

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

**GUN VIOLENCE
RESTRAINING ORDER
PETITIONER PACKET**



FORMS INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET

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These instructions cannot cover all of the questions that may arise in a particular case. If you do not know what to do to protect your rights, you should see a lawyer or a self-help center.

What is a gun violence restraining order?

It is a court order that temporarily prohibits someone from having any of the following items:

- Firearms, including any handgun, rifle, shotgun, and assault weapon;
- Firearm parts, meaning receivers, frames, and any item that may be used as or easily turned into a receiver or frame (see Penal Code section 16531) (these may also be called “ghost guns”);
- Ammunition; and
- Magazines (any ammunition feeding device).

The person must turn in, sell, or store any prohibited items listed above that that person currently owns. The police will come and remove the items or the person can store them with a licensed gun dealer while the restraining order is in effect. The restrained person also cannot buy any of the prohibited items during this time. The restrained person also may not own, possess, or buy body armor. If they have body armor, they must relinquish it.

For more information about prohibited items, please see selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/restraining-orders/prohibited-items.

Can I get a gun violence restraining order against someone?

You can ask for one if you are connected to the person you think is dangerous as:

- An immediate family member;
- An employer;
- A coworker who has substantial and regular interactions with the person and has worked with them for at least a year. You must have permission from your employer to ask for the restraining order;
- An employee or teacher at a school that the person has attended in the last six months, where you have permission from a school administrator or staff member who has a supervisory role;
- A law enforcement officer or agency;
- A roommate who resided in the household in the past six months and has had substantial and regular interactions with the person for at least a year;
- Somebody in a dating relationship; or
- Somebody who shares a child with the person and has had substantial and regular interactions with the person for at least a year.

Immediate family members include:

- Your spouse or domestic partner;
- You or your spouse’s parents, children, siblings, grandparents, and grandchildren and their spouses, including any stepparents or stepgrandparents; and
- You or your spouse’s aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, first and second cousins, great-grandparents, and great-grandchildren if you have had substantial and regular interactions for at least a year.

If you do not have the necessary relationship, advise a law enforcement officer of the situation. The officer may investigate and file the petition if grounds exist.

Will I have to pay a filing fee to request the order?

No.

Will the order protect me in other ways, such as keeping the person from coming near me?

No, the only order the court can make is to force the person to not have the prohibited items listed above. If you need personal protection from a family member, you should proceed under the Domestic Violence Prevention Act. See [Can a Domestic Violence Restraining Order Help Me?](#) (form [DV-500-INFO](#)) for information on how to proceed. For information on other civil restraining orders, please see selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/types-restraining-orders.

What forms do I need to get the order?

You must fill out the following forms:

- *Petition for Gun Violence Restraining Order* (form [GV-100](#));
- *Confidential CLETS Information* (form [CLETS-001](#));
- *Notice of Court Hearing* (form [GV-109](#)), items 1 and 2 only; and
- *Temporary Gun Violence Restraining Order* (form [GV-110](#)), items 1 and 2 only.

You may need other local forms. Ask your self-help center or visit your court’s website.

Where can I get these forms?

You can get the forms from legal publishers or the internet at www.courts.ca.gov/forms. You also may be able to find them at your local courthouse or county law library.



What do I need to do to get the order?

You must file your papers with the superior court in the county where the person to be restrained lives. Check online or ask the court how to file your request for a gun violence restraining order. (A self-help center or legal aid association may be able to assist you in filing your request.) File your forms electronically or give your forms to the clerk of the court. The court will give you a hearing date on the *Notice of Court Hearing* form.

How soon can I get the order?

You can ask for a temporary gun violence restraining order, which will be effective right away if granted. The court may decide whether or not to grant the temporary order based only on the facts that you have stated in your petition. If so, the court will decide within 24 hours whether or not to make the temporary order. Sometimes the court will want to examine you personally under oath. If you file in person, the clerk will tell you whether you should wait to talk to the judge or come back later to find out if the court has signed a temporary order.

If you don't ask for a temporary restraining order, you will have to wait until the hearing, at which the court will decide whether to make an order that will last for a period of time between 1–5 years.

How will the person to be restrained know about the order?



If the court issues a temporary restraining order, someone age 18 or older—**not you**—must personally “serve” (give) the person to be restrained a copy of the order. The server must then fill out *Proof of Personal Service* (form [GV-200](#)) and give it to you to file with the court. If the person to be restrained attends the hearing, no further proof of service is required. But if they do not attend the hearing, then any order issued at the hearing must also be personally served. For help with service, ask the court clerk for *What Is “Proof of Personal Service”?* (form [GV-200-INFO](#)). Note: A sheriff or marshal can serve the order for free.

Do I need a lawyer?

Having a lawyer is always a good idea, but it is not required and you are not entitled to a free, court-appointed attorney. Ask the court clerk about free and low-cost legal services and self-help centers in your county.

What do I have to prove to get the order?

You will have to convince the judge that the person to be restrained poses a significant danger in the near future of causing personal injury to themselves or another person by having in his or her custody or control, owning, purchasing, possessing, or receiving any of the prohibited items listed on page 1.

You will also have to convince the judge that a gun violence restraining order is needed to prevent personal injury to the person to be restrained or to another person because less restrictive alternatives either have been tried and haven't worked, or are inadequate or inappropriate for the current circumstances.

You will need to give the judge specific information. You should tell the judge everything that you know about the firearms, firearm parts, ammunition, body armor, or magazines that the person to be restrained currently owns, including how many the person owns, the types, and where they are kept.

Then you will need to present facts to show that the person to be restrained is dangerous to themselves or others. This could be information about any threat of violence that the person to be restrained has made, any violent incident in which the person has been involved, or any crime of violence the person has committed. It could also be evidence that the person to be restrained has violated a protective order or abuses controlled substances or alcohol. It could also be evidence of the unlawful and reckless use, display, or brandishing of a firearm or the recent acquisition of a firearm or body armor. Or it could be evidence that the person to be restrained has been identified by a mental health provider as someone prohibited from purchasing, possessing or controlling any firearms.

You should include all of this information in your Petition and also be prepared to present it to the judge at the hearing.



Do I have to attend a court hearing?

Yes. Attend the hearing on the date listed on *Notice of Court Hearing* (form GV-109).

You can attend the hearing remotely, such as by telephone or videoconference, or go to court in person. Check with your local court for instructions on how to appear remotely. Information is also available on the court’s website, which you can find here: www.courts.ca.gov/find-my-court.htm.

Can someone attend the hearing with me?

Yes. Someone can sit with you during the hearing, but that person cannot speak for you to the court. Only you or your lawyer (if you have one) can speak for you.

Do I need to bring a witness to the hearing?

Witnesses are not required, but it helps to have more proof than just your word. For example, consider bringing:

- Witnesses
- Written statements from witnesses made under oath
- Photos
- Medical or police reports
- Damaged property
- Threatening letters, emails, or telephone messages

The court may or may not let witnesses speak at the hearing. So, if possible, you should bring their written statements under oath to the hearing. (You can use *Declaration* (form [MC-030](#)) for this purpose.)

Will I see the restrained person at the court hearing?

If the person attends the hearing, yes. If you are afraid, tell the court.

How long does the order last?

If the court makes a temporary order, it will last until your hearing date, which must be within 21 days of the date of the temporary order. If at the hearing the court issues a more permanent order, it will last for one to five years. It may be renewed for an additional one to five years.

