



**LOUISIANA UNIFORM ABUSE PREVENTION ORDER**

**Order of Protection**

- Bail Restrictions/Conditions of Release
- Probation Conditions
- Sentencing Order
- Conditions of Parole
  
- Original Order      Modified/Amended Order

Case/Docket # **IN202601906**

Arrest/Booking # **LA DOJ/LBI 5-178 2026**

Item # \_\_\_\_\_

Court: **19TH JDC** Div. **3**

City/Parish **EAST BATON ROUGE** State **Louisiana**

Filed: \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROTECTED PERSON**  
**HEATHER ELLIS JEFFERSON**

First Middle/Maiden Last

**PROTECTED PERSON IDENTIFIERS**

**01/14/1985**

Date of birth Race Sex: F Sex: M

**State of Louisiana** OR City of \_\_\_\_\_  
**V.**

**DEFENDANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS**

**JAMES JEFFERSON, III**

First Middle Last

Defendant's Alias: **JAY JEFFERSON**

**12224 LAKE SHERWOOD AVE SOUTH**

No. & Street Apt. No.

**BATON ROUGE LA 70816**

City State Zip Code

**DEFENDANT IDENTIFIERS**

SEX	RACE	DOB	HT	WT
M	B	09/29/1984	5'10"	240
EYES	HAIR	SOCIAL SECURITY #		
BRO	BLK	XXX-XX-2966		
DRIVER'S LICENSE #		STATE	EXP DATE	
8169043		LA		

**THE COURT HEREBY FINDS:**  
 That it has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter, and the defendant has been or will be provided with reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard. Additional findings of this court are as set forth on the following pages.

**THE COURT HEREBY ORDERS:**  
 That the above-named defendant be restrained from committing further acts of abuse or threats of abuse, stalking or sexual assault. Additional terms of this order are as set forth on the following pages.

**EXPIRATION:** This order shall be effective through 11:59 PM on **04/02/2027** (month/day/year)

**ENFORCEMENT:**  
 This order shall be enforced, even without registration, by the courts of any state, the District of Columbia, any U.S. Territory, and may be enforced by Tribal Lands (18 U.S.C. Section 2265).

**WARNINGS TO DEFENDANT:**

Crossing state, territorial, or tribal boundaries to violate this order may result in federal imprisonment (18 U.S.C. Section 2262).

Federal law provides penalties for possessing, transporting, shipping, or receiving any firearm or ammunition (18 U.S.C. Section 922(g)(8)). See further notice on pages 5-6 of this Order.

**ONLY THE COURT CAN CHANGE THIS ORDER.**

**LOUISIANA UNIFORM ABUSE PREVENTION ORDER**

**CRIMINAL ORDER OF PROTECTION**

# of counts	Criminal Charge (Code #)	# of counts	Criminal Charge (Code #)	# of counts	Criminal Charge (Code #)
1	R.S. 14:34.7	1	R.S. 14:35.3(I)		
2	R.S. 14:133	1	R.S. 14:35.3(7)		
3	R.S. 14:130.1				

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
v.

OR CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_  
v.

DEFENDANT'S NAME: JAMES JEFFERSON, III

<p><b>A</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>BAIL RESTRICTIONS</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hearing was held</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No hearing was held</p>	<p><b>B</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SENTENCING ORDERS</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>PROBATION CONDITIONS</b></p> <p><b>Right to counsel:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Defendant represented by counsel or waived counsel</p> <p><b>Right to jury trial:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable under Louisiana law</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Defendant tried by jury or waived jury</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>CONDITIONS OF PAROLE</b></p>
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The protected person(s) is related to the defendant as: (check all that apply)

