

(f) (1) A copy of the protective order shall be served on the petitioner, any affected person eligible for relief, the appropriate law enforcement agency, and any other person the court determines is appropriate, in open court or by first class mail.

(2) (i) A copy of the protective order shall be served on the respondent in open court or by a law enforcement officer, constable, or sheriff.

(ii) A copy of the protective order shall also be sent to the last known address of the respondent by first class mail.

(3) If the respondent is served by a law enforcement officer, constable, or sheriff, a return of service shall be filed with the court.

(g) All relief granted in a protective order shall be effective for the period stated in the order, not to exceed 200 days.

4-511.

(A) WHEN RESPONDING TO THE SCENE OF AN ALLEGED ACT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AS DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBTITLE, A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ~~SHALL~~ MAY REMOVE A FIREARM FROM THE PREMISES SCENE IF:

(1) THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER HAS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT AN ACT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HAS OCCURRED; AND

(2) THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER HAS OBSERVED THE FIREARM ON THE ~~PREMISES~~ SCENE DURING THE RESPONSE.

(B) IF A FIREARM IS REMOVED FROM THE ~~PREMISES~~ SCENE UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SHALL:

(1) PROVIDE TO THE OWNER OF THE FIREARM INFORMATION ON THE PROCESS FOR RETAKING POSSESSION OF THE FIREARM; AND

(2) PROVIDE FOR THE SAFE STORAGE OF THE FIREARM DURING THE PENDENCY OF ANY PROCEEDING RELATED TO THE ALLEGED ACT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

(C) AT THE CONCLUSION OF A PROCEEDING ON THE ALLEGED ACT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, THE OWNER OF THE FIREARM MAY RETAKE POSSESSION OF THE FIREARM UNLESS ORDERED TO SURRENDER THE FIREARM UNDER § 4-506 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

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5-106.

(S) A PROSECUTION FOR AN OFFENSE UNDER § 449(D) OR (E) OF THIS SUBTITLE, RELATING TO STRAW SALES OF REGULATED FIREARMS TO PROHIBITED PERSONS OR MINORS AND TO ILLEGAL SALES, RENTALS, TRANSFERS, POSSESSION, OR RECEIPT OF REGULATED FIREARMS, SHALL BE INSTITUTED WITHIN 3 YEARS AFTER THE OFFENSE WAS COMMITTED.