What if the restrained person does not obey the order?

Call the police. The restrained person can be arrested and charged with a crime.

Can I agree with the restrained person to terminate the order?

No. Once the order is issued, only the judge can change or terminate it. The restrained person would have to file a request with the court to terminate the order.

What if I need help to understand English?

When you file your papers, ask the clerk if a court interpreter is available. You can also use form [INT-300, Request for Interpreter \(Civil\)](#), or a local court form or website to request an interpreter. For more information about court interpreters, go to selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/request-interpreter.

What if I have a disability?

If you have a disability and need an accommodation while you are at court, you can use form [MC-410, Disability Accommodation Request](#), to make your request. You can also ask the ADA Coordinator in your court for help. For more information, see form [MC-410-INFO, How to Request a Disability Accommodation for Court](#).

Information about the process is also available online.

See selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/GV-restraining-order.

For help in your area, contact:

[Local information may be inserted.]

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

Read *Can a Gun Violence Restraining Order Help Me?* (form [GV-100-INFO](#)) before completing this form.

1 Petitioner

a. Your Full Name or Name of Law Enforcement Agency:

I am:

- A family member of the respondent.
- An officer of a law enforcement agency (*A petition may be filed in the name of the law enforcement agency in which the officer is employed. If you wrote your full name above, write the name of the law enforcement agency that employs you:*)

An employer of the respondent (*your position and name of company*):

A coworker of the respondent. I have had substantial and regular interactions with the respondent for at least one year and I have obtained the approval of my employer to file this petition (*name of company*):

An employee or teacher of a secondary or postsecondary school that the respondent has attended in the last 6 months. I have obtained the approval of a school administrator to file this petition (*name of the school*):

A roommate of the respondent. I currently live with the respondent or lived with the respondent within the past six months and have had substantial and regular interactions with the respondent for at least one year.

A person who has a dating relationship with the respondent.

A person who has a child in common with the respondent. I have had substantial and regular interactions with the respondent for at least one year.

b. Your Lawyer (*if you have one for this case*): Name: _____

Firm Name: _____ State Bar No.: _____

c. Your Address (*If you have a lawyer, give your lawyer's information. If you do not have a lawyer and want to keep your home address private, you may give a different mailing address instead. You do not have to give telephone, fax, or email. Law enforcement officer, give agency information.*)

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of San Diego

- CENTRAL DIVISION, HALL OF JUSTICE, 330 W. BROADWAY, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101
- EAST COUNTY DIVISION, 250 E. MAIN ST., EL CAJON, CA 92020
- NORTH COUNTY DIVISION, 325 S. MELROSE DR., VISTA, CA 92081
- SOUTH COUNTY DIVISION, 500 3RD AVE., CHULA VISTA, CA 91910

Court fills in case number when form is filed.

Case Number:

2 Respondent

Full Name: _____ Age: _____

Address (*if known*): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

This is not a Court Order.



3 Venue

Why are you filing in this county? (Check all that apply):

- a. The respondent lives in this county.
- b. Other (specify): _____

4 Other Court Cases

a. Are you aware of any other court cases, civil or criminal, involving the respondent?

- Yes No *If yes, check each kind of case and give as much information as you know as to where and when each was filed:*

	<u>Kind of Case</u>	<u>Filed in (County/State)</u>	<u>Year Filed</u>	<u>Case Number (if known)</u>
(1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Civil Harassment	_____	_____	_____
(2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence	_____	_____	_____
(3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Divorce, Nullity, Legal Separation	_____	_____	_____
(4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Paternity, Parentage, Child Custody	_____	_____	_____
(5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Elder or Dependent Adult Abuse	_____	_____	_____
(6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Eviction	_____	_____	_____
(7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Violence	_____	_____	_____
(8)	<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal	_____	_____	_____
(9)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____	_____	_____	_____

b. Are there now any protective or restraining orders in effect relating to the respondent?

- Yes No I don't know *If yes, attach a copy if you have one.*

5 Description of Respondent's Firearms (Guns), Firearm Parts, Ammunition, or Magazines

Answer 5a or check 5b if you have reason to believe that the respondent is in possession of firearms (guns), firearm parts, ammunition, or magazines. This includes firearm receivers and frames, and any item that may be used as or easily turned into a receiver or frame (see Penal Code section 16531).

a. I am informed, and on that basis believe, that the respondent currently possesses or controls the following firearms, firearm parts, ammunition, or magazines (describe the number, types, and locations of any of those items that you believe that the respondent currently possesses or controls):

	<u>Types of firearms (guns), firearm parts, ammunition or magazines</u>	<u>How many or what amount?</u>	<u>Location, if known</u>
(1)	_____	_____	_____
(2)	_____	_____	_____
(3)	_____	_____	_____
(4)	_____	_____	_____
(5)	_____	_____	_____
(6)	_____	_____	_____

b. I am informed, and on that basis believe, that the respondent currently possesses or controls firearms, firearm parts, ammunition, or magazines, but I have no further specific information as to the number, types, and locations of those items.

This is not a Court Order.



6 Reasons a Gun Violence Restraining Order is Needed

Explain why a gun violence restraining order is needed. This explanation should include: (1) how the respondent poses a danger to themselves or others by having a firearm (gun), a firearm part (any receiver, frame, or unfinished receiver or frame as defined in Penal Code section 16531), ammunition, or a magazine; and (2) whether other less restrictive alternatives to a gun violence restraining order have been tried and found to be ineffective, or why other less restrictive alternatives have been determined to be inadequate or inappropriate for the current circumstances. If any of the following have occurred, you should include information about them:

- Threats or acts of violence or physical force by the respondent.
• Violation of a protective order by the respondent.
• The respondent being convicted of illegally possessing a firearm (gun).
• The respondent being arrested for a felony offense.
• The unlawful and reckless use, display, or brandishing of a firearm (gun) by the respondent.
• Recent criminal offenses by the respondent that involve illegal drugs or alcohol.
• Recent acquisition of firearms (guns), ammunition, other deadly weapons, or body armor by the respondent.
• Any other evidence of an increased risk for violence by the respondent.

The facts supporting the above statements are set forth:

- Below
On Attached Declaration (form MC-031).

Blank lines for providing supporting facts.

7 Request for Gun Violence Restraining Order

I request that the court issue an order prohibiting the respondent from having in their custody or control, owning, purchasing, possessing or receiving, or attempting to purchase or receive, any firearms (guns), firearm parts, ammunition, or magazines. This includes firearm receivers and frames, and any item that may be used as or easily turned into a receiver or frame (see Penal Code section 16531). I further request that the respondent be ordered to immediately surrender (turn in, sell, or store) all firearms, firearm parts, ammunition, and magazines currently in their possession to a law enforcement officer or to sell those items to or store them with a licensed gun dealer.

- a. I request the order above for _____ years. (Please include a number of years between one and five years.)
b. I am asking for this amount of time because:

Blank lines for providing reasons for the requested time period.

8 No Body Armor

If an order is granted, the respondent will be prohibited from owning, possessing, or buying body armor and would have to relinquish any they have.

This is not a Court Order.



9 No Fee to Serve (Notify) Restrained Person

If you want the sheriff or marshal to serve (notify) the restrained person about the orders, they will do it for free.

10 Request for Hearing

I request that the court set a hearing in this matter for the purpose of issuing a gun violence restraining order that will last between one and five years.

