

VIOLATION OF PFA ORDER

1. Immediately report any violation of your PFA order to the POLICE.
2. You or the police must complete a complaint for Indirect Criminal Contempt.
3. If the police make the arrest and file a complaint, the police will notify you of the hearing date and time scheduled before the PFA Judge at the Fayette County Courthouse.
4. If the defendant violates the PFA Order but the police do not make an arrest, you may file the complaint yourself. The complaint for a violation is available in the office of the Magisterial District Judge where the violation occurred, or if after 4:30 P.M., with the Duty Magisterial District Judge. You can reach the Duty Magisterial District Judge by first calling the Booking Center located on 45 Penn Street, Uniontown, PA at (724) 438-1760 after 4:30 PM on Monday through Friday and all day on Saturday and Sunday
5. TAKE A COPY OF THE PFA ORDER WITH YOU TO THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT OFFICE.

The Magisterial District Judge shall provide you with the complaint and assist you with the completion of the form. The Magisterial District Judge will give you a copy of the complaint and notice of hearing. The Magisterial District Judge will have you sign a receipt that you received these documents and that you know when to appear for the violation hearing before the PFA Judge in the Fayette County Courthouse.

6. You are required to appear for the hearing on the violation of the PFA Order. Failure to do so will result in a dismissal of the charges. If the defendant (other party) is found guilty or in contempt, he/she can be fined an amount up to \$1000.00 and incarcerated for a period of up to six months.

******* IMPORTANT REMINDERS *******

The Magisterial District Judge will schedule a violation hearing date before the PFA Judge. If you have not been notified of the date and time of the hearing, you should contact either the Magisterial District Judge, the police or District Attorney (724) 430-1245) to find out when and where the hearing will be held.

You will be notified in advance of the release of the defendant from any incarceration imposed as a result of the PFA Judge finding the defendant in contempt of the order. You are required to keep the Warden of the Fayette County Prison (724) 430-1222 and the Crime Victim / Witness Coordinator (724) 430-1269 advised of your whereabouts. Failure to do so will constitute a waiver of any rights under the PFA Act provisions.