

## TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER – DOMESTIC ABUSE INFORMATION

### Instructions for completing forms: *(Please print)*

#### Respondent's Information for Service by Sheriff

- Petitioner to complete all blanks.

#### Petition for Temporary Restraining Order and/or Injunction (Domestic Abuse)

- Petitioner to complete all blanks.

#### Notice of Hearing-Temporary Restraining Order (Domestic Abuse)

- Petitioner to complete top section with petitioner's name, date of birth and respondent's name and address.

#### Notice and Order for Injunction Hearing when Temporary Restraining Order is Not Issued (Domestic Abuse)

- Petitioner to complete top section with petitioner's name, date of birth and respondent's name and address.

#### Confidential Address Information in Domestic Abuse, Child Abuse, Individual at Risk, and Harassment Temporary Restraining Order and Injunction Actions

- Petitioner to complete all blanks.

#### Petitioner's Statement of Respondent's Possession of Firearms

- Petitioner to fill out form as completely as possible.

#### Respondent's Statement of Possession of Firearms

- Petitioner to complete top section with Respondent's name
- Respondent to complete all blanks (at hearing).

#### Notice of Firearms Possession Penalties

- Petitioner to complete top section with respondent's name and date of birth.

#### Information for Respondents Regarding the Surrender and Return of Firearms

- Nothing is completed on this form by either party – for informational purposes ONLY.

#### Filing Instructions:

- Completed paperwork should be presented for filing in the Civil Division, Room C-167 of the Waukesha County Courthouse.
- A court official will review the petition.
- If approved by the court official, the case will be filed and a hearing date will be assigned.
- The petitioner will be provided copies of the documents for service. One copy is to be kept with the petitioner at all times.
- Copies of the documents are faxed to petitioner's local police department. Report any violations to the local police.

#### Service Information:

- The Clerk's Office will courtesy fax the appropriate documents to the Sheriff for service on the respondent.
- The Sheriff charges a fee to serve the documents on the respondent for harassment restraining orders unless fees have been waived due to indigency. The petitioner must still report to the Waukesha County Sheriff Department to pay for service if necessary, even though the Clerk's Office faxes the documents for service. Service will NOT be attempted unless payment is made.
- The respondent **must** be served to give notice of the court date and Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) in order to be found in violation of the TRO.

- **If the respondent is to be served in Waukesha County**, the Waukesha County Sheriff can serve the papers and will file proof of service. Contact the Waukesha County Sheriff's Process Office at: (262) 548-7151.
- **If the Respondent is to be served outside of Waukesha County**, the Clerk's Office will courtesy fax the appropriate documents to the Sheriff in the county where the respondent is to be served to arrange service of the restraining order on the respondent. The petitioner must report or contact the appropriate law enforcement agency to provide payment for service if necessary. Service will NOT be attempted unless payment is made (unless fees have been waived due to indigency).
- **If the Respondent is to be served outside of the State of Wisconsin**, the petitioner should attempt to provide the Clerk's Office with a phone number and fax number for the Sheriff Department where the respondent is to be served. The Clerk's Office will courtesy fax the appropriate documents to the Sheriff in the county where the respondent is to be served. The petitioner must report or contact the appropriate law enforcement agency to provide payment for service if necessary. Service will NOT be attempted unless payment is made (unless fees have been waived due to indigency).
- **IT IS THE PETITIONER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO FOLLOW UP WITH THE DESIGNATED PROCESS SERVER ON STATUS OF SERVICE.** The Clerk's office will not conduct any follow up.
- The Sheriff will file proof of service with this office. Proof of service may be faxed to the clerk's office at (262) 548-7546 or the petitioner may mail the original to the Clerk of Courts Office. It is the Petitioner's responsibility to follow up with the Sheriff for proof of service.
- If service cannot be obtained, petitioner must still appear at the court hearing. The court may extend the time for hearing up to fourteen (14) additional days, for service to be accomplished.

#### **VPO – VINE Protective Order**

- If you have obtained a non-confidential TRO (Temporary Restraining Order), you can register to be notified when the TRO has been served by law enforcement.
- If you want to be notified you **MUST** register by calling 1-855-948-7648 or visiting [www.vinelink.com](http://www.vinelink.com)
- On the website, click Wisconsin on the drop-down menu, then Find a Protective Order to search for the protective order
- You will need the following:
  - 12 digit CCAP case number **(for example: 2024CV00001)**
  - County the issued the TRO **(Waukesha)**
  - Respondent's FIRST and LAST name
- You can receive notification via phone and/or email

#### **Hearing:**

- Report to the designated courtroom on the assigned date and time and check in with the bailiff.
- Bring any necessary documents or witnesses with you to the hearing.