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The Remsen Police Department routinely receives request from citizens regarding to applying for a “No-Contact Order”, “Temporary No-Contact Order” or a “Protection Order.” This document was created in order to clarify the differences between said orders.

This document does not address penalties, how to apply, or order extensions. For full Iowa Code in regard to the orders, contact a lawyer, or research Iowa Section Code 664A.

No-Contact Order:

A victim in a criminal case can get a no contact against the defendant. “No-contact order” means a court order issued in a criminal proceeding requiring the defendant to have no contact with the alleged victim, persons residing with the alleged victim, or members of the alleged victim’s immediate family, and to refrain from harassing the alleged victim, persons residing with the alleged victim, or members of the alleged victim’s family. If a criminal charge has been filed, you should contact the county attorney’s office and request a no-contact order. Your request will then be set for a hearing, and you will be notified of the hearing date and time.

Temporary No-Contact Order:

When a person is taken into custody for contempt proceedings pursuant to section 236.11, taken into custody pursuant to section 236A.12, or arrested for any public offense referred to in section 664A.2, subsection 1, and the person is brought before a magistrate for initial appearance, the magistrate shall enter a no-contact order if the magistrate finds both of the following: a. Probable cause exists to believe that any public offense referred to in section 664A.2, subsection 1, or a violation of a no-contact order, protective order, or consent agreement has occurred. b. The presence of or contact with the defendant poses a threat to the safety of the alleged victim, persons residing with the alleged victim, or members of the alleged victim’s family.

Protection Order:

If no criminal charge has been filed against the person who harmed you, you may still be eligible for a civil protective order. If that is your situation, there are fillable and savable petition forms on the Iowa Judicial Branch website with guides to assist you for domestic abuse, sexual abuse, and elder abuse cases. The forms and guides are available on the Iowa Judicial Branch website at: <https://www.iowacourts.gov/for-the-public/court-forms/>.

A protective order is a civil order from the court instructing a person to stop abusing, harassing, or contacting another person for a period of time. A victim of sexual, domestic, or elder abuse can get a protective order. A person may also get a protective order on behalf of a minor or vulnerable elder by being a substitute petitioner.

“Protective order” means a protective order issued pursuant to chapter 232, a court order or court-approved consent agreement entered pursuant to this chapter or chapter 235F, a court order or court-approved consent agreement entered pursuant to chapter 236 or 236A, including a valid foreign protective order under section 236.19, subsection 3, or section 236A.19, subsection 3, a temporary or permanent protective order or order to vacate the homestead under chapter 598, or an order that establishes conditions of release or is a protective order or sentencing order in a criminal prosecution arising from a domestic abuse assault under section 708.2A or older individual assault under section 708.2D, or a civil injunction issued pursuant to section 915.22. 3. “Victim” means a person who has suffered physical, emotional, or financial harm as a result of a public offense, as defined in section 701.2, committed in this state.