

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY  
STATE OF ARIZONA

**Sacaton Court:** 721 W. Seed Farm Road, P.O. Box 368, Sacaton, Arizona 85147, 520-562-9860 (P), 520-562-9867 (F)  
**Westend Judicial Center:** 4751 W. Pecos Road, Laveen, Arizona 85339, 520-562-9862 (P), 520-562-9869 (F)

**Respondent's Guide Sheet for Order of Protection - Please Read Carefully**

**The following information is provided to further explain the order of protection that has been served upon you and your responsibilities as the respondent.**

- 1. ORDER OF PROTECTION:** An Order of Protection is used for a "family" relationship between you and the petitioner. This can include one of the following: 1) a current or former spouse, 2) an adult or minor who is dating or who has dated or who has dated, or engaged in or has engaged in a sexual relationship with the respondent, 3) an adult or minor who is related or is formerly related to the respondent by marriage, 4) an adult or minor who is related to the respondent by blood, 5) a person who has a child in common with the respondent, or 6) a minor child of a person in a relationship as described above.
- 2. SERVICE AND EFFECT:** This Order is valid for one (1) year from the date it is served on you and is enforceable by law enforcement in any state or tribal nation in the United States.
- 3. PROTECTIVE ORDER HEARING:** If you disagree with this Order, you have the right to request a hearing within ten (10) calendar days upon being served with the Order. You may request a hearing by submitting to the Court the REQUEST FOR HEARING ON ORDER OF PROTECTION form within ten (10) calendar days. If you do not request a hearing, the Order shall remain in effect. If you do not appear at the hearing, an Order may be issued in your absence.
- 4. MODIFYING OR QUASHING (DISMISSING) THIS PROTECTIVE ORDER:** Only a judge can modify or quash (dismiss) this Order. If you file an action for maternity, paternity, annulment, legal separation, or dissolution against the petitioner after the Order is issued, advise this Court at once. **Nothing you do can stop, change, or undo this Order without the Court's written approval.**
- 5. PETITIONER CONTACT:** Even if the petitioner initiates contact, you could be arrested for violating this Order. **You have the right to request an Order against the petitioner if you do not want the petitioner to contact with you.** However, Orders are not automatically granted upon request. Legal requirements must be met.
- 6. LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDBY:** If you or the petitioner needs to get personal belongings from the other, you may request standby from the judge. Standby allows you or the petitioner to return once with a law enforcement officer to obtain necessary personal belongings from the residence. Neither law enforcement nor this Order can resolve conflicts over property, title, furniture, finances, real estate, or other ownership issues.
- 7. FIREARMS:** If the judge has ordered under law that you shall not possess, receive, or purchase firearms or ammunition, you must surrender them within twenty-four (24) hours after service to the law enforcement agency named on this Order and should request them to issue proof of that surrendering. You may also be required to provide documentation to the court that firearms were transferred to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