11 Temporary Gun Violence Restraining Order

I request that a temporary gun violence restraining order be issued against the respondent to last until the hearing. I am presenting *Temporary Gun Violence Restraining Order* (form [GV-110](#)) for the court's signature together with this Petition.

Has the respondent been told that you were going to court to seek a temporary gun violence restraining order?

- Yes No *(If you answered no, explain why below):*
- Reasons stated in Attachment 11.

12 Request to Give Less Than Five Days' Notice of Hearing

You must have your papers personally served on the respondent at least five calendar days before the hearing, unless the court orders a shorter time for service. (See What Is "Proof of Personal Service"? (form [GV-200-INFO](#)), Proof of Personal Service (form [GV-200](#)) may be used to show the court that the papers have been served.)

If you want there to be fewer than five days between service and the hearing, explain why below:

- Reasons stated in Attachment 12.

13 Number of pages attached to this form, if any: _____

Date: _____

Lawyer's name (if any)

▶ _____
Lawyer's signature

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information above and on all attachments is true and correct.

Date: _____

Type or print your name

▶ _____
Sign your name

This is not a Court Order.

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (<i>Name, State Bar number, and address</i>): TELEPHONE NO.: _____ FAX NO. (Optional): _____ EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional): _____ ATTORNEY FOR (Name): _____	FOR COURT USE ONLY CASE NUMBER: _____
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO <input type="checkbox"/> CENTRAL DIVISION, CENTRAL COURTHOUSE, 1100 UNION ST., SAN DIEGO, CA 92101 <input type="checkbox"/> CENTRAL DIVISION, HALL OF JUSTICE, 330 W BROADWAY, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101 <input type="checkbox"/> NORTH COUNTY DIVISION, 325 S. MELROSE DR., VISTA, CA 92081 <input type="checkbox"/> EAST COUNTY DIVISION, 250 E. MAIN, EL CAJON, CA 92020 <input type="checkbox"/> SOUTH COUNTY DIVISION, 500 3RD AVE., CHULA VISTA, CA 91910	
PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER: DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT:	
DECLARATION	

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date:

_____ (TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

_____ (SIGNATURE OF DECLARANT)

- Attorney for Plaintiff Petitioner Defendant
- Respondent Other (*Specify*):

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

Petitioner must complete items ① and ② only.

① Petitioner

a. Your Full Name or Name of Law Enforcement Agency:

- I am:
- A family member of the respondent
 - An officer of a law enforcement agency
 - An employer of the respondent
 - A coworker of the respondent
 - An employee or teacher of a secondary or postsecondary school that the respondent has attended in the last 6 months
 - A roommate of the respondent.
 - A person who has a dating relationship with the respondent.
 - A person who has a child in common with the respondent.

b. Your Lawyer (if you have one for this case):

Name: _____ State Bar No.: _____

Firm Name: _____

c. Your Address (If you have a lawyer, give your lawyer's information. If you do not have a lawyer and want to keep your home address private, you may give a different mailing address instead. You do not have to give telephone, fax, or email. Law enforcement officer, give agency information.)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of San Diego

- CENTRAL DIVISION, HALL OF JUSTICE, 330 W. BROADWAY, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101
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- SOUTH COUNTY DIVISION, 500 3RD AVE., CHULA VISTA, CA 91910

Court fills in case number when form is filed.

Case Number:

② Respondent

(Give all the information you know. Information with a star (*) is required to add this order to the California police database. If age is unknown, give an estimate.)

*Full Name: _____ *Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

*Race: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____ Hair Color: _____ Eye Color: _____

*Gender: M F Nonbinary Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Relationship to Protected Person: _____

The court will complete the rest of this form.

③ Expiration Date

This Order expires at the end of the hearing scheduled for the date and time below:

Date: _____ Time: _____ a.m. p.m.

This is a Court Order.



4 Findings

- Having examined petitioner and other witnesses under oath,
- Having considered the declarations of petitioner and other witnesses under penalty of perjury,

a. The court finds that there is a substantial likelihood that both of the following are true:

- (1) Respondent poses a significant danger in the near future of causing personal injury to themselves or another person by having in their custody or control, owning, purchasing, possessing, or receiving firearms, firearm parts, ammunition, or magazines. This includes firearm receivers and frames, and any item that may be used as or easily turned into a receiver or frame (see Penal Code section 16531).
- (2) A temporary gun violence restraining order is necessary to prevent personal injury to the respondent or to another person because less restrictive alternatives either have been tried and found to be ineffective, or have been determined to be inadequate or inappropriate for the current circumstances.

- b. The court has received credible information that the respondent owns or possesses one or more firearms, firearm parts, ammunition, or magazines.
- c. The facts as stated in the Petition and supporting documents, which are incorporated here by reference, establish sufficient grounds for the issuance of this Order. And for the reasons stated below.

See the attached *Attachment* (form [MC-025](#)).

5 No Fee to Serve (Notify) Restrained Person

If the sheriff or marshal serves this order, service will be free.

This is a Court Order.



6 No Firearms (Guns), Firearm Parts, Ammunition, and Magazines

- a. You cannot have in your custody or control, own, purchase, possess, or receive, or attempt to purchase or receive, any prohibited items listed below in b.
- b. **Prohibited items are:**
 - (1) Firearms (guns);
 - (2) Firearm parts, meaning receivers, frames, and any item that may be used as or easily turned into a receiver or frame (see Penal Code section 16531);
 - (3) Ammunition; and
 - (4) Magazines (ammunition feeding devices).
- c. You must surrender (turn in, sell, or store) all prohibited items in your custody or control or that you possess or own. If a law enforcement officer asks you to turn over your prohibited items, you must do so immediately. If no request is made by a law enforcement officer, you must surrender all prohibited items within 24 hours of being served with this Order. You may surrender these items by turning them in to law enforcement, selling them to a licensed gun dealer, or storing them with a licensed gun dealer for as long as this Order or any more permanent order granted at the hearing in item 3 is in effect.
- d. Within 48 hours of receiving this Order, you must file a receipt with the court that proves that all your prohibited items have been turned in, sold, or stored. (You may use *Receipt for Firearms, Firearm Parts, Ammunition, and Magazines* (form [GV-800](#)) for the receipt.) You must also file a copy of the receipt with the law enforcement agency that served you with this order. **FAILURE TO FILE THIS RECEIPT IS A VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER.**

7 No Body Armor

You cannot own, possess, or buy body armor (defined in Penal Code section 16288). You must relinquish any body armor you have in your possession.

8 Number of pages attached to this Order, if any: _____

Date: _____

Judicial Officer

This is a Court Order.



Warnings and Notices to the Respondent

To the restrained person: This Order is valid until the expiration date and time noted on page 1. You are required to surrender all firearms, ammunition, and magazines that you own or possess in accordance with section 18120 of the Penal Code and you may not have in your custody or control, own, purchase, possess, or receive, or attempt to purchase or receive, any firearm, ammunition, or magazines while this order is in effect. A hearing will be held on the date and at the time noted on Page 1 to determine if a more permanent gun violence restraining order should be issued. Failure to appear at the hearing may result in a court making an order against you that is valid for a period between one and five years. You may seek the advice of an attorney as to any matter connected with the order. The attorney should be consulted promptly so that the attorney may assist you in any matter connected with the order.

