

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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 COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 ) Petitioner )  
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 vs. )  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 ) Respondent. )

IN THE FAMILY COURT  
 \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
 PETITION FOR ORDER OF PROTECTION  
 (For Use in Magistrate's Court)

FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Respondent's SSN: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

I ask this court to issue an Order of Protection, because:

1. This is the county where this case should be handled, since (check one):
  - a. The person who caused the abuse lives in this county; or,
  - b. The person who caused the abuse does not live in this State, or can't be found, but I live in this county; or,
  - c. The person who caused the abuse last lived with me in this county, and I still live in this county.
  
2. The person who caused the abuse lives at \_\_\_\_\_ in or near the town or city of \_\_\_\_\_, which is in \_\_\_\_\_ County, and the State of \_\_\_\_\_.
  
3. The person who was abused was (check one or both, and supply information):
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_, who is the person asking for an Order of Protection; or,
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_, who is a child under 18 years old who lives with me.
  
4. That the abuser and the victim (check one or more):
  - are husband and wife  were formerly husband and wife
  - are cohabiting  formerly cohabiting
  - have a child/children in common
  - are household or family members pursuant to S.C. Code Section 20-4-20 (a)(2)
  
5. The abuse happened on \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, A.M./P.M, when \_\_\_\_\_ did this \_\_\_\_\_.
  
6. I ask this court to (check one or both and supply information):
  - a. issue an order of protection which forbids \_\_\_\_\_ from abusing, threatening to abuse or molesting \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. hold an emergency hearing within 24 hours.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me )  
 this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ )

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Notary Public for South Carolina )  
 My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_ )

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Petitioner or  
 Person on Behalf of Petitioner under 18 years old

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO EMPLOY COUNSEL TO REPRESENT YOU.