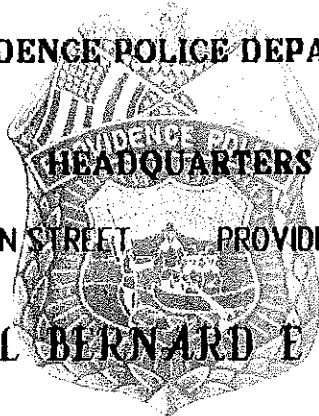


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The purpose of this General Order is to provide an overview of state-of-the-art legislation recently introduced regarding domestic abuse prevention. A most recent act relating to RIGL 15-15 has established a procedure in filing temporary relief, or prevention of domestic abuse by a complainant/plaintiff after court hours.

Such legislation provides law enforcement agencies the ability to seek relief for a plaintiff/complainant once they have completed a written statement relating their immediate concerns of irreparable injury, loss, or damage to their well-being. Said relief may be granted by a judge via telephone, while the plaintiff is directed to respond to the 'Restraining Order Office' the next business day. The office is located at the J. Joseph Garrahy Judicial Complex, Dorrance Street, 2nd floor opposite the court clerk's counter. While there, the plaintiff may seek a more permanent or ongoing restraining order.

A completed 'sample' copy of the application for protective orders may be viewed in the Patrol Bureau, where blank applications are also available from the commanding officer. District Sergeants shall maintain a readily available supply of forms. Officers who encounter a situation where they believe such an order is warranted are directed to summon their respective district sergeant, or available supervisor to access matters and determine if a protective order is necessary.

Appropriate forms will be completed at the scene and the Sergeant will in turn request the shift commander to contact the 'on-call' Family Court Judge and receive authorization for issuance of this limited protective order. The complainant should then be directed to the Family Court, Restraining Order Office the following business day. Agency copies shall be forwarded to the Prosecution Bureau.

APPROVED:

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