<p><b>C</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. current or former spouse</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2. current or former intimate cohabitant</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 3. child, stepchild, or foster child</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4. child of defendant's current or former intimate partner</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5. protected person and defendant have a child(ren) in common</p>	<p><b>D</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 1. current or former dating partner</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2. parent, stepparent, or foster parent</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 3. Grandparent or other ascendant</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4. Grandchild or other descendant</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 5. child currently or formerly living with defendant</p>
<p><b>E</b> Select ONLY if CHARGE(S) include(s) stalking or sexual assault by stranger or acquaintance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1. Stranger / no relationship      <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Acquaintance</p>	

**ONLY ORDERS INITIALED BY A JUDGE, MAGISTRATE, OR COMMISSIONER SHALL APPLY**

**F** we  THE COURT FINDS THAT THE DEFENDANT REPRESENTS A CREDIBLE THREAT OR DANGER TO THE PHYSICAL SAFETY OF THE PROTECTED PERSON(S), HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH A CRIME AGAINST A FAMILY MEMBER, HOUSEHOLD MEMBER OR DATING PARTNER AND/OR HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH THE CRIME OF BATTERY OF A DATING PARTNER (R.S. 14:34.9), OR OF DOMESTIC ABUSE BATTERY (R.S. 14:35.3), OR OF STALKING (14:40.2), OR OF CYBERSTALKING (R.S. 14:40.3), OR OF VIOLATION OF PROTECTIVE ORDERS (R.S. 14:79), OR OF UNLAWFUL COMMUNICATION (R.S. 14:285), OR OF A SEXUAL ASSAULT (as defined in R.S. 46:2184), OR R.S. 46:1846 APPLIES. THUS, THE DEFENDANT IS PROHIBITED FROM POSSESSING A FIREARM PURSUANT TO LA. C.C.R.P. ARTICLE 313, AND/OR 320(H) AND THE COURT ISSUES THE FOLLOWING ORDERS:

WITHOUT A HEARING                       AFTER A HEARING

THE DEFENDANT IS HEREBY ORDERED TO TRANSFER ANY AND ALL FIREARMS OWNED OR POSSESSED; ANY CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO LA. C.C.R.P. ARTICLE 1001 ET SEQ. See timeframes and details on page 6 of this Order.

**G**  THIS ORDER WAS ISSUED AFTER ACTUAL NOTICE AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A HEARING WAS PROVIDED TO THE DEFENDANT. THE COURT FINDS THAT THE DEFENDANT REPRESENTS A CREDIBLE THREAT OR DANGER TO THE PHYSICAL SAFETY OF THE PROTECTED PERSON(S), HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH A CRIME AGAINST A FAMILY MEMBER, HOUSEHOLD MEMBER OR DATING PARTNER AND/OR HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH THE CRIME OF BATTERY OF A DATING PARTNER (R.S. 14:34.9), OR OF DOMESTIC ABUSE BATTERY (R.S. 14:35.3), OR OF STALKING (14:40.2), OR OF CYBERSTALKING (R.S. 14:40.3), OR OF VIOLATION OF PROTECTIVE ORDERS (R.S. 14:79), OR OF UNLAWFUL COMMUNICATION (R.S. 14:285), OR OF A SEXUAL ASSAULT (as defined in R.S. 46:2184), OR R.S. 46:1846 APPLIES. THUS, THE DEFENDANT IS PROHIBITED FROM POSSESSING A FIREARM PURSUANT TO LA. C.C.R.P. ARTICLE 313, AND/OR 320(H) AND THE COURT ISSUES THE FOLLOWING ORDERS:

THE DEFENDANT IS HEREBY ORDERED TO TRANSFER ANY AND ALL FIREARMS OWNED OR POSSESSED; ANY CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO LA. C.C.R.P. ARTICLE 1001 ET SEQ. See further timeframes and details on page 6 of this Order.

