

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO

CLERK COMMON PLEAS COURT
LICKING CO. OHIO

MARK A. EVANS

Petitioner

Case No.

25CV0049

2025 JAN 14 PM 1:42

DEVINA C. PARKH:SON
CLERK

91 OLDE NORTH CHURCH RD

Address (Safe mailing address)

ETNA, OH 43147

City, State, Zip Code

Judge/Magistrate

Branstool

Date of Birth: 09 / 24 / 1970

v.

STEVEN TODD WOOD

Respondent

PETITION FOR CIVIL STALKING PROTECTION ORDER (R.C. 2903.214)

PETITION FOR CIVIL SEXUALLY ORIENTED OFFENSE PROTECTION ORDER (R.C. 2903.214)

6968 PALMER RD SW

Address (If home address unknown, may be work address)

ETNA, OH 43046

City, State, Zip Code

Date of Birth: 01 / 02 / 1964

Respondent is 18 years old or older

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1. I need or a witness needs a foreign language interpreter in _____ or an American Sign Language interpreter per Sup.R. 88.

2. I want do not want an *ex parte* (emergency) protection order per R.C. 2903.214(D). Petitioner further requests a full hearing trial be scheduled, even if the *ex-parte* protection order is granted, denied, or not requested.

3. Who needs protection?

- Me
- My minor children
- A family or household member who is not a minor child
- Other _____

4. I have listed below all family or household members who need protection, other than me or the person for whom I am filing the Petition. (Leave blank if you are not including other family or household members.)

Case No. _____

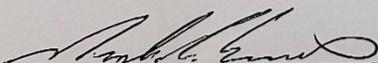
- (d) Directs Respondent not to remove, damage, hide, or dispose of any property, companion animals, or pets owned or possessed by Petitioner and persons named in this Petition.
- (e) Grants Petitioner permission to take Petitioner's companion animals or pets, as described below, away from the possession of Respondent.
- (f) Directs Respondent not to possess, use, carry, or obtain any deadly weapon, firearms, and ammunition.
- (g) Directs Respondent to be electronically monitored, because Respondent's conduct, as explained below, puts the health, welfare, or safety of Petitioner and the persons named in this Petition at risk. Also, as explained below, Respondent continues to present a danger to Petitioner and the persons named in this Petition. **If you need more space, attach an additional page.**

- (h) Includes the following additional provisions:

8. Petitioner further requests that the Court not issue any mutual protection orders or other orders against Petitioner unless all of the conditions of R.C. 2903.214(E)(3) are met.
9. Petitioner further requests that if Petitioner has a victim advocate, the Court permit the victim advocate to accompany Petitioner at all stages of these proceedings as required by R.C. 2903.214(L).
10. Petitioner further requests that the Court grant such other relief designed to ensure the safety and protection of Petitioner and persons named in this Petition.
11. Petitioner has listed court cases (including divorce, custody, visitation, children service case; pending criminal case or conviction for felonious assault, aggravated assault, assault, aggravated menacing, menacing by stalking, menacing, aggravated trespass; animal cruelty; sexually oriented offenses; no contact order; stay away order, and other protection order) and other legal matters involving Respondent, that may relate to this case. **(If you need more space, attach an additional page.)**

| CASE NAME | CASE NUMBER | COURT/COUNTY | RESULT OF CASE |
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I swear or affirm that the answers above are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that making false statements in this document may result in a contempt of court finding against me which could result in a jail sentence and fine, and may also subject me to criminal penalties for perjury under R.C. 2921.11.


 SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER

JANUARY 14, 2025
 DATE

| NAME | DATE OF BIRTH | RELATIONSHIP TO PETITIONER | LIVES WITH PETITIONER |
|------|---------------|----------------------------|--|
| | / / | | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| | / / | | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| | / / | | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| | / / | | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
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5. Petitioner requests a Civil Stalking Protection Order.

You must describe two or more incidents closely related in time that made you believe that Respondent will cause you physical harm or cause (or has caused) you mental distress. When did they happen (if you do not know exact dates, give approximate dates)?

If you need more space, attach an additional page.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT

6. Petitioner requests a Civil Sexually Oriented Offense Protection Order.

You must describe what Respondent did to you or the persons named in this Petition as fully as possible. You do not need to prove a pattern of conduct. One act may be enough.

