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7 **Superior Court of Washington County of Franklin**

8 **In re:**

9 OLIVIA E. SAUCEDA

No. 24-2-50564-11

10 **Petitioner,**

Declaration of Olivia Saucedo

11 **and**

12 FOREST L. GORDON

Respondent.

13 I Declare:

14 I will do everything in my power to ensure the safety and wellbeing of Flynt and Sage. I
15 am not attempting to "scratch (Forest) out". I am trying to protect the children and myself from
16 further abuse. I am of sound of mind, though anxious from my time spent around Forest. I have
17 also been seeking a good therapist to help me process all of this.

18 I filed a Petition for Protection Order on October 10, 2022 (FCSC #22-2-50704-11). I was
19 in a similar situation to what I am now. Forest was sexually, verbally, and physically abusing me.
20 I recognized that my Petition was not extensive. I filed on my own and did not know how to
21 document the abuse I was experiencing by Forest. I ultimately dismissed my Petition for a
22 Protection Order on October 31, 2022. Forest had sought counsel. I did not have anyone helping
23 me. I was scared to go up against Forest in Court. We took matters to the Family Court, where
24 Forest convinced me to reconcile. We stipulated to an agreed order dismissing our Parenting Plan
25 action on June 15, 2023. At that time, we decided to try to work things out. Forest promised to do

1 better, and I believed him, so I agreed to get back together. Over time, Forest started to fall back
2 into his old habits. I've been compiling evidence for our safety for several months. I kept a detailed
3 diary of dates of abuse so I could better articulate the abuse my children and I were subjected to.
4 I also sought help from a Domestic Violence Advocate.

5 The following is supplementary evidence that I've gathered:

6 On 2/27/24, Forest did call Sage and I vulgar names. I've attached the photo of the
7 cupboard he punched and broke that night. He later shoved the broken piece back into place, so
8 that the damage would appear less noticeable, as pictured.

9 I have attached the time stamped version of the picture of the injury to my arm referenced
10 in my Petition for Protection Order from 3/22/24. This picture was taken on 3/22/24 @ 4:39 p.m.
11 This bruise on my arm was from Forest forcefully grabbing my arm when I was trying to protect
12 myself from sexually assaulting me.

13 Forest sexually assaulted me often. When I told him to stop, he only persisted harder.
14 Forest would tell me he was in charge. I was scared to call 911 because I knew Forest would not
15 respond well. Forest hates law enforcement. He has openly made threats about killing officers if
16 he had the chance. I was scared of what he'd do to me if he found out I'd called the police. Our
17 children were always present, as well. I didn't want to put our children or I in danger.

18 I am a devout Catholic. We occasionally attended Forest's church as a family, but this was
19 not always by choice. Forest didn't allow me to go or take the children to my own church. He
20 wanted our family to go to his or not at all. The only reason we were going was because Forest
21 made a deal with his pastor to attend church for community service hours. Forest is on parole and
22 needs to complete community service hours as part of his release. He was recently alerted that
23 his service hours are due by June 2024. He was nowhere near completing the 260-service hour
24 amount he owed.

25 Forest has a history of domestic violence. I am not Forest's first victim. The woman that
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1 Forest was in a relationship with before me, not Sage's mother, tried to leave him because he
2 was abusing her. That relationship ended violently. When she tried to leave, he pulled a gun on
3 her. He faced felony charges for this, but ultimately took a plea deal. He was charged with a gross
4 misdemeanor for domestic violence and a gross misdemeanor for firing or aiming a firearm. See
5 WATCH Report filed with Petition for Protection Order. Forest is on parole for a domestic violence
6 incident. At the time, Forest and I were in the early stages of our relationship. He was a good
7 partner. He told me that he was in the wrong place at the wrong time. He told me that she was a
8 lying woman. I took him at his word and wrote the statement for him. I didn't want him to get in
9 trouble. Now that I have experienced Forest's abuse, I regret writing that statement. Forest has
10 proven to me that he is capable of doing those things, I once believed he would never do. I am
11 not his first victim. This is a pattern of abuse.

