

Scenario #1

During previous fights, the respondent has methodically cleaned his gun in front of the petitioner and has threatened to kill her with it. In the instance detailed in the PFA petition, the respondent starts to clean his gun, though the petitioner quickly leaves without explicit threats.

The respondent claims that he cleans his gun to calm down in tense situations and that he has never physically abused the petitioner.

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Scenario #2

For the first several years of the abusive relationship, the respondent would physically assault the petitioner if he arrived home even a few minutes late. In order to avoid beatings, the petitioner set alarms on his phone to prevent being late.

Recently, the respondent prohibited him from visiting his mother in the hospital. Even though she has not assaulted him in over two years, he decided this was the last straw and wants to file for a PFA.

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Scenario #3

The respondent and petitioner are Mexican and came to the United States together 3 years ago. Since then, the respondent has become physically and financially abusive. The petitioner has never reported the violence.

After breaking up, the respondent sent her videos of a witch performing spells intending to hex her six year old daughter. The petitioner is terrified for her daughter's safety and decided to apply for a PFA to protect them both.