STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

DISTRICT COURT

DOMESTIC ABUSE COMPLAINT

Plaintiff	**Civil Action File Number**
Defendant	**Attorney for the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff**
Address of the Defendant	**Address of the Plaintiff's Attorney or the Plaintiff**

☐ Murray Judicial Complex 2nd Division District Court 45 Washington Square Newport, Rhode Island 02840-2913 (401) 841-8350	☐ Noel Judicial Complex 3rd Division District Court 222 Quaker Lane Warwick, Rhode Island 02886-0107 (401) 822-6750
☐ McGrath Judicial Complex 4th Division District Court 4800 Tower Hill Road Wakefield, Rhode Island 02879-2239 (401) 782-4131	☐ Garrahy Judicial Complex 6th Division District Court One Dorrance Plaza Providence, Rhode Island 02903-2719 (401) 458-5400

Pursuant to Title 8, Chapter 8.1 or Title 11, Chapter 37.2 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, I request that the court enter an order protecting me from abuse.

1. My full name, present street address, city, and telephone number are as follows: _____.

☐ I am an emancipated minor.

☐ I am a person eighteen (18) years of age or older.

☐ I am not related by blood or marriage to the Defendant.

2. My former residence, which I have left to avoid abuse, is as follows (street address and city): _____.

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3. My ☐ present ☐ former residence is a house
   ☐ I own
   ☐ Defendant owns*
   ☐ We jointly own

My ☐ present ☐ former residence is an apartment
   ☐ There is no lease
   ☐ My name is on the lease and the Defendant's is not
   ☐ Defendant's name is on the lease and mine is not*
   ☐ Both our names are on lease

*No order shall issue which would have the effect of compelling the Defendant who has the sole legal interest in a residence to vacate said residence.

4. The full name, present street address, city, and telephone number of the person causing me abuse (the defendant) are as follows: _____.

5. My relationship to the Defendant is as follows:

☐ Defendant and I together are not the legal parents of one (1) or more children.

☐ Defendant and I have resided together within the preceding three (3) years.

☐ Defendant and I are presently residing in the same living quarters.

☐ Defendant and I have had a substantive dating relationship within the preceding year.

☐ My relationship was created by the Defendant's conduct thereby granting jurisdiction to the District Court under applicable statutes.

6. On or about _____, without cause or provocation, I suffered abuse when the Defendant:

☐ Attempted to cause me physical harm.

☐ Caused me physical harm.

☐ Placed me in fear of imminent serious physical harm.

☐ Caused me to engage involuntarily in sexual relations by force, threat of force, or duress.

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☐ Committed a sexual assault against me as defined in G.L. 1956 §§ 11-37-1, 11-37-2, 11-37-4, 11-37-6, 11-37-8.1, 11-37-8.3, or 11-59-2.

☐ Committed stalking or cyber stalking against me.

☐ Specifically, the Defendant _____.

7. I ask that:

☐ The court order that the Defendant be restrained and enjoined from contacting, assaulting, molesting, or otherwise interfering with the Plaintiff at home, on the street, or elsewhere.

☐ The court order the Defendant to immediately leave the household which is located at _____.

☐ The court orders that the Defendant be ordered to surrender possession or control of any firearms and not to purchase or receive or attempt to purchase or receive any firearms.

I request that the above relief be ordered without notice because it clearly appears from specific facts shown by affidavit or by the verified complaint that I will suffer immediate and irreparable injury, loss, or damage before notice can be served and a hearing had thereon. I understand that the courts will schedule a hearing no later than twenty-one (21) days after such order is entered on the question of continuing such temporary order.

I have not sought a Protective Order from any other judicial officer of the District Court arising out of the same facts or circumstances alleged in this complaint.

Name of the Plaintiff _____
Signature of the Plaintiff _____

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State of _____
County of _____

On this _____ day of _____, 20____, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared _____ ☐ personally known to the notary or ☐ proved to the notary through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was _____, to be the person who signed above in my presence, and who swore or affirmed to the notary that the contents of the document are truthful to the best of his or her knowledge.

Notary Public: _____
My commission expires: _____
Notary identification number: _____

ATTORNEY CERTIFICATE

/s/ _____ Attorney for the Plaintiff	Rhode Island Bar Number: Date:
Office Telephone Number:	