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13 Forest was not the provider for our family. Forest struggles to remain employed. He got
14 fired from his last job at Ranch & Home for theft. When he lost his job, I was sole provider for the
15 family from the Fall of 2023 to December 2023. I struggled to keep food in the house and Forest
16 went out and bought a TV. He was always concerned about his wants and needs, physically,
17 financially, emotionally, over anyone else. He did not put our family, most importantly our children,
18 first. Forest is now employed and gets paid \$21/ hour. When he was employed, he paid the regular
19 bills. I paid for most groceries and day-to-day needs. I am fortunate enough to have a job that I
20 can bring my children to. I was able to limit the time they spent at home alone with Forest.

21 Flynt has been thriving since we moved out. He's much more rested. He is no longer
22 exhibiting signs of anxiety, which were evident when we were all living under the same roof. Forest
23 was always unpredictable. It caused the children and I anxiety. We never knew what was going
24 to set him off.

25 I'm very worried for Sage. I know that I am not legally her mother, but I have absolutely

been acting as her parent since Forest and I started our relationship in September 2021. Sage

1 has only ever known me as her mother-figure, as has been mentioned in my third-party
2 declarations, and I love her as my own. Forest only has Sage full time because her biological
3 mother failed to show up to the Family Court hearings that took place 4 years ago.
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5 The night before Forest wanted to leave for the Memorial Day weekend camping trip, I
6 begged him to leave the kids with me. He was insistent that we go camping, but I couldn't leave
7 on Friday when he wanted to. He told me I could just come up to the campsite on Saturday. I did
8 not feel comfortable sending the children with him alone. I have always protected their best
9 interest and I did not want them to be put in a dangerous situation without me there. I asked that
10 Forest leave them with me overnight or wait until Saturday to leave so that we could all go
11 together. He declined multiple times. I am never one to start an argument with Forest, because
12 his anger escalates to a point that I am scared to be in the same room as him. When he gets
13 angry, Forest punches walls, putting holes in them. Those pictures have been provided. It also
14 serves no purpose arguing with him because he is the only one that can ever be right. I've learned
15 not to confront him unless it is absolutely necessary. I've been in survival mode since I moved in
16 with Forest, and especially since having a baby with him. I am afraid of Forest.

17 When the children and I left the home, I did not communicate with Forest for our safety. I
18 was escaping an abusive marriage and did not want him to come after me or the children. Their
19 safety and well-being was my biggest concern.

20 Since filing my Petition, Forest has already violated the Temporary Protection Order. He
21 blocked me from getting my car, by blocking me in with a car and boat, so that I could not get my
22 car. I have attached a picture herein. He changed the locks to the family home so that I cannot
23 have access. He has thrown away my belongings. Most of all, Forest still has Sage in his custody
24 and control. He admits this in his declaration. This is a direct violation of the Temporary Protection
25 Order.

1 the drug heavily. The only reason he may not be using it now is because he's trying to get it out
2 of his system to prove otherwise. To set the record straight, I do not abuse drugs or alcohol. I am
3 willing to take tests if necessary. I have no chemical imbalance and I live a healthy lifestyle.
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5 It's far from irrelevant to mention that Forest doesn't allow for privacy. It is part of his abuse
6 and need for control. At the end of our relationship, I had to send my diary, which outlined the
7 abuse I experienced by Forest, to a friend to keep it safe. I was worried he would destroy it, or
8 retaliate against me for keeping a diary, if he found it. Forest was frequently going through my
9 phone to see who I was texting, calling, and would go through my photos.

10 I'm not trying to keep a father away from his children. I'm fighting to protect our children
11 and keep them away from any further abuse. The path Forest is on will only get worse until he
12 chooses to take accountability for his actions. It is evident by his declaration he is not willing to
13 take accountability. Forest denies the abuse when it is evident that the children and I are the
14 victims of domestic violence. I am asking the Court to grant my Protection Order as requested.
15 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing is
16 true and correct.

17 Signed at Kennewick, [City] WA [State] on 06/20/24 [Date].

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Olivia Saucedo (Jun 20, 2024 14:10 PDT)

OLIVIA SAUCEDA, Petitioner






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