

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CITY OF ORLANDO,
Petitioner,

vs.

Christian Velasquez,
Respondent.

UCF Police Case No.: 2018CJ002446
Clerk's Case No.: 2018-DR-3425-0

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JERRY L. DEMINGS, SHERIFF
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Served at ORLANDO M. on the 20 day
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By Patrick Rick #229
As Deputy Sheriff

TEMPORARY EX PARTE RISK PROTECTION ORDER

THIS CAUSE having come on to be heard before this Honorable Court upon the Orlando Police Department's Petition for Risk Protection Order, the Court being fully advised of the premises, the Court finds that:

1. The following grounds for a risk protection order have been asserted, which were accompanied by an affidavit stating the facts giving rise to those grounds:
 - a. ☒ Respondent has committed a recent act or threat of violence against himself or herself or others, whether or not such violence or threat involves a firearm.
 - b. ☒ Respondent has committed an act or threat of violence within the past 12 months, including, but not limited to, acts or threats of violence by the respondent against himself or herself or others.
 - c. ☒ There is evidence that the respondent is seriously mentally ill or has recurring mental health issues.
 - d. ☐ The respondent has violated a risk protection order or a no contact order issued under s. 741.30, s. 784.046, or s. 784.0485.
 - e. ☐ A previous or existing risk protection order has been issued against the respondent.
 - f. ☐ The respondent has violated a previous or existing risk protection order.

- g. ☐ The respondent has been, in this state or any other state, convicted of, had adjudication withheld on, or pled no contest to a crime that constitutes domestic violence as defined in s. 741.28.
- h. ☒ The respondent has used, or threatened to use any weapons against him or herself or others.
- i. ☐ The respondent has unlawfully or recklessly used, displayed, or brandished a firearm.
- j. ☐ The respondent has had recurring use of, or threatened recurring use of physical force by respondent against another person, or stalking another person.
- k. ☐ The respondent has been, in this state or any other state, arrested for, convicted of, had adjudication withheld on, or pled nolo contendere to a crime involving violence or a threat of violence.
- l. ☐ There is corroborated evidence of the abuse of controlled substances or alcohol by the respondent.
- m. ☐ There is evidence of the recent acquisition of firearms or ammunition by the respondent.
- n. ☐ There is relevant information from family and household members concerning the respondent.
- o. ☒ There is witness testimony, taken while the witness is under oath, relating to this matter.
2. Based on the grounds asserted above, the Temporary Ex Parte Risk Protection Order is hereby GRANTED.
3. A hearing for a risk protection order will be held in hearing room 2000.02 (20th floor) of the Orange County Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801, on March 29th 2018, at 9:00 a.m. o'clock A.M./P.M. before the Honorable Judge Bob LeBlanc
4. To the subject of this protection order: This order is valid until the date noted above. You are required to surrender all firearms and ammunition that you own in your custody, control, or possession. You may not have in your custody or control, or purchase, possess, receive, or attempt to purchase or receive, a firearm or ammunition while this order is in effect. You must surrender immediately to the Orlando Police Department all

firearms and ammunition in your custody, control, or possession and any license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm issued to you under s. 790.06, Florida Statutes. A hearing will be held on the date and at the time noted above to determine if a risk protection order should be issued. Failure to appear at that hearing may result in a court issuing an order against you which is valid for 1 year. You may seek the advice of an attorney as to any matter connected with this order.

~~ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Orlando Police is hereby GRANTED and this Court certifies that in the event the defendant is found guilty, a sentence of incarceration will not be imposed and the defendant will not be adjudicated guilty.~~ ^{is Petition} nl

DONE AND ORDERED at Orlando, Orange County, Florida, this 16th day of March, 2018.

R. LeBlanc
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Bob LeBlanc

State of Florida, County of Orange

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the instrument filed in this office.