Violation of this Order is a misdemeanor. If you violate this Order, you will be prohibited from having in your custody or control, owning, purchasing, possessing, or receiving, or attempting to purchase or receive, any prohibited items listed in item 6b, above, for a period of five years. This Order must be enforced by any law enforcement officer in the state of California who is aware of or shown a copy of this Order. The Order remains enforceable regardless of the acts of the parties; it may be changed only by an order of the court.

After You Have Been Served With a Temporary Order

- Obey the order by turning in all firearms (guns), firearm parts, ammunition, and magazines to a law enforcement agency or selling them to or storing them with a licensed gun dealer.
- Read *How Can I Respond to a Petition for Gun Violence Restraining Order?* (form [GV-120-INFO](#)) to learn how to respond to this Order.
- If you do not oppose the petition, fill out *Consent to Gun Violence Restraining Order and Surrender of Firearms* (form [GV-125](#)) and file it with the court clerk.
- If you disagree with the petition, fill out *Response to Petition for Gun Violence Restraining Order* (form [GV-120](#)) and file it with the court clerk.
- You must have form GV-120 served by mail on the Petitioner or the Petitioner's attorney. You cannot do this yourself. The person who does the mailing should complete and sign *Proof of Service by Mail* (form [GV-250](#)). File the completed proof of service with the court clerk before the hearing date or bring it with you to the hearing.
- In addition to the response, you may file and have declarations served, signed by you and other persons who have personal knowledge of the facts. You may use *Declaration* (form [MC-030](#)) for this purpose. It is available from the clerk's office at the court shown on page 1 of this form or at www.courts.ca.gov/forms. If you do not know how to prepare a declaration, you should see a lawyer.
- Whether or not you file a response, you should attend the hearing. If you have any witnesses, they must also attend the hearing. You and your witnesses may attend the hearing remotely (check with your court for instructions).
- At the hearing, the judge can make a gun violence restraining order against you that lasts between one to five years. Tell the judge why you disagree with the order requested.

This is a Court Order.



Instructions for Law Enforcement**Duties of Officer Serving This Order**

The officer who serves this order on the restrained person must do the following:

- Ask if the restrained person is in possession of any of the prohibited items listed in item 6b, above, or has custody or control of any that they have not already turned in.
- Order the restrained person to immediately surrender to you all prohibited items.
- Issue a receipt to the restrained person for all prohibited items that have been surrendered.
- Complete a proof of personal service and file it with the court. You may use form [GV-200](#) for this purpose.
- Within one business day of service, submit the proof of service directly into the California Restraining and Protective Order System (CARPOS), including the serving officer’s name and law enforcement agency.

Duties of Agency on Surrender of Firearms, Firearm Parts, Ammunition, or Magazines

The law enforcement agency that has received the surrendered prohibited items listed in item 6b, above, must do the following:

- Retain the prohibited items until the termination or expiration of this Order or of any other gun violence restraining order issued by the court.
- On the expiration of this Order or of any later gun violence restraining order issued by the court, return the prohibited items to the respondent as provided by chapter 2 of division 11 of title 4 of the Penal Code (commencing with section 33850). Section 34000 provides for the sale or destruction of any unclaimed items.
- If someone other than the respondent claims title to any of the prohibited items surrendered, determine whether that person is the lawful owner. If so, return the prohibited items to that person as provided by chapter 2 of division 11 of title 4 of the Penal Code (commencing with section 33850).

Enforcing This Order

The law enforcement officer should determine if the respondent had notice of the order. Consider the respondent “served” (given notice) if:

- The officer sees a copy of the proof of service or confirms that the proof of service is on file; or
- The respondent was informed of the order by an officer; or
- The officer sees a filed copy of form GV-125.

An officer can obtain information about the contents of the order and proof of service in CARPOS. If proof of service on the respondent cannot be verified, the agency must advise the restrained person of the terms of the order and then enforce it (*see above: Duties of Officer Serving This Order*).

The provisions in this *Temporary Gun Violence Restraining Order* do not affect those of any other protective or restraining order in effect, including a criminal protective order. The provisions in any other another existing protective order remain in effect.

(Clerk will fill out this part.)

Clerk’s Certificate

[seal]

—Clerk's Certificate—

I certify that this *Temporary Gun Violence Restraining Order (CLETS-TGV)* (form GV-110) is a true and correct copy of the original on file in the court.

Date: _____ Clerk, by _____, Deputy

This is a Court Order.

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

Petitioner must complete items ① and ② only.

① Petitioner

Your Full Name or Name of Law Enforcement Agency:

- I am:
- A family member of the respondent.
 - An officer of a law enforcement agency.
 - An employer of the respondent.
 - A coworker of the respondent.
 - An employee or teacher of a secondary or postsecondary school that the respondent has attended in the last 6 months.
 - A roommate of the respondent.
 - A person who has a dating relationship with the respondent.
 - A person who has a child in common with the respondent.

Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of San Diego

- CENTRAL DIVISION, HALL OF JUSTICE, 330 W. BROADWAY, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101
- EAST COUNTY DIVISION, 250 E. MAIN ST., EL CAJON, CA 92020
- NORTH COUNTY DIVISION, 325 S. MELROSE DR., VISTA, CA 92081
- SOUTH COUNTY DIVISION, 500 3RD AVE., CHULA VISTA, CA 91910

Court fills in case number when form is filed.

Case Number:

② Respondent

Full Name: _____

The court will complete the rest of this form.

③ Hearing

Hearing Date	Date: _____	Time: _____	Name and address of court if different from above: _____
	Dept.: _____	Room: _____	_____
<p>You may attend your hearing remotely, such as by phone or videoconference. For more information, go to the court's website for the county listed above. To find the court's website, go to www.courts.ca.gov/find-my-court.htm.</p>			

To the person in ②:

- If you attend the hearing (in person, by phone, or by videoconference) and the judge grants a restraining order against you, the order will be effective immediately, and you could be arrested if you violate the order.
- If you do not attend the hearing, the judge may still grant the restraining order that could last up to five years. After you receive a copy of the order, you could be arrested if you violate the order.

④ Temporary Gun Violence Restraining Order *(Any order granted is on form GV-110, served with this notice.)*

a. A Temporary Gun Violence Restraining Order as requested in *Petition for Gun Violence Restraining Order* (form GV-100) is *(check only one box below)*:

- (1) **GRANTED** until the court hearing.
- (2) **DENIED** until the court hearing. *(Specify reasons for denial in b, below.)*



4 b. Reasons for denial of a Temporary Gun Violence Restraining Order as requested in *Petition for Gun Violence Restraining Order* (form GV-100) are:

- (1) The facts as stated in form GV-100 do not show that there is a substantial likelihood that both of the following are true:

Respondent poses a significant danger of causing personal injury to themselves or another person by having custody or control of, owning, purchasing, possessing, or receiving firearms, firearm parts, ammunition, or magazines. This includes firearm receivers and frames, and any item that may be used as or easily turned into a receiver or frame (see Penal Code section 16531).

A gun violence restraining order is necessary to prevent personal injury to the respondent or to another person because less restrictive alternatives either have been tried and found to be ineffective, or have been determined to be inadequate or inappropriate for the current circumstances.

