

# PETITION FOR PROTECTION FROM ABUSE

Case Number

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Etowah COUNTY, ALABAMA  
(Name of County)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Plaintiff (person to be protected) v. \_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant (person to be restrained)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Plaintiff's Date of Birth Defendant's Address (Business or Home)

Ala. Code 1975, Section 30-5-5(e)(1) provides "[t]he following information shall not be contained on any court document made available to the public and the defendant by the circuit clerk's office: The plaintiff's home address and, if applicable, business address; a plaintiff's home telephone number and, if applicable, business telephone number; the home or business address or telephone number of any member of the plaintiff's family or household; or an address that would reveal the confidential location of a shelter for victims of domestic violence as defined in Section 30-6-1."

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant's Date of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant's Social Security Number

**YOU MUST PROVIDE COMPLETE AND TRUTHFUL INFORMATION. IF YOU DO NOT, THE COURT MAY DISMISS THIS CASE, AND YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO BEING CHARGED WITH PERJURY FOR KNOWINGLY PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION.**

### I. ELIGIBLE PLAINTIFFS: CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

(Note: The word, "Plaintiff," is used throughout to describe you and/or the person(s) for whom you are applying):

- I am 18 years of age or older seeking protection from domestic violence for myself;
- I am  a parent;  a legal guardian;  a legal custodian; or  the State Department of Human Resources seeking this petition for protection from domestic violence on behalf of the Plaintiff who is:  a minor, or  any person prevented by physical or mental incapacity from seeking a protection order.
- I am under 18 years of age and am  married; or  emancipated, and seeking protection from domestic violence for myself.

### CHECK AND FILL OUT ONLY ONE SECTION (1,2,3,4 OR 5):

- 1. The Defendant is the Plaintiff's  spouse;  or former spouse;  common-law marriage  
Date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Divorce (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. The Defendant is related to the Plaintiff by marriage.
- 3. The Defendant and the Plaintiff have a dating relationship\* (A relationship means a recent frequent, intimate association, primarily characterized by the expectation of affectionate or sexual involvement within the last six months. A dating relationship does not include a casual or business relationship).
- 4. The Defendant is a current or former household member\* (A household member is a person maintaining or having maintained a living arrangement with the Defendant where he/she is in or was engaged in, a romantic or sexual relationship).
- 5. The Defendant and the Plaintiff are unmarried parents of a child. \*If you select 3 or 4 you must briefly explain the relationship:  
\_\_\_\_\_

### I state that the following is true and correct:

The Plaintiff is a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. The Plaintiff's age is: \_\_\_\_\_ years old.  
(Name of County) (Name of State)

Is the Plaintiff involved in any other civil, domestic relations, child support, or juvenile case (for example, divorce, paternity or custody) with the Defendant?  YES  NO

If YES, please state the County and State in which the case was brought: \_\_\_\_\_ County,  
(State).

Are there any criminal charges against the Defendant because of abuse to the Plaintiff?  YES  NO  
If YES, the charges were brought in \_\_\_\_\_ County, \_\_\_\_\_ (State).

(Note: If there are more civil or other cases with the Defendant or more criminal charges against the Defendant, please attach additional 8" x 11" sheets of paper, if necessary, stating the case number(s), County(ies), and States(s) in which these cases are being handled).