**H**  DEFENDANT HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME AGAINST A FAMILY MEMBER, HOUSEHOLD MEMBER OR DATING PARTNER AND/OR HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF THE CRIME OF BATTERY OF A DATING PARTNER (R.S. 14:34.9), OR OF DOMESTIC ABUSE BATTERY (R.S. 14:35.3), OR OF STALKING (14:40.2), OR OF CYBERSTALKING (R.S. 14:40.3), OR OF VIOLATION OF PROTECTIVE ORDERS (R.S. 14:79), OR OF UNLAWFUL COMMUNICATION (R.S. 14:285), OR OF A SEXUAL ASSAULT (as defined in R.S. 46:2184), OR R.S. 46:1846 APPLIES. THE COURT FINDS THAT THE DEFENDANT REPRESENTS A CREDIBLE THREAT OR DANGER TO THE PHYSICAL SAFETY OF THE PROTECTED PERSON(S), THUS THE DEFENDANT IS PROHIBITED FROM POSSESSING A FIREARM PURSUANT TO R.S. 14:95.10 AND/OR 46:2136.3, AND/OR OTHER APPLICABLE LAW, AND THE COURT ISSUES THE FOLLOWING ORDERS:

THE DEFENDANT IS HEREBY ORDERED TO TRANSFER ANY AND ALL FIREARMS OWNED OR POSSESSED; ANY CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO LA. C.C.R.P. ARTICLE 1001 ET SEQ. See timeframes and details on page 6 of this Order.

ONLY ORDERS INITIALED BY A JUDGE, MAGISTRATE, OR COMMISSIONER SHALL APPLY

NR  1. YOU ARE ORDERED NOT TO abuse, harass, assault, stalk, follow, track, monitor, or threaten the protected person, HEATHER ELLIS JEFFERSON  
Name

This prohibition includes the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force that would reasonably be expected to cause bodily injury.

NR  2. YOU ARE ORDERED NOT TO contact the protected person personally, through a third party, or via public posting, by any means, including written, telephone, or electronic (text, email, messaging, or social media) communication.

NR  3. YOU ARE ORDERED NOT TO go within 100 YARDS (distance) of the protected person.

NR  4. YOU ARE ORDERED NOT TO abuse, harass, assault, stalk, follow, track, monitor, or threaten the child(ren) of the protected person.

NR  5. YOU ARE ORDERED NOT TO contact the protected person's immediate family\* personally, through a third party, or via public posting, by any means, including written, telephone, or electronic (text, email, messaging, or social media) communication. (\*immediate family = spouse, mother, father, aunt, uncle, sibling, or child of the protected person whether related by blood, marriage, or adoption)

NR  6. YOU ARE ORDERED NOT TO go within one hundred (100) yards of the residence or household of the protected person.

NR  7. YOU ARE ORDERED NOT TO go to the protected person's school, or the protected person's place of employment.

8. THE COURT WILL ALLOW \_\_\_\_\_ to return to the residence at a date and time to be determined by the protected person and law enforcement agency to recover his/her personal clothing and necessities, provided that s/he is accompanied by a law enforcement officer to ensure the protection and safety of the parties.

9. THE COURT ORDERS a representative of \_\_\_\_\_ (Sheriff's office) to accompany \_\_\_\_\_ to the residence located at \_\_\_\_\_ to recover \_\_\_\_\_ personal clothing and necessities.

10. YOU ARE ORDERED TO pay the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ (Family Violence Program) no later than \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

11. YOU ARE ORDERED TO enroll in a court-monitored domestic abuse intervention program at/with: \_\_\_\_\_ and YOU ARE ORDERED TO successfully complete said program no later than \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

12. YOU ARE ORDERED TO submit to a court-approved course of counseling or therapy at/with: \_\_\_\_\_ and YOU ARE ORDERED TO successfully complete said program no later than \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

13. YOU ARE ORDERED TO undergo a psychiatric evaluation at/with: \_\_\_\_\_ no later than \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

14. YOU ARE ORDERED TO provide restitution to the victim of this crime for the pecuniary loss to said victim and/or for the costs incurred by the victim in connection with the criminal prosecution in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ no later than \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

15. YOU ARE ORDERED TO wear an electronic monitoring device and be actively electronically monitored. Electronic monitoring conditions include:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

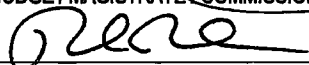
16. Other: FAMILY COURT ORDER Shall be followed  
with respect to communication / custody /  
visitation w/ children  
F 241, 052

we  17. YOU ARE ORDERED TO RETURN TO COURT ON 07/09/2026 CT 9C (month/day/year)  
AT 9:00 O'CLOCK A. M.

