

~~(H)~~ ~~(I)~~ (J) "RESPONDENT" MEANS THE PERSON ALLEGED IN THE PETITION TO HAVE ~~CAUSED~~ COMMITTED THE ABUSE.

[(g)]~~(H)~~ ~~(I)~~ (K) "Vulnerable adult" has the meaning provided in § 14-101(q) of this article.

4-504.

(a) [(1) A household member] A PETITIONER may seek relief from abuse by filing with a court a petition that alleges abuse of any [household member] PERSON ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF by [another household member] THE RESPONDENT.

[(2) The following persons may seek relief from abuse on behalf of a minor or vulnerable adult household member by filing with the court a petition that alleges abuse of the child or vulnerable adult by another household member:

(i) the State's Attorney for the county where the child or vulnerable adult lives, or if different, where the abuse is alleged to have taken place;

(ii) the department of social services that has jurisdiction in the county where the child or vulnerable adult lives, or if different, where the abuse is alleged to have taken place;

(iii) a law enforcement officer;

(iv) a blood relative of the child or vulnerable adult; and

(v) an adult household member.]

(b) (1) The petition shall:

(i) be under oath; and

(ii) include any information known to the petitioner of:

1. THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF THE ABUSE FOR WHICH THE RELIEF IS BEING SOUGHT, INCLUDING ~~EVIDENCE OR~~ INFORMATION KNOWN TO THE PETITIONER CONCERNING PREVIOUS INJURY RESULTING FROM ABUSE BY THE RESPONDENT;

[and 1.] 2. each previous action between the parties in any court;

2.] 3. each pending action between the parties in any court;

4. THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE RESPONDENT, IF KNOWN;

5. IF FINANCIAL RELIEF IS REQUESTED, INFORMATION KNOWN TO PETITIONER REGARDING THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES OF RESPONDENT; AND

[(2)]6. [In] IN a case of alleged child abuse or alleged abuse of a vulnerable adult, [the petition also shall include: