent Adult Children  
 Modification/Enforcement/Contempt Proceedings  
 Juvenile Dependency                               Juvenile Delinquency  
 Termination of Parental Rights                       Criminal  
 Domestic/Sexual/Dating/Repeat                       Mental Health  
 Violence or Stalking Injunctions                       Other {specify} \_\_\_\_\_

State where case was decided or is pending:  Florida  Other: {specify} \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Court where case was decided or is pending (for example, Fifth Circuit Court, Marion County, Florida): \_\_\_\_\_

Title of last Court Order/Judgment (if any): \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Court Order/Judgment (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of cases check all that apply]:  
 pending case involves same parties, children, or issues.  
 may affect court's jurisdiction;  
 order in related case may conflict with an order in this case;  
 order in this case may conflict with previous order in related case.

Statement as to the relationship of the cases: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Related Case No. 3**

Case Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent \_\_\_\_\_

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Proceeding: [check all that apply]

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dissolution of Marriage                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Paternity                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Custody                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Support                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Support for Dependent Adult Children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Modification/Enforcement/Contempt Proceedings |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Dependency                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Delinquency                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Termination of Parental Rights                | <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic/Sexual/Dating/Repeat                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Violence or Stalking Injunctions              | <input type="checkbox"/> Other {specify} _____                |

State where case was decided or is pending:  Florida  Other: {specify} \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Court where case was decided or is pending (for example, Fifth Circuit Court, Marion County, Florida): \_\_\_\_\_

Title of last Court Order/Judgment (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Court Order/Judgment (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of cases check all that apply]:

- pending case involves same parties, children, or issues;
- may affect court's jurisdiction;
- order in related case may conflict with an order in this case;
- order in this case may conflict with previous order in related case.

Statement as to the relationship of the cases: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. [check one only]

- I do not request coordination of litigation in any of the cases listed above.
- I do request coordination of the following cases: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. [check all that apply]

- Assignment to one judge
- Coordination of existing cases will conserve judicial resources and promote an efficient determination of these case because: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



4. The Petitioner acknowledges a continuing duty to inform the court of any cases in this or any other state that could affect the current proceeding.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner's Signature  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that I delivered a copy of this Notice of Related Cases to the \_\_\_\_\_ County Sheriff's Department or a certified process server for service on the Respondent, and [check all used] ( ) e-mailed ( ) mailed ( ) hand delivered, a copy to {name} \_\_\_\_\_, who is the [check all that apply] ( ) judge assigned to new case, ( ) chief judge or family law administrative judge, ( ) {name} \_\_\_\_\_ a party to the related case, ( ) {name} \_\_\_\_\_, a party to the related case on {date} \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner/Attorney for Petitioner  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_  
Florida Bar Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW:**

[fill in all blanks] This form was prepared for the {choose **only one**}: ( ) Petitioner ( ) Respondent.

This form was completed with the assistance of:

{name of individual} \_\_\_\_\_  
{name of business} \_\_\_\_\_  
{address} \_\_\_\_\_  
{city} \_\_\_\_\_ {state} \_\_\_\_\_, {telephone number} \_\_\_\_\_.