If you need more space, attach an additional page.

7. Petitioner further requests the Court grant relief under R.C. 2903.214 for Petitioner and the family or persons named in this Petition by granting a Civil Stalking Protection Order or Civil Sexually Oriented Offense Protection Order that:

- (a) Directs Respondent to not abuse Petitioner and persons named in this Petition by harming, attempting to harm, threatening, following, stalking, harassing, contacting, forcing sexual relations upon them, or by committing sexually oriented offenses against them.
- (b) Directs Respondent to not enter the residence, school, business, place of employment, child care providers, or day care centers of Petitioner and persons named in this Petition, including the buildings, grounds, and parking lots at those locations.
- (c) Directs Respondent not to interfere with Petitioner's right to occupy the residence including, but not limited to canceling any utilities or insurance or interrupting phone service, mail delivery, or the delivery of any other documents or items.

STATEMENT OF MARK A. EVANS

FORM 10.03D, PART 5 – PETITIONER REQUESTS A CIVIL STALKING PROTECTION ORDER

I am requesting a Civil Stalking Protection Order due to repeated threats made by Steven Wood, which I believe are credible and have caused me significant mental distress and concern for my safety. Below, I provide a detailed account of these incidents.

Most Recent Threat: Occurred 1/7/25, Discovered 1/13/25

On 1/13/25 at 12:17 PM, I received a voicemail from an individual (unknown to me) who stated:

"I started watching the township trustee meeting videos that were posted. There was a threat, and I believe it was directed at you. It comes on at the 1:55 minute mark."

The caller, from (512) 851-3214, sounded genuinely concerned. I returned the call at 12:30 PM, and the individual explained they felt compelled to warn me because they believed the threat was real.

The referenced video was a Facebook livestream posted on 1/7/25 by Jackie Cotugno. Although her account was used to stream the video, Steven Wood set up the livestream and can be seen sitting adjacent to the laptop in the video. At approximately the 1 hour and 55-minute mark, Steven Wood can be heard making the following threatening statements:

- "He better keep his mouth shut."
- "I want to fucking jump him, kill him."
- "Piece of shit."

I recognized the voice as Steven Wood's. He is visible on the video at various points, further confirming his presence and involvement. The video link is:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/14yfG5UzuV/>.

As a trustee, I made a public statement addressing a fiscal office matter involving his partner, Jackie Cotugno, prior to these threats. I also reviewed my personal recording of the meeting, which has a clear view of Steven Wood at the time of the threats. My video, based on the clock on the wall at 7:49 PM on 1/7/25, corroborates the audio and shows him speaking directly to Steve Slyh, seated two chairs away.

Other Threats Over the Past Few Months

Steven Wood has made additional threats, both online and in person. These include:

- Repeatedly making statements such as "You're going to get it" and "I've had it with you" very menacingly at the township hall before/after trustee meetings and other occasions when accompanying his partner, Jackie Cotugno at the meetings. These in person threats are usually made when he is walking by me.

- On 12/20/24 at 7:19 PM, I emailed Jackie Cotugno referencing these threats, stating:
"It is your partner that has threatened me."

Original Threat: Occurred 1/25/24

The first threat I became aware of occurred on 1/25/24, when Steven Wood posted the following comment on Facebook:

"I think it's time to contact Yellowstone and get Rip to take out the trash to the train station lol."

This statement, in the context of a post about my actions as a trustee, is a reference to the TV show Yellowstone, where "taking someone to the train station" means disposing of someone permanently, killing them. The post link is: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1CnD6xS29d/>.

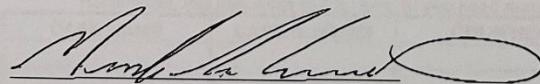
Impact of Threats

The repeated behavior and statements made by Steven Wood are deeply concerning and have caused significant stress, fear, and mental anguish. I believe these threats are credible and have expressed concerns for my safety publicly during township meetings. Others have also viewed these threats as legitimate and alarming.

Steven Wood has made public posts about guns and purchasing guns so he appears to have the means of carrying out his threats.

Request for Protection

Given the escalating nature of these threats and Steven Wood's proximity and access to me during township meetings and in the township, I fear for my safety and well-being. I respectfully request the court to issue a Civil Stalking Protection Order to prevent further threats or harm.



Mark A. Evans

January 14, 2024