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Judicial District:	Second
Court File Number:	62-HR-CV-21-361
Case Type:	Harassment

In the Matter of:

Steven James Anderson
Petitioner

Order Granting Harassment Restraining Order After Hearing
(Minn. Stat. § 609.748)

vs.

Timothy Allyn Hutchinson

This matter was heard by Elizabeth Clysdale, Judge/Referee of District Court on July 10, 2023.

Appearances were made by:
☒ Petitioner ☒ Petitioner's Attorney: Daniel Van Loh, Esq.
☒ Respondent ☐ Respondent's Attorney:
☒ Other: Witnesses for Respondent

Based upon the evidence and all the files, records and proceedings in this matter, the court finds:

1. ☐ The Respondent denies the allegations of the Petition but has no objection to the issuance of a Restraining Order. The court makes no findings of harassment.
2. ☒ There are reasonable grounds to believe that Respondent has engaged in harassment which has or is intended to have a substantial adverse effect on safety, security, or privacy of Petitioner or the minor children or ward(s) of Petitioner by committing the following acts:
   - ☐ Physically or sexually assaulted the Petitioner as follows:
   - ☐ Followed, monitored, or pursued the Petitioner as follows:
   - ☐ Made uninvited visits to the Petitioner as follows:
   - ☐ Made harassing phone calls or sent harassing text messages to the Petitioner as follows:
   - ☐ Made threats to the Petitioner as follows:
   - ☐ Frightened Petitioner with threatening behavior as follows:
   - ☐ Called the Petitioner abusive names as follows:
   - ☐ Damaged Petitioner's property as follows:
   - ☐ Broke into and entered Petitioner's residence as follows:

☐ Stole property from Petitioner as follows:

☐ Took pictures of the Petitioner without permission of the Petitioner as follows:

☐ Disseminated private sexual images of the Petitioner without permission of the Petitioner as follows:

☐ Used personal information, without consent, to invite, encourage, or solicit a third party to engage in a sexual act with the Petitioner as followings:

☐ Did acts repeatedly that meet the legal definition of "targeted residential picketing" as follows:

☐ Attended public events after being notified that Respondent's presence at the events is harassing to Petitioner as follows:

☐ Used social media to harass Petitioner as following:

☒ Other: The court finds the following:

1. Respondent is Petitioner's father-in-law. On May 27, 2021, Respondent agreed to a two-year Harassment Restraining Order (HRO) without findings. Petitioner's wife also has a HRO against Respondent.

2. In June 2021, Respondent created a website and a ninety-minute video, which was his response to all of the allegations raised in Petitioner's initial Petition for a HRO and disparaged Petitioner. (Ex. 6). Respondent invited family, including Petitioner's wife, to view the website. In June 2022, Respondent wrote a letter to his family and friends, which was uploaded to the website. (Ex. 5). In this letter, Respondent provided updates and again responds to the allegations raised in Petitioner's initial Petition for a HRO and disparaged Petitioner.

3. On June 4, 2021, Respondent sent a letter to Petitioner's wife, which accused Petitioner of lying and blamed him for Respondent and his daughter's broken relationship. (Ex. 4). On December 7, 2021, Respondent sent another letter to Petitioner's wife, where he blames Petitioner for his health issues, lack of sleep, and his heart condition. (Ex. 10).

4. On May 4, 2023, Respondent sent a message addressed to Petitioner through Petitioner's attorney. In this letter, Respondent mentions that the HRO expires on May 23, 2023, and goes on to say that Petitioner's lies will be exposed and he plans to protest at the church every week at both locations. (Ex. 3).

5. On May 5, 2023, Respondent contacted Petitioner's employer, Calvary Church, and demanded that the church investigate Petitioner's conduct as it relates to the problems between Respondent and his daughter, who is Petitioner's wife. In this letter, Respondent threatened to take action if an investigation was not conducted. When Calvary Church declined to investigate, Respondent replied: "The banners

have been ordered. My family and friends are ready. The protest will happen. There is only one way to stop this, and that is for [Calvary Church] to do the proper investigation." (Ex. 2). Respondent was referring that there would be protests on church property directed at Petitioner, which Petitioner and his employer took seriously.

6. Respondent does not dispute that he created a website and a video, sent letters to Calvary Church, and letters to Petitioner and his wife through their attorney. Respondent offered explanations and excuses for his conduct, which were not credible. Respondent's sister's testimony that she was organizing the protest and Respondent was not going to be present was not credible. Respondent's website, video, letters to Calvary Church, and letters to Petitioner and his wife through their attorney violated the existing HRO and were intended to and have negatively impacted Petitioner's safety, security and privacy. Respondent lacks insight into how his conduct has affected Petitioner and his wife and it is likely the harassment will continue without a HRO in place.

