

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT**

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Washington, DC 20009

Petitioner,

CPO 3507-██████████

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Respondent,

PETITION AND AFFIDAVIT FOR CIVIL PROTECTION ORDER

Pursuant to D.C. Code Section 16-1001 et seq.; Adult Petitioner respectfully requests that the court issue a 12-month Civil Protection Order against Respondent. In support of this request, Adult Petitioner states:

- 1. Respondent is related to Adult Petitioner By Blood; Legal Custody; Marriage; Having a Child in Common; Now or Previously Having Shared the Same Residence; Romantic/Dating Relationship; Stalking; Section 16-1001(5)(c)

If related by romantic/dating relationship:

Do you reside in the District of Columbia? Yes No

Did any incident described below occur in the District of Columbia? Yes No

Respondent is Petitioner's mother-in-law. The parties have lived together for more than 5 years.

- 2. Respondent committed or threatened to commit an act punishable as a criminal offense against Petitioner within the meaning of D.C. Code Section 16-1001 et seq., by: *(Please describe any such acts, including physical assaults like hitting, punching, shoving or kicking; threats to do harm, or destruction of property).*

A. On or about November 21st, 2007 at approximately 8:00 p.m.

At Location: 1833 New Hampshire Ave. NW #804

Washington, DC 20009

Petitioner told her child to eat or he might get spanked, Respondent then told Petitioner that if she spanked the child that Respondent would spank Petitioner. Respondent and Petitioner's husband both raised their hands as though they would strike her. Petitioner was scared and ran into the hallway and Respondent followed, Respondent grabbed Petitioner by her hair and punched her. Petitioner attempted to defend herself and was able to free herself. Respondent then ran back to the apartment and shut the door; Respondent told Petitioner that she was not able to get back in the apartment. Petitioner has returned to the home once since (with the police) to see her child, Respondent whispered insults in the child's ear to tell to Petitioner.

B. On or about October 13th, 2007 at approximately 6:00 p.m.

At Location: [REDACTED]

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Petitioner's office changed her work hours in the middle of the week and Respondent told Petitioner that she was not allowed to change her work hours by herself (although the office changed the hours not Petitioner), Respondent told Petitioner that she must ask before changing things like this. Respondent demanded to know why she was working different hours and accused her of wanting to make money for herself or her family back in her country. Petitioner told Respondent that she was giving the money to her husband and then Respondent became angry and took out a knife and told her that she cannot do that. Petitioner told Respondent that she would call the police if she hurt her; Petitioner then went into her room and closed the door.

Respondent is constantly threatening and insulting Petitioner. Petitioner is in a constant state of fear within the home. Respondent has been physically abusive more than once in the past, Respondent has grabbed Petitioner by the hair and pushed her down. Respondent demands money from Petitioner, once Petitioner gave Respondent \$300 and Respondent told her that it was not enough.

Petitioner was pregnant in 2004 and miscarried the baby. Respondent told Petitioner that she must have had an abortion and became angry with her because it was supposed to be her grandchild. Respondent was verbally abusive and when Petitioner wanted to leave the home to work, Respondent told her the only work she could get is to be a prostitute.

When people call the home asking for Petitioner, Respondent will tell callers that Petitioner is not there because she ran off with her boyfriend. Petitioner has told Respondent that she wants to learn English, Respondent told Petitioner the only thing that she could do is to be a prostitute.

Respondent has told Petitioner that she will keep Petitioner's child and not allow her to see him.

Petitioner fears for her life and immediate safety as well as the safety of her child.