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

VSO Case Number
VP260021541

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

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF VOLUSIA

I, *{full legal name}* COLIN DAHLEN, 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}* JAMES A. [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:

On 10/04/2026 [redacted] engaged in a argument with his granddaughter [redacted] with his wife [redacted] trying to keep both parties separated. During the argument [redacted] subsequently retrieved a handgun and pointed it at [redacted] and [redacted] yelling at both of them to leave the residence. Upon [redacted] and [redacted] exiting the residence, [redacted] advised he attempted to kill himself with said firearm but failed due to the gun not containing any bullets.

2 Additional pages are attached.

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

On 10/04/2026 [redacted] engaged in a argument with his granddaughter [redacted] with his wife [redacted] trying to keep both parties separated. [redacted] subsequently punched [redacted] in the arm, with [redacted] separating both parties. During the argument [redacted] subsequently retrieved a handgun and pointed it at [redacted] and [redacted] yelling at both of them to leave the residence.

_____ Additional pages are attached.

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Narrative
*** BWC RECORDING ***
***MARSYS LAW INVOKED ***

** It should be noted this incident is Domestic in nature due to [redacted] (D1) and [redacted] (V1), and [redacted] (W1) residing together as a family unit. A Lethality Assessment Form was completed revealing neither Victim to be in a Lethal situation. **

** It should be noted [redacted] reported this incident to her therapist who in turn reported it to Law Enforcement. **

On 10/7/2026, at approximately 1733 Hours, Deputy Rubin responded to [redacted] Pierson in reference to a Disturbance that occurred on 10/4/2026 at approximately 1900 hours.

Upon arrival, Deputy Rubin made contact with [redacted] grandmother to [redacted] and spouse to [redacted] advised she was aware that [redacted] spoke with her therapist about an incident that occurred on 10/4/2026. [redacted] advised her granddaughter and husband where in a verbal argument about repairing something on a camper located on the property and the argument turned physical when [redacted] broke a television. [redacted] explained [redacted] became irate and attempted to "Punch" [redacted] stepped between the two in an attempt to stop any physical violence. After [redacted] threw few swings a punch landed on [redacted] right arm. [redacted] further explained after the punch [redacted] sat on his "chair" and retrieved a "small black revolver" and pointed it in the direction of both her and [redacted] advised [redacted] stated he was going to "kill them". [redacted] advised she and [redacted] then exited the residence and went back into the camper located on the property. [redacted] advised she was not in fear for her life and did not want to pursue criminal charges against her husband. [redacted] did not complete a sworn written statement, but did swear to a verbal statement.

Deputy Rubin then made contact with [redacted] who advised, she had a call with her therapist and spoke about the incident. [redacted] explained there was an issue with the camper trailer and that's how the argument started. [redacted] explained she was frustrated and broke the television; once she did [redacted] became upset and began hitting her. [redacted] explained [redacted] did strike her in the right arm. [redacted] showed Deputy Rubin where she was struck, Deputy Rubin did not observe any bruising or swelling on [redacted] arm. [redacted] proceeded on and explained a small firearm was pointed in her direction. [redacted] was unable to describe the firearm and

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advised that [redacted] has multiple of them. [redacted] explained due the firearm being pointed at her she was put in a well-founded fear for her safety. Deputy Rubin observed [redacted] to still be emotionally upset about the incident while describing it to him. [redacted] stated she has been battered once prior by [redacted] completed a MARSY'S LAW Form electing that her information remain private. [redacted] was provided with a Victims Rights Brochure with the Agency case number attached, which she signed for on scene. [redacted] did not complete a sworn written statement, but did swear to a verbal statement. Digital Photographs of [redacted] were taken and uploaded to AXON Capture Database.

Deputy Rubin then spoke with [redacted] who advised there was a verbal argument. [redacted] stated it did get physical and he did strike [redacted] [redacted] explained that after this he went and sat in his chair where he retrieved his revolver and "Cocked it" and placed it on his lap. [redacted] then yelled at [redacted] and [redacted] to leave him alone. [redacted] advised he never pointed the firearm at either [redacted] or [redacted] nor did he make any threat to harm them. [redacted] did state that if the dog wasn't retrieved from inside the residence, he would "put a bullet in it too", [redacted] then retrieved the dog and left the residence.

[redacted] went on to explain, once [redacted] and [redacted] left he turned the gun on himself and pulled the trigger in attempt to end his life. [redacted] explained he did that because this incident was his final breaking point and he was done with life. [redacted] survived this attempt on his life due to the firearm not having ammunition in it which he thought was in it. [redacted] then called his daughter to talk about the incident and retired for the night. [redacted] explained nothing further has occurred and he has stayed away from [redacted] and [redacted] for a few days.

Based on the above stated information, Deputy Rubin placed [redacted] [redacted] under arrest for Domestic Violence Battery, and Domestic Violence Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon. A criminal history check was conducted on [redacted] which revealed no prior convictions. [redacted] was transported to the VCBJ without incident. Additionally, a Risk Protection Order was completed due to firearms being used in this incident. [redacted] refused to surrender his firearms on scene. A copy of this report will be forwarded to DCF.

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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 [redacted]
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 STATEMENTS AND FACTS IN THIS AFFIDAVIT AND IN ANY ATTACHMENTS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Dated: 10/07/2026 Signature of Affiant: [signature] 9803

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this 7TH day of October, 2026, by D/S DAHLEN
Affiant's name

Sgt [signature] VSO 8485
Signature of Attesting LEO Witness

Sgt J. Richardson 8455
Print name of Attesting LEO Witness

OR

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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)