7. Petitioner is requesting a ten-year HRO. A HRO may be issued for a period of more than two years when there have been two or more violations of a HRO. Given the nature of the violations and Respondent's continued attacks on Petitioner's reputation and his employment, the HRO will be issued for ten years.

3. ☒ The harassment has or is intended to have a substantial adverse effect on the Petitioner's safety, security, or privacy.

4. ☐ The relief granted by this order may be for a period of up to 50 years based on the finding that:

☐ The petitioner has had two or more previous restraining order in effect against the same respondent; or

☐ The respondent has violated a prior or existing restraining order on two or more occasions.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. ☒ Respondent shall not harass ☒ Petitioner ☐ Petitioner's minor childred or ward(s

List minor children or ward(s) included in the Petition: _____

a. ☒ Respondent shall have no direct or indirect contact with ☒ Petitioner ☐ Petitioner's minor children or ward(s), including any visits to or phone calls to the protected person(s), contact via electronic means such as email or social networking sites, threats or assaultive behavior to the protected person(s), damaging or stealing property belonging to the protected

person(s), breaking into and entering the protected person(s) residence, and/or taking pictures of a protected person without permission of the Petitioner.

b. ☐ The relief granted does not extend to the Petitioner's minor children or ward(s). The relief requested for the Petitioner's minor children or ward(s) is denied because the harassment is not directed against the Petitioner's minor children or ward(s).

c. ☒ Respondent is prohibited from being within two (2) city blocks or a quarter mile of Petitioner's home at 725 4th Street E, Saint Paul, MN 55016 or future residences of Petitioner should Petitioner relocate.

Except as following: _____

d. ☐ Petitioner's address is confidential. If Respondent knows or learns of Petitioner's address, Respondent is prohibited from being within _____ of Petitioner's home.

e. ☒ Respondent is prohibited from being within two (2) city blocks or quarter mile of Petitioner's job site at Reliant Mission/Calvary Church 2120 Lexington Ave N. Roseville, Minnesota 55112 and 4604 Greenhaven Dr. White Bear Lake, Minnesota 55127 or future places of employment should Petitioner relocate.

Except as follows: _____

f. ☐ Other: _____

2. ☒ Any requested relief that is not specifically listed above is denied.

3. This Order shall remain in effect until 2033, which is ten (10) years from the date of this Order, unless changed by a later court order.

(Date not to exceed two years unless findings made to support longer order.)

4. The Court Administrator shall send a copy of this Order to the following law enforcement agency(s): Ramsey County Sheriff's Department and Saint Paul Police Department. **Every police department and sheriff's office in the United States, including those affiliated with tribal and territorial lands, is responsible for enforcing this Order under 18 U.S.C. § 2265 Full Faith and Credit of Protective Orders.**

5. If Respondent is an organization, this order ☐ shall / ☐ shall not apply to all members of the organization.

6. Other: _____

7. The sheriff of any county in Minnesota, or a peace officer, shall perform the duties relating to serving this Order without charge to Petitioner.

8. Respondent is restrained from harassing, stalking, or threatening the protected person(s), or engaging in other conduct that would place the protected person(s) in reasonable fear of bodily

injury to that person; and is prohibited from the use; attempted use, or threatened use of physical force against the protected person(s) that would reasonably be expected to cause bodily injury. 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(8)(B) and (C).

NOTICE

Any conduct by the Respondent in violation of the specific provisions provided in the "It Is Ordered" section above constitutes a violation of this Harassment Restraining Order. A police officer shall arrest the Respondent without warrant and take the Respondent to jail if the police officer believes the Respondent has violated this Order, and shall hold the Respondent in jail for at least 36 hours, excluding the day of arrest, Sundays, and legal holidays, unless the Respondent is released by a judge or judicial officer.

Violation of this Harassment Restraining Order may be treated as a misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor, or felony. A misdemeanor violation may result in a sentence of up to 90 days in jail and/or a fine of $1000.00. Some repeat violations are gross misdemeanors that may result in a sentence of up to one year in jail and/or a $3,000.00 fine. Other violations are felonies that may result in a sentence of imprisonment for up to five years and/or a fine of $10,000.00.
Federal law may prohibit shipping, transporting, possessing or receiving firearms or ammunition while this order is in effect. 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(8).

If the court grants this Harassment Restraining Order for a period of up to 50 years under Minn. Stat. §609.748 subd. 5, the Respondent must wait 5 years to seek modification of the Harassment Restraining Order.

Dated: _____

E Clysdale
Clysdale, Elizabeth (Referee)
Jul 13 2023 10:38 AM
Referee of District Court

Dated: _____

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Judge of District Court

Distribution

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT you are hereby notified that the attached Order has been filed in this case. The date of filing is represented on the "FILED" stamp on the face of the order.

Donald Harper
Court Administrator
Ramsey County District Court
25 West Seventh Street
Saint Paul, MN 55102
651-266-5130

A true and correct copy of this notice has been served pursuant to Minnesota Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 77.04.