**FULL FAITH AND CREDIT pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2265**

This Order meets all requirements of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) 18 U.S.C. Section 2265. This court has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter under the laws of the State of Louisiana; the defendant was given reasonable notice and an opportunity to be heard sufficient to protect the defendant's right to due process before this order was issued; or if the order was issued ex parte, the court ordered that the defendant be given reasonable notice and an opportunity to be heard within the time required by the laws of the State of Louisiana, and in any event, within a reasonable time after the order was issued, sufficient to protect the defendant's due process rights.

**THIS ORDER SHALL BE PRESUMED VALID AND ENFORCEABLE IN ALL 50 STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TRIBAL LANDS, U.S. TERRITORIES, AND COMMONWEALTHS.**

<p>Date of Order</p> <p><u>04/02/2026</u> month/day/year</p>	<p>Order effective through 11:59 PM on</p> <p><u>04/02/2027</u> month/day/year</p>	<p>JUDGE / MAGISTRATE / <del>COMMISSIONER</del></p> <p></p> <p>SIGNATURE</p> <p>Comm. Nicole Robinson, Judge ad hoc</p> <p>PRINT OR STAMP NAME</p>
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**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT - VIOLATION OF ORDER:**

VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER MAY RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF BOND, REVOCATION OF PROBATION OR PAROLE, IMPRISONMENT AND A FINE. A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS ORDER MAY BE IMMEDIATELY ARRESTED, JAILED, AND PROSECUTED PURSUANT TO LA. R.S. 14:79 AND/OR 14:95.10, MAY BE FINED UP TO \$5,000.00 AND IMPRISONED WITH OR WITHOUT HARD LABOR FOR UP TO FIVE YEARS. A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS ORDER MAY BE FURTHER PUNISHED UNDER OTHER CRIMINAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.

**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT - FIREARM POSSESSION**

AS A RESULT OF THIS ORDER, IT MAY BE UNLAWFUL FOR YOU TO POSSESS, RECEIVE, SHIP, TRANSPORT OR PURCHASE A FIREARM, INCLUDING A RIFLE, PISTOL, OR REVOLVER, OR AMMUNITION, FOR THE DURATION OF THIS ORDER OR LONGER, PURSUANT TO STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAW.

*If you have any questions whether these laws make it illegal for you to possess or purchase a firearm or ammunition, consult an attorney.*

**Federal law: 18 U.S.C. 922 (g)(8)** prohibits a defendant from purchasing, possessing, shipping, transporting, or receiving firearms or ammunition\* for the duration of this order if the following conditions apply:

- Victim/protected person(s)' relationship to defendant is checked in Box C on page 2 of this order
- AND
- Notice and opportunity for a hearing provided (Box G or Box H on page 3 of this order)
- AND
- EITHER Judicial finding of credible threat (Box G or Box H on page 3 of this order)
- OR Certain behaviors are prohibited (item 1 on page 3 of this order is initialed)

**Federal law: 18 U.S.C. 922 (g)(9)** prohibits a defendant from purchasing, possessing, shipping, transporting, or receiving firearms or ammunition\* if the following conditions apply:

- Defendant has been **CONVICTED** of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence\*\*
- AND
- Victim/protected person(s)' relationship to defendant is checked in Box C on page 2 of this order or Number 1 or Number 4 in Box D on page 2 of this order.

