



**Order for Protection (OFP) v. Harassment Restraining Order (HRO) Information Sheet**

P = Petitioner R = Respondent

|   | <b>OFP</b>   | <b>HRO</b>   |
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| <b>Relationship of</b><br>Petitioner (person in need of protection) to Respondent (person from whom protection is needed) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• blood relative</li> <li>• live together now or have lived together in the past</li> <li>• have a child together or are pregnant with</li> <li>• are or were involved in a romantic or sexual relationship</li> </ul>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No relationship requirements</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Requirements</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• actual physical harm, or</li> <li>• threat of physical harm, or</li> <li>• interference w/ 911 call, or</li> <li>• forced sexual contact, or</li> <li>• any sexual contact if the person needing protection is a minor</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• physical assault, or</li> <li>• sexual assault, or</li> <li>• <u>more than 1 incident</u> of intrusive or unwanted acts, words, or gestures that have a substantial adverse effect or are intended to have a substantial adverse effect on the safety, security, or privacy of another</li> </ul> |
| <b>Relief</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R may be excluded from home &amp; sheriff will remove R from home</li> <li>• P may ask for guns to be removed from home</li> <li>• Temporary custody / parenting time may be granted</li> </ul>                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sheriff will not remove R, but may restrict R from returning to home</li> <li>• No provisions for removal of guns</li> <li>• No provisions for any family law matters</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Hearings</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May be granted without a hearing</li> <li>• P or R may request a hearing</li> <li>• Hearings are held in Family Court - @ the FJC</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May be granted without a hearing</li> <li>• P or R may request a hearing</li> <li>• Hearings are held @ HCGC – 3rd floor</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Fees</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P: None</li> <li>• R: None</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P: none if the alleged actions would constitute criminal harassment or if person is indigent (IFP), otherwise \$324</li> <li>• R: \$324</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Violations</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entered into the “OFP State System”, which means that the police have access to the order when a 911 call is made</li> <li>• Violation of OFP is a crime &amp; contempt of court= Minn. Stat. §260C.405</li> </ul>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police do not have record of the HRO. P must keep copy of HRO and show it to the police if there is a violation.</li> <li>• Violation of an HRO is a crime = Minn. Stat. §609.749</li> </ul>  |