

13. Petitioner has suffered or has reasonable cause to fear imminent domestic violence because Respondent has (briefly describe the incidents of violence or threats of violence, including when and where it occurred):

The respondent is the father of the petitioner's seven month old baby. The petitioner alleges the following incidents have occurred as described below:

According to the petitioner, she had a relationship with the respondent, who is a priest working out of the South Florida's Catholic Archdiocese, for the past three and a half years. The petitioner states she became pregnant with the respondent's child in 2008, at which point the respondent became verbally abusive towards her, making derogatory comments about her, and repeatedly stating the child is not his, which placed her under undue emotional distress. After the baby was born in January, 2009, the respondent refused to believe he was the father and repeatedly told the petitioner she was crazy. Sometime in April, 2009, the parties got into a heated argument over the paternity of the child, which escalated into physical violence, as the respondent pushed her and grabbed her by her hair. After the petitioner informed the respondent she wanted proof and would take it to a higher level, the respondent finally agreed to have a DNA test.

About one month later, the parties got into a verbal dispute after the petitioner demanded the DNA test results in order to get financial assistance for the child. The respondent's rage escalated as he attacked the petitioner, grabbing her by the throat and choking her. The petitioner fell back onto the bed and struggled to free herself from the respondent. The respondent suddenly let go, then threatened the petitioner by stating "any movement you do...you call the cops, you call the Archdiocese...we are powerful. You know what I will do..I will take this child away and you will never see this child again!" The petitioner immediately called the Archdiocese to inform them of her relationship with the respondent, at which point, the respondent left the petitioner's home in an extremely agitated state.

About one month ago, while the respondent was at the petitioner's home holding the baby, he threatened the petitioner by telling her if she calls the Archdiocese again or makes any other type of movement, he will take the baby away from her, fleeing with the baby to another country. The petitioner adds, both the respondent and his mother advised her to "stay quiet", and as long as she did, the Archdiocese would allow him to stay and furthermore, the respondent's mother asked the petitioner to meet the respondent at a disclosed location where he would hand her a check and she is to hand over the baby. The petitioner refused.

The petitioner states the respondent is extremely controlling and manipulative, becoming easily enraged, and she is now concerned with the respondent's behavior towards her which has become more aggressive, explaining he constantly looks at her with disdain and hatred.

The petitioner fears for her safety, concerned the respondent will follow through on his threats, due to his erratic, aggressive, and violent behavior. The petitioner is requesting the intervention and protection of the Court to keep the respondent away from her and her child at all times and prevent further acts of violence and harassment. CW(COC) *B. it.*

14. **Petitioner alleges the following additional information:**

- a. that the Respondent personally owns, possesses, and/or is known to possess a firearm: **Unknown**

If YES, what type(s):