- (2) Other (as stated): Below On Attachment 4b(2)

5 Service of Documents on Respondent

At least five _____ calendar days before the hearing, a law enforcement officer or someone age 18 or older—and not a party to the action—must personally give (serve) a court file-stamped copy of this form GV-109 to the respondent, along with a copy of all the forms indicated below:

- a. GV-100, *Petition for Gun Violence Restraining Order* (file-stamped)
- b. GV-110, *Temporary Gun Violence Restraining Order* (file-stamped) **IF GRANTED**
- c. [GV-120](#), *Response to Petition for Gun Violence Restraining Order* (blank form)
- d. [GV-120-INFO](#), *How Can I Respond to a Petition for a Gun Violence Restraining Order?*
- e. [GV-125](#), *Consent to Gun Violence Restraining Order and Surrender of Firearms* (blank form)
- f. Other (specify): _____

Date: _____

Judicial Officer



To the Petitioner in 1:

- The court cannot make an order at the court hearing unless the respondent has been personally given (served) a copy of the Petition and a temporary order if issued. To show that the respondent has been served, the person who served the forms must fill out a proof of service form. *Proof of Personal Service* (form [GV-200](#)) may be used.
- For information about service, read *What Is "Proof of Personal Service"?* (form [GV-200-INFO](#)).
- You may ask to reschedule the hearing if you are unable to find the respondent and need more time to serve, or for other good reasons. Use *Request to Continue Court Hearing for Gun Violence Restraining Order* (form [GV-115](#)).
- You must attend the hearing if you want the judge to make any of the orders you requested on form GV-100, *Petition for Gun Violence Restraining Order*. Bring any evidence or witnesses you have. For more information, read form [GV-100-INFO](#), *Can a Gun Violence Restraining Order Help Me?*

To the Respondent:

- If you want to oppose the *Petition for Gun Violence Restraining Order* (form GV-100) in writing, file *Response to Petition for Gun Violence Restraining Order* (form [GV-120](#)) and have someone age 18 or older—**not you**—mail it to the Petitioner.
- The person who mailed the form must fill out a proof of service form. *Proof of Service by Mail* (form [GV-250](#)) may be used. File the completed form with the court before the hearing and bring a copy with you to the court hearing.
- Whether or not you respond in writing, attend the hearing if you want the judge to hear from you before making an order. You may tell the judge why you agree or disagree with the order requested.
- You may bring witnesses and other evidence.
- At the hearing, the judge may order you to turn in to law enforcement, or sell to or store with, a licensed gun dealer, any firearms (guns), firearm parts, ammunition, or magazines that you own or possess. This includes firearm receivers and frames, and any item that may be used as or easily turned into a receiver or frame (see Penal Code section 16531). If issued, the order will last for one year. If an order is granted, you will also be prohibited from owning, possessing, or buying body armor and will have to relinquish any body armor you have.
- If you do not oppose the petition and are willing to give up your firearm rights, complete and file a *Consent to Gun Violence Restraining Order and Surrender of Firearms* (form [GV-125](#)).
- If you are unable to attend your court hearing or need more time to prepare your case, you may ask to reschedule your court date. Use *Request to Continue Court Hearing for Gun Violence Restraining Order* (form GV-115).



Request for Accommodations

Assistive listening systems, computer-assisted real-time captioning, or sign language interpreter services are available if you ask at least five days before the hearing. Contact the clerk’s office or go to www.courts.ca.gov/forms for *Disability Accommodation Request* (form [MC-410](#)). (Civ. Code, § 54.8.)

(Clerk will fill out this part.)

—Clerk's Certificate—

I certify that this *Notice of Court Hearing* (form GV-109) is a true and correct copy of the original on file in the court.

Clerk's Certificate

Date: _____

[seal]

Clerk, by _____, Deputy

CLETS-001 Confidential Information for Law Enforcement

Instructions: If you are asking for a restraining order, you must complete this form and give it to the court clerk, along with the other court forms required in your case. If the judge grants the restraining order, information you give on this form will be entered into a database (called CLETS) to help law enforcement enforce the order. If information changes later, you may complete this form again and turn it in to the court.

To Court Clerk: Do not file this form. The information on this form must be entered into the protective order registry in CLETS.

Court fills in case number when form is received.

Case Number:

Information that has a star (*) next to it is required. All other information is helpful.

Date received by court: _____

1 Person You Want a Restraining Order Against

*Name: _____
Other names used: _____
Marks, scars, or tattoos: _____ SSN: _____
Telephone: _____ Driver's license (number and state): _____
Vehicle type: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Plate number: _____
Name of employer and address: _____

Does the person speak English? Yes I don't know No (list language): _____

Does the person have any firearms (guns), firearm parts, ammunition, or body armor?

No I don't know

Yes (Give any information you have below, like the type, amount, or location of any items, if known.)

2 *Your Name: _____

(Skip 3 and 4 if you are asking for a gun violence restraining order (form GV-100).)

3 Your Information

*Age: _____ Date of Birth (month, day, year): _____ *Gender: M F X (nonbinary)

Race: _____ Telephone: _____

Do you speak English? Yes No (list language): _____

4 Other People You Want Protected

*Name: _____	*Gender: _____	Race: _____	Date of Birth: _____
*Name: _____	*Gender: _____	Race: _____	Date of Birth: _____
*Name: _____	*Gender: _____	Race: _____	Date of Birth: _____
*Name: _____	*Gender: _____	Race: _____	Date of Birth: _____

Check here if you have more people to list. Write them on a separate piece of paper, write "Item 4" at the top, and attach it to this form.

This is not a Court Order—Do not place in court file.

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address): TELEPHONE NO.: _____ FAX NO.: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ ATTORNEY FOR (Name): _____	FOR COURT USE ONLY
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

CENTRAL DIVISION, HALL OF JUSTICE, 330 W. BROADWAY, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

CENTRAL DIVISION, JUVENILE COURT, 2851 MEADOW LARK DR., SAN DIEGO, CA 92123

EAST COUNTY DIVISION, 250 E. MAIN ST., EL CAJON, CA 92020

NORTH COUNTY DIVISION, 325 S. MELROSE DR., VISTA, CA 92081

SOUTH COUNTY DIVISION, 500 3RD AVE., CHULA VISTA, CA 91910

CASE NAME: _____

CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET <input type="checkbox"/> Unlimited (Amount demanded exceeds \$35,000)	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited (Amount demanded is \$35,000 or less)	Complex Case Designation <input type="checkbox"/> Counter <input type="checkbox"/> Joinder Filed with first appearance by defendant (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.402)
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CASE NUMBER: _____

JUDGE: _____

DEPT.: _____

Items 1–6 below must be completed (see instructions on page 2).

