

FORM 10-B: HOW TO COMPLETE A PROTECTION ORDER NOTICE TO NCIC

Form 10-A, Protection Order Notice to NCIC, is the mechanism to enter protection orders or consent agreements into the FBI's National Crime Information Center ("NCIC") Protection Order file. Inaccurate or inconsistent information on Form 10-A will delay entering the court order into the NCIC index; result in improper enforcement of the order; and impermissibly allow or deny a person from owning, possessing, purchasing, or transporting firearms and ammunition. Form 10-A must be completed each time the court grants, approves, modifies, renews, or terminates a criminal or civil *ex parte* or full hearing protection order or consent agreement or otherwise makes a clerical correction on a previously issued order or agreement.

Courts are encouraged to verify that orders are timely entered.

ELEMENTS OF FORM 10-A

- (A) Although Form 10-A is the primary method to inform law enforcement of the terms and conditions of a protection order or consent agreement, it is not a substitution for a protection order or judgement entry.
- (B) The court must mark the appropriate box:
- **Initial NCIC Form:** This box indicates the court is issuing a criminal or civil protection order or approving a consent agreement for the first time.
 - **Amended NCIC Form:** This box points out to law enforcement that the original terms of an existing protection order or consent agreement have been modified, including modifications due to clerical errors.
 - **Removal from NCIC:** This box notifies law enforcement that the protection order or consent agreement is no longer valid and the order must be removed from the NCIC protection order database active file, regardless of the reason.
 - **Service Completed:** This box is marked if the court has knowledge that service of process has been perfected as set forth in Civ.R. 65.1 and Crim.R.49. The protection order should be entered promptly regardless of service.
- (C) **NUMERICAL IDENTIFIER.** Although the FBI only requires one numerical identifier, the court should provide additional numerical identifiers, if available, to facilitate identification of the subject of the protection order.
- (D) **BRADY DISQUALIFIERS.** All of the following requirements must be met to result in firearms disability pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 922(g)(8):
- Existence of an intimate relationship between the protected parties and Respondent or Defendant, i.e., spouse, former spouse, an individual who cohabits or has cohabited with Respondent or Defendant, and an individual who is a parent of a child of the Respondent or Defendant;
 - Respondent or Defendant had actual notice of the hearing and an opportunity to participate;
 - The court made a finding in the order that Respondent or Defendant poses a credible threat of harm or the order explicitly prohibits Respondent or Defendant from the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force against an intimate partner or child.

In addition to the firearms and ammunition prohibition per 18 U.S.C. 922(g)(8), a Respondent or Defendant may be firearms and ammunition disqualified as result of other circumstances, e.g., 18 U.S.C. 922(g)(1) through (9), state law, or a court order.

- (E) **DATE OF ORDER AND EXPIRATION OF ORDER.** The NCIC protection order database will automatically render a record inactive on the order's expiration date. Protection orders issued pursuant to R.C. 2903.213 or 2919.26 may indicate "NONEXP." Upon disposition of the criminal case or the issuance of a civil protection order arising out of the same facts, the court must send to law enforcement another Form 10-A indicating Removal from the NCIC and state the expiration date of the order.
- (F) **TERMS OF ORDER.** The court must check every box that corresponds to the terms of the protection order. Note that the numbering next to each term in Form 10-A does not correspond to the sequence of remedies in a protection order or consent agreement. However, the remedies in the protection order forms are cross-referenced with the terms and conditions listed in Form 10-A, e.g., NCIC 01.

In every instance that the court changes a term of the protection order or consent agreement, e.g., divorce decree, custody order, continuance of hearing, or extension of the protection order, the court must submit Form 10-A or a form that is substantially similar, indicate the applicable terms to law enforcement and mark "Amended NCIC Form."