

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE includes:** assault, aggravated assault, battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault, sexual battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, false imprisonment, or any other criminal offense resulting in physical injury or death to one family or household member by another family or household member. Section 741.28(2), Florida Statutes.

**STALKING:** Any person who willfully, maliciously, and repeatedly follows, harasses, or cyberstalks another person. Section 784.048(2), Florida Statutes.

**CYBERSTALKING:** To engage in a course of conduct to communicate or to cause to be communicated, words, images, or language by or through the use of electronic mail or electronic communication, directed at a specific person, causing substantial emotional distress to that person and serving no legitimate purpose. Section 784.048 (1)(d), Florida Statutes.

**HARASS:** To engage in conduct directed at a specific person which causes substantial emotional distress to that person and serves no legitimate purpose. Section 784.048(1)(a), Florida Statutes.

**COURSE OF CONDUCT:** A pattern of conduct composed of a series of acts over a period of time, however short, which evidences continuity of purpose. Section 784.048(1)(b), Florida Statutes.

**AGGRAVATED STALKING:** (1) Willfully, maliciously, and repeatedly following, harassing, or cyberstalking another person, and making a credible threat to that person. 784.048(3), (4) and (5), Florida Statutes.

**ASSAULT:** An intentional, unlawful threat by word or act to do violence to the person of another, coupled with the apparent ability to do so (appear to have the ability to carry out the threat), and the act creates a well-founded fear in such other person that such violence is about to take place (is imminent). Section 748.011(1), Florida Statutes.

**BATTERY:** (1) actually and intentionally touching or striking another person against the will of the other, OR (2) intentionally causing bodily harm to another. Section 784.03, Florida Statutes.

**EXTENTION OF FINAL:** Petitioner must present evidence from which the court can determine that a continuing fear exists and the fear is reasonable under the circumstances. Sheehan v. Sheehan, 853 So. 2d 523 (5<sup>th</sup> DCA 2003).