Confidential items have been removed, as necessary per Fla. R. Admin. 2.240

Witness my hand and official seal this 19 day of March, 2018

Tiffany M. Russell, Clerk of the Circuit Court

By [Signature] Deputy Clerk



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I, Sgt. Matthew Ochiuzzo, on behalf of the Orlando Police Department, being sworn,
certify that the following statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

SECTION I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. I am a sergeant with the Orlando Police Department.
2. The Orlando Police Department is located in Orange County, Florida.
3. Respondent, Christian Velasquez, resides at 10152 Hart Branch Circle, Orlando, Florida 32832 which is located in Orange County, Florida.
4. The respondent's driver's license number is (if known): V422114966410
5. The physical description of respondent:

Race: U	Sex: Male	Date of Birth: 09/21/1996
Height: _____	Weight: 240 lbs	Eye Color: Brown
Hair Color: Bald	Distinguishing Marks/Scars: _____	
Nickname(s)/Alias(es): TheRealUCFChris		

6. Respondent's attorney, if known: None known
7. Based on my knowledge and belief, the respondent currently has the following firearms or ammunition in his/her possession, custody, or control:

Type of Firearm(s)/Ammunition	Quantity of Firearm(s)/Ammunition	Location of Firearm(s)/Ammunition	Current Ownership, Custody, or Control
Handgun	1	UCF Police Department	Owned by the respondent's father, in the custody and control of UCF Police
Rifle	None Known		
Shotgun	None Known		
Ammunition	None Known		

8. Based on my knowledge and belief, the respondent currently has the following injunctions or protective orders against him/her:
- a. None Known
9. The petitioner has provide notice to the following individuals of the petition for risk protection order:
- a. ☐ Respondent
- b. ☐ Respondent's family members
- c. ☐ Known third party who may be at risk of violence
10. The petitioner intends to provide notice to the following individuals as soon as possible after the petition is filed with the court:
- a. ☒ Respondent's family members
- i. Father: Christian Isidro Velasquez, 10152 Hart Branch Circle, Orlando, Florida 32832. Notice will be provided by mail and personal delivery if possible.
- ii. Mother: Mariella Gisella Velasquez, 10152 Hart Branch Circle, Orlando, Florida 32832. Notice will be provided by mail and personal delivery if possible.

b. ☐ Known third party who may be at risk of violence

i. None Known _____

ii. _____

SECTION II. GROUNDS FOR ISSUANCE OF RISK PROTECTION ORDER

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SECTION III. STATEMENT OF THE PETITIONER

I, Matt Ochiuzzo, on behalf the petitioner, Orlando Police Department, state the following:

Task Force Agent (TFA) Matthew Ochiuzzo, of the Drug Enforcement Administration attended and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of North Florida, Jacksonville, Florida, ending Fall semester of 2004.

TFA Matthew Ochiuzzo was hired by the Orlando Police Department in November of 2005 after successfully completing the Basic Law Enforcement Academy in Orlando, Florida. From November of 2005 until May of 2013, TFA Matthew Ochiuzzo was assigned to the North and West Patrol Divisions, Parramore Heritage Bike Unit, the Uniform/Undercover Drug Enforcement Division and the Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation Vice/Organized Crime Section as a duly sworn Special Investigator for the State Attorney of the Ninth Judicial Circuit. Since June of 2013, TFA Matthew Ochiuzzo has been a sworn Task Force Agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration.

TFA Matthew Ochiuzzo's has obtained advanced training in: interview and interrogation, narcotics identification, illegal gambling machines, "rave" identification, "club" drug identification, street level drug enforcement, undercover operations, tactical operations, United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) basic narcotics and dangerous drug investigations, advanced undercover techniques and survival, "grow" house identification and investigations, surveillance techniques, and money laundering investigations.

TFA Matthew Ochiuzzo has been a member of the Orlando Police Department SWAT Team since February 2010. TFA Matthew Ochiuzzo has also served as a TFA for the Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearm, and Explosives (ATF) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). TFA Matthew Ochiuzzo has law enforcement experience involving: undercover narcotics investigations, anonymous narcotics tip investigations, prostitution investigations, gambling investigations, organized crime investigations, and tactical operations.

Your Affiant is currently the Sergeant of the Intelligence Unit at the Orlando Police Department. During the course of his investigation, your affiant learned the following:

On Saturday, February 10, 2018 UCF Police Department received a call from a known source in reference to threats made against UCF that he read on the website, Reddit, under the group thread, "UCF." Under this topic the known source stated that under the subtopic "You guys are too weak to be a school shooter" someone with the username, "TheRealUCFChris" replied "Maybe for now but not forever."