1. Check **one** box below for the case type that best describes this case:

Auto Tort <input type="checkbox"/> Auto (22) <input type="checkbox"/> Uninsured motorist (46) Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos (04) <input type="checkbox"/> Product liability (24) <input type="checkbox"/> Medical malpractice (45) <input type="checkbox"/> Other PI/PD/WD (23) Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort <input type="checkbox"/> Business tort/unfair business practice (07) <input type="checkbox"/> Civil rights (08) <input type="checkbox"/> Defamation (13) <input type="checkbox"/> Fraud (16) <input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual property (19) <input type="checkbox"/> Professional negligence (25) <input type="checkbox"/> Other non-PI/PD/WD tort (35) Employment <input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful termination (36) <input type="checkbox"/> Other employment (15)	Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Breach of contract/warranty (06) <input type="checkbox"/> Rule 3.740 collections (09) <input type="checkbox"/> Other collections (09) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance coverage (18) <input type="checkbox"/> Other contract (37) Real Property <input type="checkbox"/> Eminent domain/Inverse condemnation (14) <input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful eviction (33) <input type="checkbox"/> Other real property (26) Unlawful Detainer <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial (31) <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (32) <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs (38) Judicial Review <input type="checkbox"/> Asset forfeiture (05) <input type="checkbox"/> Petition re: arbitration award (11) <input type="checkbox"/> Writ of mandate (02) <input type="checkbox"/> Other judicial review (39)	Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.400–3.403) <input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust/Trade regulation (03) <input type="checkbox"/> Construction defect (10) <input type="checkbox"/> Mass tort (40) <input type="checkbox"/> Securities litigation (28) <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental/Toxic tort (30) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance coverage claims arising from the above listed provisionally complex case types (41) Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement of judgment (20) Miscellaneous Civil Complaint <input type="checkbox"/> RICO (27) <input type="checkbox"/> Other complaint (<i>not specified above</i>) (42) Miscellaneous Civil Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership and corporate governance (21) <input type="checkbox"/> Other petition (<i>not specified above</i>) (43)
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2. This case is is not complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court. If the case is complex, mark the factors requiring exceptional judicial management:

a. <input type="checkbox"/> Large number of separately represented parties b. <input type="checkbox"/> Extensive motion practice raising difficult or novel issues that will be time-consuming to resolve c. <input type="checkbox"/> Substantial amount of documentary evidence	d. <input type="checkbox"/> Large number of witnesses e. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordination with related actions pending in one or more courts in other counties, states, or countries, or in a federal court f. <input type="checkbox"/> Substantial postjudgment judicial supervision
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3. Remedies sought (*check all that apply*): a. monetary b. nonmonetary; declaratory or injunctive relief c. punitive

4. Number of causes of action (*specify*): _____

5. This case is is not a class action suit.

6. If there are any known related cases, file and serve a notice of related case. (*You may use form CM-015.*)

Date: _____

_____ (TYPE OR PRINT NAME)	 _____ (SIGNATURE OF PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR PARTY)
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NOTICE

- Plaintiff must file this cover sheet with the first paper filed in the action or proceeding (except small claims cases or cases filed under the Probate Code, Family Code, or Welfare and Institutions Code). (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.220.) Failure to file may result in sanctions.
- File this cover sheet in addition to any cover sheet required by local court rule.
- If this case is complex under rule 3.400 et seq. of the California Rules of Court, you must serve a copy of this cover sheet on all other parties to the action or proceeding.
- Unless this is a collections case under rule 3.740 or a complex case, this cover sheet will be used for statistical purposes only.

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INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE COVER SHEET

CM-010

To Plaintiffs and Others Filing First Papers. If you are filing a first paper (for example, a complaint) in a civil case, you **must** complete and file, along with your first paper, the Civil Case Cover Sheet contained on page 1. This information will be used to compile statistics about the types and numbers of cases filed. You must complete items 1 through 6 on the sheet. In item 1, you must check **one** box for the case type that best describes the case. If the case fits both a general and a more specific type of case listed in item 1, check the more specific one. If the case has multiple causes of action, check the box that best indicates the **primary** cause of action. To assist you in completing the sheet, examples of the cases that belong under each case type in item 1 are provided below. A cover sheet must be filed only with your initial paper. Failure to file a cover sheet with the first paper filed in a civil case may subject a party, its counsel, or both to sanctions under rules 2.30 and 3.220 of the California Rules of Court.

To Parties in Rule 3.740 Collections Cases. A "collections case" under rule 3.740 is defined as an action for recovery of money owed in a sum stated to be certain that is not more than \$25,000, exclusive of interest and attorney's fees, arising from a transaction in which property, services, or money was acquired on credit. A collections case does not include an action seeking the following: (1) tort damages, (2) punitive damages, (3) recovery of real property, (4) recovery of personal property, or (5) a prejudgment writ of attachment. The identification of a case as a rule 3.740 collections case on this form means that it will be exempt from the general time-for-service requirements and case management rules, unless a defendant files a responsive pleading. A rule 3.740 collections case will be subject to the requirements for service and obtaining a judgment in rule 3.740.

To Parties in Complex Cases. In complex cases only, parties must also use the Civil Case Cover Sheet to designate whether the case is complex. If a plaintiff believes the case is complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court, this must be indicated by completing the appropriate boxes in items 1 and 2. If a plaintiff designates a case as complex, the cover sheet must be served with the complaint on all parties to the action. A defendant may file and serve no later than the time of its first appearance a joinder in the plaintiff's designation, a counter-designation that the case is not complex, or, if the plaintiff has made no designation, a designation that the case is complex.

CASE TYPES AND EXAMPLES

Auto Tort

Auto (22)–Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death
Uninsured Motorist (46) (*if the case involves an uninsured motorist claim subject to arbitration, check this item instead of Auto*)

Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort

Asbestos (04)
Asbestos Property Damage
Asbestos Personal Injury/Wrongful Death
Product Liability (*not asbestos or toxic/environmental*) (24)
Medical Malpractice (45)
Medical Malpractice–Physicians & Surgeons
Other Professional Health Care Malpractice
Other PI/PD/WD (23)
Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall)
Intentional Bodily Injury/PD/WD (e.g., assault, vandalism)
Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress
Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress
Other PI/PD/WD

Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort

Business Tort/Unfair Business Practice (07)
Civil Rights (e.g., discrimination, false arrest) (*not civil harassment*) (08)
Defamation (e.g., slander, libel) (13)
Fraud (16)
Intellectual Property (19)
Professional Negligence (25)
Legal Malpractice
Other Professional Malpractice (*not medical or legal*)
Other Non-PI/PD/WD Tort (35)

Employment

Wrongful Termination (36)
Other Employment (15)

Contract

Breach of Contract/Warranty (06)
Breach of Rental/Lease
Contract (*not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction*)
Contract/Warranty Breach–Seller Plaintiff (*not fraud or negligence*)
Negligent Breach of Contract/Warranty
Other Breach of Contract/Warranty
Collections (e.g., money owed, open book accounts) (09)
Collection Case–Seller Plaintiff
Other Promissory Note/Collections Case
Insurance Coverage (*not provisionally complex*) (18)
Auto Subrogation
Other Coverage
Other Contract (37)
Contractual Fraud
Other Contract Dispute

Real Property

Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14)
Wrongful Eviction (33)
Other Real Property (e.g., quiet title) (26)
Writ of Possession of Real Property
Mortgage Foreclosure
Quiet Title
Other Real Property (*not eminent domain, landlord/tenant, or foreclosure*)

Unlawful Detainer

Commercial (31)
Residential (32)
Drugs (38) (*if the case involves illegal drugs, check this item; otherwise, report as Commercial or Residential*)

Judicial Review

Asset Forfeiture (05)
Petition Re: Arbitration Award (11)
Writ of Mandate (02)
Writ–Administrative Mandamus
Writ–Mandamus on Limited Court Case Matter
Writ–Other Limited Court Case Review
Other Judicial Review (39)
Review of Health Officer Order
Notice of Appeal–Labor Commissioner
Appeals

Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court Rules 3.400–3.403)

Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)
Construction Defect (10)
Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)
Securities Litigation (28)
Environmental/Toxic Tort (30)
Insurance Coverage Claims (*arising from provisionally complex case type listed above*) (41)

Enforcement of Judgment

Enforcement of Judgment (20)
Abstract of Judgment (Out of County)
Confession of Judgment (*non-domestic relations*)
Sister State Judgment
Administrative Agency Award (*not unpaid taxes*)
Petition/Certification of Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Taxes
Other Enforcement of Judgment Case

Miscellaneous Civil Complaint

RICO (27)
Other Complaint (*not specified above*) (42)
Declaratory Relief Only
Injunctive Relief Only (*non-harassment*)
Mechanics Lien
Other Commercial Complaint Case (*non-tort/non-complex*)
Other Civil Complaint (*non-tort/non-complex*)

Miscellaneous Civil Petition

Partnership and Corporate Governance (21)
Other Petition (*not specified above*) (43)
Civil Harassment
Workplace Violence
Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse
Election Contest
Petition for Name Change
Petition for Relief From Late Claim
Other Civil Petition

What is “service”?

