

60-31a06. Orders; time periods; extension of orders; amendments; costs. (a) The court may issue a protection from stalking order granting any of the following orders:

(1) Restraining the defendant from following, harassing, telephoning, contacting or otherwise communicating with the victim. Such order shall contain a statement that if such order is violated such violation may constitute stalking as defined in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-5427, and amendments thereto, and violation of a protective order as defined in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-5924, and amendments thereto.

(2) Restraining the defendant from abusing, molesting or interfering with the privacy rights of the victim. Such order shall contain a statement that if such order is violated, such violation may constitute stalking as defined in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-5427, and amendments thereto, assault as defined in subsection (a) of K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-5412, and amendments thereto, battery as defined in subsection (a) of K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-5413, and amendments thereto, and violation of a protective order as defined in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-5924, and amendments thereto.

(3) Restraining the defendant from entering upon or in the victim's residence or the immediate vicinity thereof. Such order shall contain a statement that if such order is violated, such violation shall constitute criminal trespass as defined in subsection (a)(1)(C) of K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-5808, and amendments thereto, and violation of a protective order as defined in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-5924, and amendments thereto.

(4) Any other order deemed necessary by the court to carry out the provisions of this act.

(b) A protection from stalking order shall remain in effect until modified or dismissed by the court and shall be for a fixed period of time not to exceed one year except as provided in subsection (c) and (d).

(c) Upon motion of the plaintiff the court may extend the order for an additional year.

(d) Upon verified motion of the plaintiff and after the defendant has been personally served with a copy of the motion and has had an opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses at a hearing on the motion, if the court determines by a preponderance of the evidence that the defendant has violated a valid protection order or (A) has previously violated a valid protection order, or (B) has been convicted of a person felony or any conspiracy, criminal solicitation or attempt thereof, under the laws of Kansas or the laws of any other jurisdiction which are substantially similar to such person felony, committed against the plaintiff or any member of the plaintiff's household, the court shall extend a protective order for not less than two additional years and up to a period of time not to exceed the lifetime of the defendant. No service fee shall be required for a motion filed pursuant to this subsection.

(e) The court may amend its order at any time upon motion filed by either party.

(f) The court shall assess costs against the defendant and may award attorney fees to the victim in any case in which the court issues a protection from stalking order pursuant to this act. The court may award attorney fees to the defendant in any case where the court finds that the petition to seek relief pursuant to this act is without merit.

(g) A no contact or restraining provision in a protective order issued pursuant to this section shall not be construed to prevent:

(1) Contact between the attorneys representing the parties;

(2) a party from appearing at a scheduled court or administrative hearing; or

(3) a defendant or defendant's attorney from sending the plaintiff copies of any legal pleadings filed in court relating to civil or criminal matters presently relevant to the plaintiff.

History: L. 2002, ch. 141, § 6; L. 2008, ch. 137, § 5; L. 2011, ch. 30, § 222; L. 2012, ch. 138, § 7; July 1.