

(2) A RESPONDENT WHO HAS BEEN SERVED WITH AN INTERIM PROTECTIVE ORDER UNDER § 4-504.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE SERVED WITH THE TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE ORDER IN OPEN COURT OR, IF THE RESPONDENT IS NOT PRESENT AT THE TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE ORDER HEARING, BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL AT THE RESPONDENT'S LAST KNOWN ADDRESS.

[(2)](3) There shall be no cost to the petitioner for service of the temporary [ex parte] PROTECTIVE order.

(c) (1) The temporary [ex parte] PROTECTIVE order shall be effective for not more than 7 days after service of the order.

(2) The [court] JUDGE may extend the temporary [ex parte] PROTECTIVE order as needed, but not to exceed 30 days, to effectuate service of the order where necessary to provide protection or for other good cause.

(D) THE JUDGE MAY PROCEED WITH A FINAL PROTECTIVE ORDER HEARING INSTEAD OF A TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE ORDER HEARING, IF:

(1) (I) THE RESPONDENT APPEARS AT THE HEARING;

(II) THE RESPONDENT HAS BEEN SERVED WITH AN INTERIM PROTECTIVE ORDER; OR

(III) THE COURT OTHERWISE HAS PERSONAL JURISDICTION OVER THE RESPONDENT; AND

(2) THE PETITIONER AND THE RESPONDENT EXPRESSLY CONSENT TO WAIVE THE TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE ORDER HEARING.

(E) (1) WHENEVER A JUDGE FINDS REASONABLE GROUNDS TO BELIEVE THAT ABUSE OF A CHILD, AS DEFINED IN TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 7 OF THIS ARTICLE, OR ABUSE OF A VULNERABLE ADULT, AS DEFINED IN TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 1 OF THIS ARTICLE, HAS OCCURRED, THE COURT SHALL FORWARD TO THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT A COPY OF THE PETITION AND TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE ORDER.

(2) WHENEVER A LOCAL DEPARTMENT RECEIVES A PETITION AND TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE ORDER FROM A COURT, THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(I) INVESTIGATE THE ALLEGED ABUSE AS PROVIDED IN:

1. TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 7 OF THIS ARTICLE; OR

2. TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

(II) BY THE DATE OF THE FINAL PROTECTIVE ORDER HEARING, SEND TO THE COURT A COPY OF THE REPORT OF THE INVESTIGATION.

4-506.

(a) A respondent under § 4-505 of this subtitle shall have an opportunity to be heard on the question of whether the [court] JUDGE should issue a FINAL protective order.