Service is the act of giving your legal papers to the other party. There are many kinds of service—in person, by mail, and others. This form is about personal or “in-person” service. The *Petition for Gun Violence Restraining Order* (Form GV-100), the *Notice of Court Hearing* (Form GV-109), and the *Temporary Gun Violence Restraining Order* (Form GV-110) must be served “in person.” That means that someone must personally “serve” (give) a copy of the forms to the respondent (the person to be prohibited from having guns).

These forms cannot be served by mail; they must be given to the respondent personally.

Service lets the respondent know:

- Why you are asking for a Gun Violence Restraining Order;
- The hearing date;
- How to respond.

Why do I have to get the orders served?

- The police cannot arrest anyone for violating an order unless that person knows about the order.
- No hearing can be held to extend the order for a year unless the respondent was served and knows about the hearing.

Don't serve it by mail!



Who can serve?

Any law enforcement officer may serve the respondent, even if the petition was filed by a law enforcement officer. **It is recommended that you ask a law enforcement officer to serve the forms because of the potential for gun violence. A sheriff or marshal will serve the order at no cost to you.**

However, service may also be by any person who is at least 18 years old and not a party to the action. That means that if the petitioner is a family member rather than a law enforcement officer, that person may not serve the forms on the respondent. You may use a process server. A “registered process server” is a business that you pay to deliver court forms. Look for “Process Serving” in the Yellow Pages or on the Internet.

How to serve

Ask the server to:

- Make personal contact with the person to be served.
- Make sure it is the right person. Ask the person’s name.
- Give the person copies of all papers checked on Form GV-200, *Proof of Personal Service*.
- Fill out and sign the *Proof of Personal Service* form.
- Give the signed *Proof of Personal Service* to you.

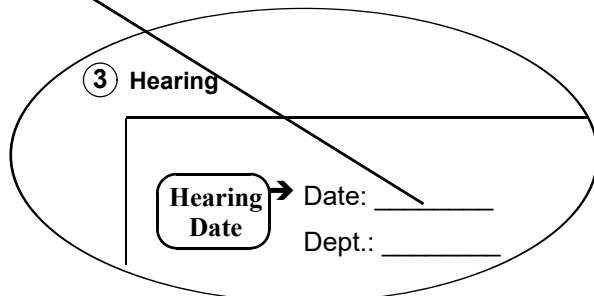
What if the person won’t take the papers or tears them up?

- If the person won’t take the papers, just leave them near him or her.
- It doesn’t matter if the person tears them up. Service is still complete.

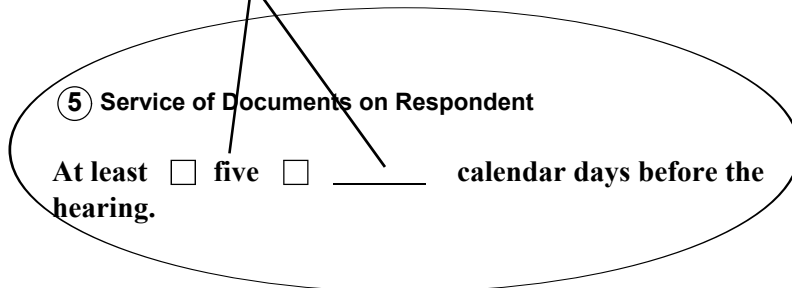
When do the orders have to be served?

It depends. To know the exact date, you have to look at two things on Form GV-109, *Notice of Court Hearing*:

First, look at the hearing date on page 1 of Form GV-109.



Next, look at the number of days in item ⑤ on page 2 of Form GV-109.



Look at a calendar. Subtract the number of days in ⑤ from the hearing date. That is the final date to have the orders served. It is always OK to serve earlier than that date. If nothing is checked or written in ⑤, you must serve the orders at least five days before the hearing.

Who signs the Proof of Personal Service?

Only the person who serves the forms can sign Form GV-200, *Proof of Personal Service*. You do not sign it; the restrained person does not need to sign it.

What do I do with the completed Proof of Personal Service?

If someone other than a law enforcement officer serves the papers, you should:

- Make several copies.
- File the original with the court before your hearing.
- Bring a copy of the completed *Proof of Personal Service* to your hearing.
- Always keep an extra copy of the restraining orders with you for your safety.

What happens if I can't get the orders served before the hearing date?

You will need to ask the court to “continue” (postpone and reschedule) the hearing until after you are able to have the respondent served. Fill out and file Form GV-115, *Request to Continue Court Hearing for Gun Violence Restraining Order*. If the court grants you a continuance, the *Temporary Gun Violence Restraining Order* (Form GV-110) will remain in effect until the new hearing date.

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

1 Petitioner/Requesting Agency

Name: _____

2 Respondent/Restrained Person

Name: _____

3 Notice to Server

The server must:

- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Not be the Petitioner unless the Petitioner is a law enforcement officer.
- Give a copy of all documents checked in **4** to the Respondent / Restrained Person. (You cannot send them by mail.) Then complete and sign this form and give or mail it to the Petitioner.



Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of San Diego

- CENTRAL DIVISION, HALL OF JUSTICE, 330 W. BROADWAY, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101
- EAST COUNTY DIVISION, 250 E. MAIN ST., EL CAJON, CA 92020
- NORTH COUNTY DIVISION, 325 S. MELROSE DR., VISTA, CA 92081
- SOUTH COUNTY DIVISION, 500 3RD AVE., CHULA VISTA, CA 91910

Fill in case number:

Case Number:

PROOF OF PERSONAL SERVICE

4 I personally gave the Respondent a copy of the forms checked below:

- a. GV-030, *Gun Violence Restraining Order After Hearing on EPO-002*
- b. GV-100, *Petition for Gun Violence Restraining Order*
- c. GV-109, *Notice of Court Hearing*
- d. GV-110, *Temporary Gun Violence Restraining Order*
- e. GV-116, *Order for Continuance and Notice of New Hearing Date*
- f. GV-120, *Response to Petition for Gun Violence Restraining Order* (blank form)
- g. GV-120-INFO, *How Can I Respond to a Petition for a Gun Violence Restraining Order?*
- h. GV-130, *Gun Violence Restraining Order After Hearing*
- i. GV-600, *Request to Terminate Gun Violence Restraining Order* (blank form)
- j. GV-800, *Proof of Firearms, Ammunition, and Magazines Turned In, Sold, or Stored* (blank form)
- k. Other (*specify*): _____

5 I personally gave copies of the documents checked above to the Respondent/Restrained Party:

- a. On (*date*): _____ b. At (*time*): _____ a.m. p.m.
- c. At this address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

6 Server's Information

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephone: _____

(If you are a registered process server):

County of registration: _____ Registration number: _____

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information above is true and correct.