\*18 U.S.C. 921: the term "firearm" means (A) any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; (B) the frame or receiver of any such weapon; (C) any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or (D) any destructive device. Such term does not include an antique firearm. The term "ammunition" means ammunition or cartridge cases, primers, bullets, or propellant powder designed for use in any firearm.

\*\*18 U.S.C. 921: the term "misdemeanor crime of domestic violence" means an offense that is a misdemeanor under Federal, State, or Tribal law; and has, as an element, the use or attempted use of physical force, or the threatened use of a deadly weapon, committed by a current or former spouse, parent, or guardian of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabiting with or has cohabited with the victim as a spouse, parent, or guardian, by a person similarly situated to a spouse, parent, or guardian of the victim, or by a person who has a current or recent former dating relationship with the victim. In Louisiana, a "misdemeanor crime of domestic violence" may include R.S. 14:35 (simple battery), R.S. 35.3 (domestic abuse battery), R.S. 14:36 (assault), R.S. 14:37 (aggravated assault), R.S. 14:38 (simple assault), R.S. 14:103(A)(1) (disturbing the peace by fistful encounter) and R.S. 14:103(A)(4) (disturbing the peace by engaging in any act in a violent or tumultuous manner by any three or more persons).

**Louisiana law: C.Cr.P. Art. 320(H)** prohibits the possession of a firearm\* for the duration of this order when issued as a bail restriction.

**Louisiana law: R.S. 14:95.10** prohibits possession of a firearm\* or carrying of a concealed weapon by a defendant **CONVICTED** of domestic abuse battery (R.S. 14:35.3), battery of a dating partner if the battery involves strangulation or burning, and second and subsequent convictions of battery of a dating partner (R.S. 14:34.9) -

**NOTICE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Pursuant to La. R.S. 14:79 - the crime of violation of protective orders - you shall use every reasonable means to enforce this order. La. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 211 provides that when you have reasonable grounds to believe a person committed the offense of domestic abuse battery, battery of a dating partner, violation of protective orders, stalking, or any other offense involving the use or threatened use of force or a deadly weapon upon the defendant's family member, household member, or dating partner, the officer shall make a CUSTODIAL arrest.

Defendant provided with a copy of this order on: 4/22/2026 (Date)

By: [Signature]  
Signature

Eric Stewart  
Print Name

EBPSD  
Agency

Faxed or electronically transmitted to the Louisiana Protective Order Registry  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_ CLERK \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLETED ORDERS FAXED to 888-568-4558 or EMAILED to lpororders@lasc.org**

Copies to: 1) Court file 2) Protected Person 3) Defendant 4) Reporting/Investigating Law Enforcement Agency 5) Chief Law Enforcement Official of the parish where the protected person(s) resides 6) Sheriff of the parish where the defendant resides 7) Prosecuting Attorney 8) La. Dept. of Public Safety & Corrections (DPS&C) 9) Committee on Parole, La. DPS&C 10) Louisiana Protective Order Registry

IF

- Defendant was represented by counsel in the case or knowingly and intelligently waived the right to counsel in the case (item in Box B on page 2 is checked)

AND

- Defendant, if entitled to a trial by jury in the case, was tried by a jury or knowingly and intelligently waived the right to be tried by a jury, by guilty plea or otherwise (item in Box B on page 2 is checked).

Louisiana law: R.S. 46:2136.3 prohibits the possession of a firearm\* for the duration of this order if both of the following occur:

- The order includes a finding that the person subject to the order represents a credible threat to the physical safety of the protected person(s) (Box C or D on page 3 of this order) and the protected person(s) is a family or household member or dating partner

AND

- The order informs the person subject to the order that the person is prohibited from possessing a firearm pursuant to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 922(g) (8) and R.S. 46:2136.3.

