

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I, _____ (Applicant), am a victim of family violence and request the filing of a protective order against _____ (Respondent). I certify that I have read and understand the following:

A Protective Order application is a civil, legal action which I am requesting the Johnson County Attorney to bring against the Respondent (who shall be a family member, a member of my household or a person who previously lived in my household) on my behalf. A Protective Order application is not a criminal charge. A Protective Order prohibits the Respondent from physically abusing me, threatening or harassing me, or going within a specified distance of my home or place of employment, or engaging in conduct such as following me. While a private attorney may request orders in addition to those necessary to protect me from violence, the County Attorney's Office is not going to involve itself in custody, child support, visitation, or property disputes.

THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WILL NOT REPRESENT ME IN A PROTECTIVE ORDER PROCEEDING IF A DIVORCE IS PENDING OR A SUIT AFFECTING PARENT CHILD RELATIONSHIP (SAPCR) IS PENDING. A PROTECTIVE ORDER MAY BE SOUGHT IN THE DIVORCE OR SAPCR SUIT BY THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY WANTING THE PROTECTIVE ORDER. NEITHER MY SPOUSE NOR I HAVE FILED FOR A DIVORCE NOR IS A SAPCR SUIT PENDING.

A Temporary Protective Order will be requested to protect me until the hearing. If I cannot provide a good address for service, this suit may be refused, or dismissed or there may be a delay in service of notice of this action.

I will be required to come to court. I understand it will be necessary for me to testify at the hearing and my failure to appear for a hearing may result in this application being dismissed.

If I decide that I **do not** want to follow through with this Protective Order after the application is filed and a hearing date is set, **I STILL MUST APPEAR ON THE HEARING DAY** to file a motion to dismiss and tell the Judge why I want my application for a Protective Order dismissed.

My testimony and other assistance are necessary to obtain a Protective Order and to enforce the final order. I am willing to proceed and will be present at all hearings necessary to obtain this Protective Order. The person abusing me may be sentenced to jail or be fined if the final Protective Order is violated, and the violation is prosecuted. No violation of the final Protective Order can be prosecuted unless I call the police and cooperate with the police and the County Attorney's Office.

THE STATEMENTS I MAKE IN THE "APPLICATION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER" OR TO THE JUDGE ARE SWORN TO, AND THE TEXAS PENAL CODE SEC. 37.03 MAKES IT A THIRD DEGREE FELONY OFFENSE TO KNOWINGLY OR INTENTIONALLY MAKE FALSE STATEMENTS ABOUT MATERIAL FACTS IN AN OFFICIAL PROCEEDING.

The statements made in the Application for Protective Order are true and correct. I understand the consequences of falsifying any information or for bringing this suit for any reason other than for my or my family's protection. I will cooperate with the Johnson County Attorney's Office in obtaining this Protective Order.

APPLICANT

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me by this said Applicant on this the _____ day of _____, 20____,

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF TEXAS