Date: _____

 Type or print server's name Server to sign here

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Instructions: Each county in California has a sheriff (and sometimes a marshal's office) that can serve different types of court papers, including restraining orders. Note that the sheriff cannot guarantee that they will be successful in finding the person you need served, but they will try to serve based on the information you put on this form.

- Complete this form for each set of papers you need served. You must complete a separate form for each person you need served.
- Find out where the person you need served is located. Give your papers to the sheriff or marshal's office in that county.
- You may have to pay for service of some court papers. For more information, see page 5 of this form, or go to <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/sheriff-serves>.
- Do not use this form if you are asking the sheriff to enforce a wage garnishment order on an employer. Instead, use forms WG-001, *Application for Earnings Withholding Order*, and WG-035, *Confidential Statement of Judgment Debtor's Social Security Number*.
- If you want the sheriff to enforce a writ or levy, complete this form and form SER-001A, *Special Instructions for Writs and Levies—Attachment*.

To Court Clerk: Do not file this form.

Sheriff File Number (for sheriff to complete, if needed):

Fill in case number:

Court Case Number:

All information is required unless it is listed as optional or does not apply to your case.

① **To the Sheriff or Marshal of (name of county):** _____

② **Your Information**

a. Your name (party requesting service): _____

b. Your lawyer's information (if you have one)

Name: _____

Firm name: _____

c. Court case name: _____

(example: Garcia v. Smith)

d. Contact information for the sheriff or marshal to reach you

(Give an address where you can receive mail regularly, like a post office box, a Safe at Home address, or another safe address. If you have a lawyer, give the lawyer's information.)

Address to receive mail: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone number (optional): _____ Email address (optional): _____

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3 Information About Person or Entity You Want Served

(Check a or b)

a. I ask the sheriff to serve a person *(complete section below)*

(1) Name of person: _____
Nicknames or aliases *(optional)*: _____

(2) Telephone number *(optional)*: _____

(3) Can you describe the person?

No, I do *not* have any information about the person's description.

Yes *(complete the section below with any information you have)*:

Gender: Male Female Nonbinary

Height: _____ Weight: _____ Hair color: _____ Eye color: _____

Date of birth or age *(give estimate, if unknown)*: _____

Race/Ethnicity: _____

Special marks or features *(tattoos, scars, etc.)*: _____

Vehicle *(type, model, year, color, plate number)*: _____

Check here if you are including a picture of the person.

(4) Do you know of any safety or accessibility issues?

No

Yes *(complete the section below with any information you have)*:

The person *(check all that apply)*:

Has a gun or other weapon.

Is on probation or parole.

Has a history of violence or abuse.

Has an aggressive animal.

Has special training *(examples: military, first responder)*.

Has mental health issues.

Is deaf or hard of hearing.

Does not speak English *(list language)*: _____

Add any other information about safety or accessibility that you know about:

b. I ask the sheriff to serve an entity *(examples: business or government agency)*

(1) Name and type of entity: _____
Telephone number *(optional)*: _____

(2) If there is a specific person who should be served, give name: _____

(3) If there is an agent for service of process, give name: _____

(4) List any safety or accessibility issues *(examples: weapons, aggressive animals, language barrier)*:

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4 Address Where Person or Entity Should Be Served

(The sheriff typically serves during normal business hours. Check with the sheriff's office for the exact times.)

Address: _____ Home Business

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Gate code or special instructions: _____

Best time to serve at this address *(example: 8 a.m.–noon)*: _____

Check here if the person is in jail or prison *(give name of facility)*: _____

Alternate address (optional)

(If the person cannot be found at the address listed above, some sheriffs may try a second address if it's in the same county. If you have a second address for the person you want served, complete the section below.)

Address: _____ Home Business

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Gate code or special instructions: _____

Best time to serve at this address *(example: 8 a.m.–noon)*: _____

5 Information About Your Request

a. What type of court papers are you giving the sheriff to serve *(examples: summons, restraining order, eviction, small claims, bank levy, or writ of attachment)*?

b. List all forms or court papers you want served on the person in **3** a. *(optional)*.

(Note: You can list each form by its form number (example: FL-100, SC-100). If there is no form number, give the title of the document. The court may have ordered you to serve certain papers. Look at the court's order and list all forms required. If you do not know which papers you need to serve, ask a lawyer, or contact your local self-help center for free information.)

c. Is there a court hearing (court date)?

I don't know

No

Yes *(if yes, give date of hearing)*: _____

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5 d. Is there a deadline for service?
 I don't know
 No
 Yes (if yes, give deadline): _____

e. Has the court allowed you to serve your court papers in another way besides personal service (example: substituted service)?
 I don't know
 No
 Yes (if yes, include a copy of the order allowing another type of service)

f. Is there any other information you want or need to give to the sheriff to serve your court papers?
 No
 Yes (if yes, give information below):

6 Enforcement of Writ or Levy

If you want the sheriff to enforce a writ or levy, you must complete form SER-001A, Special Instructions for Writs and Levies—Attachment, and turn it in with this form.

(Only complete this section if you want the sheriff to enforce a writ or levy.)

Do you want the sheriff to both serve your court papers and act as levying officer?
 Yes
 No. I only want the sheriff to act as levying officer. A registered process server has or will serve my papers.

Your Signature (party asking for service, or their lawyer)

Date: _____

Type or print your name



Sign your name (may be electronic)

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Your Next Steps

- Find out if you need to pay a fee for service by asking the court's self-help center, a lawyer, or the sheriff's office. Here are some situations where you **do not** need to pay for service:
 - If you have a fee waiver in your case (fee waiver granted by a judge on form FW-003 or FW-005).
 - If you are serving a domestic violence, elder abuse, or gun violence restraining order.
 - If you have a civil harassment, workplace violence, or school violence restraining order based on a credible threat of violence or stalking.
- Give this form and a copy of all the court papers you need served to the sheriff or marshal, including a copy of a fee waiver (if you have one). If you do not have to pay a fee to the sheriff, you can send your papers electronically. If you have to pay a fee, contact the sheriff to find out your options for turning in your request. Note that you can always turn in your request in person.
- You should get a form back from the sheriff.
 - If the sheriff was able to serve your court papers, you should receive a form (called a proof of service). **Make sure you get a copy from the sheriff and file it with the court.** Note that if there is a court stamp at the top right corner of the first page, it has already been filed and you do not need to file it with the court.
 - If the sheriff was unable to serve your court papers, you should receive a form (sometimes called declaration of due diligence) that tells you that service was unsuccessful and will give details about when the sheriff tried to serve the person. If the sheriff was unable to serve your papers, you can ask a lawyer or court's self-help center about your next steps.
- To find your local court self-help center, go to www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp. Self-help center staff will not act as your lawyer but may be able to give you information to help you decide what to do in your case. Services are free.

To Sheriff or Marshal

- This form is confidential and must not be made public.
- Any papers submitted with this form should be served and listed on the applicable proof of service form.
- Note that (5) b is optional and may help to identify documents that should have been submitted but were not received by your office.
- Under Government Code section 26666.2, once you've received a completed copy of this form and forms for service, you must attempt service unless:
 - Any order submitted does not have a judge's signature or other representation of a judge's signature; clerk's endorsement; or court stamp, seal, or other court endorsement; or
 - A court case number is not listed on the order, summons, or other notice.

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