The next day, on Sunday, February 11, 2018, the UCF Police Department received multiple calls about the posts made by "The Real UCF Chris." The previous day, on February 10, 2018, under a Reddit thread regarding the autopsy of the Las Vegas mass shooter, Stephen Paddock, "TheRealUCFChris" made the comment "R.I.P. my hero."

On Thursday, February 15, 2018, a Reddit thread was created with an attached news article entitled "Shooting at South Florida high school." Under that thread, "TheRealUCFChris" commented that "Cruz is a hero!"

Through investigative techniques, on March 2, 2018, the individual with the username "TheRealUCFChris" was positively identified to be Christian Nicholas Velasquez (DOB: 09/21/1996), the respondent. It was discovered that the respondent was a current student at UCF.

On Monday, March 5, 2018, the respondent agreed to participate in a non-custodial interview at the UCF Police Department. During the course of the interview, the respondent admitted to make the posts on Reddit and stated that he idolized Stephen Paddock and Nicholas Cruz because they had the courage to go through with committing the mass shootings. The respondent disclosed that he has had thoughts and urges to commit a mass shooting since his sophomore year of high school in 2014, but did not have the courage to go through with it, yet. The respondent indicated that he believed all it would take for him to gain the courage to commit a mass shooting would be a tragic or significant life event, such as the loss of employment or a relationship breakup.

During the interview, the respondent stated that if he was going to commit a mass shooting, he would his former schools, Odyssey Middle School (9290 Lee Vista Blvd., Orlando, FL 32829) and Lake Nona High School (12500 Narcoossee Rd., Orlando, FL 32832), due to his experiences with being bullied. The respondent stated that he would use an AR-15 style semiautomatic rifle to commit those mass shootings. The respondent indicated that he wanted to

commit the mass shootings so that he could feel the “adrenaline rush” from the shooting. Both Odyssey Middle School and Lake Nona High School are within the jurisdiction of the City of Orlando.

During the course of the interview, the respondent indicated that his father kept a revolver at his residence and has handled it once. On the respondent’s 19th birthday, this father took the respondent to the shooting range and taught the respondent how to shoot. Velasquez admitted to having access to \$15,000 in his bank account, but noted that not all of it was his.

When asked about whether or not he was seeing a therapist, the respondent indicated that he had previously seen one (2016), but was not seeing one now. The respondent denied discussing his homicidal thoughts with the therapist. Additionally, the respondent stated that he was diagnosed with selective mutism when he was in elementary school, and that the condition lasted approximately 5 years until he was in third grade. The respondent denied taking any affirmative steps to prepare for the mass shooting, noting that it has always just been thought about in his head.

At the conclusion of the interview, the respondent was taken to the University Behavior Center (2500 Discovery Drive, Orlando, FL 32826) pursuant to a Baker Act based on his homicidal ideation. UCF Police Officer Jeffrey Panter then contacted FBI Special Agent Andrew Nadeau and OPD Detective John Cute who accompanied the Officer Panter to the respondent’s home where they made contact with the respondent’s father, Christian Isidro Velasquez, and his mother, Mariella Velasquez. The parents were surprised to hear the information concerning their son, but granted permission to search his room, which was unlocked. The father voluntarily turned over his firearm, a Taurus “Ultra Lite” revolver (serial number BN14573) and indicated that no other firearms were present in the home.

On March 6, 2018, the UCF Police Department applied for, and was granted search warrants for the respondent’s computer and cellular telephone.

Due to the respondent’s admissions of detailed homicidal ideation, your petitioner is gravely concerned that a real or perceived life event could unpredictably cause your respondent to obtain a firearm and commit a mass shooting.

WHEREFORE, the City of Orlando Police Department prays this Honorable Court **GRANT** the City’s Petition for a Risk Protection Order.

3-16-2018

DATE

 MATTHEW OCASIO

AFFIANT/PETITIONER

SWORN TO and SUBSCRIBED before me this 16th day of March,
2018, in Orange County, Florida.



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