Extreme Risk Protective Orders (ERPO)

SB 719, 2017 Oregon Legislature

Hon. Maureen McKnight, Chief Family Court Judge April 13, 2018

NEW PROTECTIVE ORDER

- Focuses on imminent risk of suicide or harm to others from firearms or other deadly weapons
- Effective 1/1/18
- Codified at ORS 167.525 -.543
 - in the criminal statutes but is not a criminal proceeding



- Forms available on local and state OJD website
- Ex parte appearance daily at 1:30 (Judge name/courtroom #) posted in 211
- Brief sworn *ex parte* appearance
- Service on Respondent
- 30 days to contest
- If contested, hearing must be held w/in 21 days
- Can also be challenged by other side 1 x during year
- Can be renewed but not ex parte

Court

Hearing

Service

Sole relief:

Dispossession of deadly weapons (includes firearms) & surrender of concealed handgun license

Who Can Petition:

- Law Enforcement Officer*
 - Narrower than "peace officer" definition in ORS
- "Family or Household Member:" <u>not</u> = FAPA def.
 - Current spouse or intimate partner,
 - Parent, child, or sibling, or
 - Person living in same household (no "cohabitation/sexual intimacy " req'd)
 - Not include: former spouses, former cohabitants, unmarried parents, former sexual intimates w/in 2 years, adults related by blood or marriage

Showing:

Whether Respondent presents a risk in the near future, including an imminent risk, of suicide or causing physical injury to another person

No other relief available:

 Just surrender of firearms & concealed handgun license



 No: ouster, restraint from premises, ban on contact, child custody or parenting time terms,

Like FAPA except:

Standard of proof is Clear & Convincing (highly likely)

- Judge <u>must consider certain, non-exclusive factors</u>:
 - History of suicide attempts/violence/use of force;
 - prior convictions for Assault IV, Menacing, Strangulation, Recklessly Endangering, Intimidation II, Stalking, DV, DUII, cruelty to animals
 - recent substance abuse;
 - prior use/display of deadly weapon;
 - prior FAPA violation;
 - recent acquisition of weapon



Findings – at all points – <u>cannot</u> include MH diagnosis or nexus between risk and mental illness

So . . . describe <u>behaviors</u> and <u>statements</u> and find nexus – if any -- between those and risk



Ex Parte order must contain certain detail

- summary of evidence, date/time ordered; surrender details
- At contested hearing on the ex parte order (and on motion to review), affidavits can AFFIDAVIT be considered in lieu of examination NOTE: Statute states that Court may examine the parties/witness

 - In addition to Respondent's right to initial challenge, (request hrg w/in 30 days; hold w/in 21 days), each party may request termination 1/year
 - 5 day advance notice; no deadline for holding hearing

FAPA-procedures EXCEPT (continued)

Renewal is not done ex parte;

- Motion must be filed w/in 90 days pre-expiration;
- Requires minimum 5 days advance notice; no deadline but expiration
- New hearing demand for courts

Standing for Renewal

- Original petitioner
- Any family or household member
 - NOTE: could be dispute between original Petitioner and movant for renewal

Court Implementation Issues:

- Forms
 - Statewide forms are available on state & local website
 - Personal Data section is being missed as placed on order.
 Better if on Petition so Petitioner fills it out.
- Developing detailed surrender protocols w/LEA.
 - Multnomah County using FAPA protocol re location & return of surrendered weapons
 - Notice is included in documents served on Respondent
 - Counties w/o existing protocols have collaborations to build



Filed so far?

As of 4/9/18	Statewide	Multnomah County
# filed	21 (88 projected for yr)	4 (average 1/month)
# granted	18	4
Petition from LEA	14 (67%)	3 (75%)
Petition from Family/ Household Member	7 (Wife, Mother, adult Daughter, Girlfriend, Husband, Sister-in-law, co-worker)	1 (sister-in-law)
Contested hearings	None yet. 4/26/18 scheduled	None yet
MH vs. DV	Slightly more MH vs. MH + DV	2 MH, 2 DV + MH

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