IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

VSO Case Number
260016951

IN RE: PETITION FOR RISK PROTECTION ORDER
AGAINST *{Name of Respondent}* [redacted]

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF VOLUSIA

I, *{full legal name}* DAWSON TAYLOR, in my position as *{job title}* DEPUTY SHERIFF with the *{name of law enforcement officer/agency}* VOLUSIA SHERIFF'S OFFICE, swear and affirm that the following facts are true and correct.

1. *{Name of Respondent}* [redacted] poses a significant danger of causing personal injury to himself/herself or others by having a firearm or any ammunition in his/her custody or control or by purchasing, possessing or receiving a firearm or any ammunition. The following specific statements, actions, or facts give rise to a reasonable fear of significant dangerous acts by the respondent:

SEE ATTACHED

YES Additional pages are attached.

2. *{Name of Witness}* [redacted] GENTRY provided the following information based on his/her personal knowledge:

SEE ATTACHED

YES Additional pages are attached.

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BWC RECORDING

MARSY'S LAW INVOKED

DV LETHALITY ASSESMENT COMPLETED

On 08/07/2026, at approximately 1358 hours, Deputy Victor responded to [redacted] Deltona, in reference to a suicidal person.

Upon arrival, Deputy Victor made contact with [redacted] (V1). [redacted] advised his nephew, [redacted] (D1), had texted him stating, "Mom and [redacted] are calling the cops on me now. [redacted] grabbed a screwdriver and I pulled my gun. I'm going to kill myself. I love you. I can't do this. I'm saying goodbye to [redacted] and then I'm blowing my brains out. I hate this family. None of y'all ever were there for me when I really f****** needed y'all." [redacted] stated he and [redacted] live together as a family unit and are related by blood. [redacted] provided Deputy Victor with a screenshot of the text message, which was uploaded via the Axon Capture App.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] arrived at the residence, hugged the dog, and when [redacted] attempted to speak with him, [redacted] brandished a black handgun, pointed it at [redacted] and told him not to try to apologize and that he did not want to hear it. [redacted] stated [redacted] then put the gun away and said he was going to kill himself. [redacted] advised the incident occurred inside a bedroom and no other individuals were present during the encounter. [redacted] also stated he was not in fear of [redacted] when [redacted] pulled out the gun.

[redacted] completed and signed a sworn written statement detailing the incident. He stated he did not wish to pursue criminal charges against [redacted] and invoked his rights under Marsy's Law.

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[redacted] was advised of his legal rights and remedies.

Deputy Victor then made contact with [redacted] (O1) and [redacted] (O2), who advised they were inside the home during the incident but did not witness it because they were in another room. [redacted] stated that before [redacted] left, she asked him to give her his gun and advised him law enforcement was on the way. She reported [redacted] refused to give her the gun, became alarmed, and left the residence prior to law enforcement arrival. They advised [redacted] departed in a black pickup truck.

Due to [redacted] and [redacted] being related by blood and residing as a family unit, Deputy Victor determined domestic violence aggravated assault with a deadly weapon occurred.

On 08/07/2026, at approximately 1428 hours, Deputy Taylor responded to [redacted] Deltona, in reference to a suicidal person (see case number VP260016956).

Deputy Taylor made contact with [redacted] (V1) and [redacted] (R1), [redacted]'s stepfather and mother respectively.

[redacted] stated that prior to contacting law enforcement, [redacted] had repeatedly called and texted her, stating he "needed a hug" and that he was going to kill himself, as well as hurt other people beforehand. A short time later, [redacted] arrived at the residence, where an argument occurred between [redacted] and [redacted] During this argument, [redacted] threatened to hurt and kill [redacted] [redacted] then left in a pickup truck and continued contacting [redacted] by phone, further stating he was going to kill himself.

Deputy Taylor then spoke with [redacted] who elaborated on the events. [redacted] stated that at approximately 1325 hours, [redacted] drove to the residence at a high rate of speed. When [redacted] asked [redacted] to leave, [redacted] produced what he described as a small, black, Glock-style handgun and threatened to "blow" [redacted]'s head off. [redacted] again ordered [redacted] to leave, at which point [redacted] exited his vehicle and rushed toward [redacted] [redacted] he picked up a pry bar—referred to by [redacted] as a screwdriver—to defend himself. [redacted] continued to threaten to "blow" [redacted]'s head off, stating he should have killed [redacted] when [redacted] was sixteen years old, and further [redacted] he he was going to make [redacted]'s children watch him bleed out.

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[redacted] left after additional arguing. Consistent with [redacted]s [redacted] continued to call her, threatening to kill himself. [redacted] reported that at approximately 1345 hours, [redacted] received a phone call from [redacted] (O1), who [redacted] had also pulled a gun on him.

Deputy Taylor asked whether any of the [redacted] children inside the residence were involved; the children did not witness the incident. [redacted] [redacted] she was not threatened. [redacted] and [redacted] completed sworn written [redacted], [redacted] verbally advised Deputy Taylor that he did not wish to pursue criminal charges against [redacted]

Due to [redacted] being [redacted]s stepfather and their history of living together as a family, Deputy Taylor determined the incident to be domestic in nature. Considering this, along with multiple independent witness accounts stating they were threatened by [redacted] with a firearm, and the totality of circumstances, Deputy Taylor determined probable cause existed to charge [redacted] with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Deputies Clark located [redacted]s vehicle near Circle K, located at 320 State Rte 415, Osteen, and took him into custody. See Deputy Clark's supplement for further information.

[redacted] was transported to the Volusia County Branch Jail without incident.

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3. Affiant ☐ is ☒ is not aware of any existing protection order governing the respondent under any applicable statute.

_____ Known protection orders are attached

4. The quantities, types, and locations of all firearms and ammunition the petitioner believes to be in the respondent's current ownership, possession, custody or control are as follows:

Quantity	1	Type	Handgun	Location	Unknown
Quantity		Type		Location	
Quantity		Type		Location	
Quantity		Type		Location	
Quantity		Type		Location	
Quantity		Type		Location	

_____ Additional pages are attached.

AFFIANT HEREBY CERTIFIES UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE [redacted]S AND FACTS IN THIS AFFIDAVIT AND IN ANY ATTACHMENTS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Dated: 08/07/2026 Signature of Affiant: _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online notarization,

this 7TH day of August, 2026, by DA WS ON TAYLOR
Affiant's name

_____ Sgt. Eugene Metford #7052
Signature of Attesting LEO Witness Print name of Attesting LEO Witness

OR

_____
Signature of Notary Public

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(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

Personally known or Produced Identification

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(Type of Identification Produced)