Louisiana Law: R.S. 46:1846 prohibits the possession of a firearm\* for the duration of this order if:

- The defendant has been charged by bill of information/indictment with any felony sex offense as defined in R.S. 46:1844(W) committed against any person or any offense that is a felony committed upon a family member, household member or dating partner.

OR

- The defendant has been sentenced or found not guilty by reason of insanity for any felony sex offense as defined in R.S. 46:1844(W) committed upon any person, or any offense that is a felony committed upon a family member, household member, or dating partner.

AND

- The defendant is prohibited from communicating with a person listed above.

Louisiana law: R.S. 14:40.2 (F)(5) (crime of stalking) prohibits the possession of a firearm\* for the duration of this order.

Louisiana Law: R.S. 15:574.4.2 prohibits the possession of a firearm\* for the duration of this order if: the defendant is being paroled and was convicted of any felony sex offense as defined in R.S. 46:1844(W) committed upon any person, or any offense, that is a felony, committed upon a family member, household member, or dating partner, as those terms are defined by R.S. 46:2132.

*\*Under these statutes, "firearm" means any pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun, machine gun, submachine gun, black powder weapon, or assault rifle which is designed to fire or is capable of firing fixed cartridge ammunition or from which a shot or projectile is discharged by an explosive.*

**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT – FIREARM TRANSFER AND SUSPENSION OF CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT**

**AS A RESULT OF THIS ORDER, YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO TRANSFER ANY AND ALL FIREARMS OWNED OR POSSESSED BY YOU AND SURRENDER YOUR CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT**

Louisiana law: C.Cr.P. Art. 1001 et seq. requires the transfer of all firearms owned or possessed and the suspension of a concealed handgun permit:

- When a person is convicted of domestic abuse battery (R.S. 14:35.3), second or subsequent conviction of battery of a dating partner (R.S. 14:34.9), battery of a dating partner that involves strangulation (R.S. 14:34.9(K)), battery of a dating partner when the offense involves burning (R.S. 14:34.9), domestic abuse aggravated assault (R.S. 14:37.7), aggravated assault upon a dating partner (R.S. 14:34.9.1), or any felony crime of violence enumerated or defined in R.S. 14:2(B) for which a person would be prohibited from possessing a firearm pursuant to R.S. 14:95.1 and either has as an element of the crime that the victim was or the victim has been determined to be a family member, household member, or dating partner; possession of a firearm or carrying a concealed weapon by a person convicted of domestic abuse battery and certain offenses of battery of a dating partner (R.S. 14:95.10).

OR

- When a person is subject to a Uniform Abuse Prevention Order issued pursuant to C.Cr.P. Articles 30, 320, or 871.1.

OR

- When a person is subject to a Uniform Abuse Prevention Order that includes terms prohibiting possession of a firearm or carrying a concealed weapon.

Firearms transfer shall occur within 48 hours, exclusive of legal holidays. If firearms are sold or transferred prior to issuance of transfer order, you must provide a proof of transfer form signed by the receiver and a witness, within 10 days.

I have read and fully understand all conditions of this order.

4-2-2026

DATE



SIGNATURE OF DEFENDANT

19TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA

ITEM NUMBER:  
5-178

WARRANT NUMBER:  
2

AFFIDAVIT FOR ARREST WARRANT

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
VERSUS

JAMES JEFFERSON III - BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN/MALE

DOB: 09-29-1984

12224 Lake Sherwood Avenue South Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816

DL/ID #: LA 8169043

SSN: ████████2966

Height: 5' 10"

Weight: 240

Eye Color: Brown

Hair Color: Black

I, Special Agent Dirk Bergeron, with the Louisiana Bureau of Investigation, certify under oath based on the information outlined below, that there is probable cause to believe James Jefferson on or about the date(s) of 02-05-2025 to 12-29-2025 did commit:

- 1 Count(s) of 14:34.7-- Aggravated Second Degree Battery  
(November 1, 2025) -- (Felony)
- 2 Count(s) of 14:133-- Filing False Public Records  
(November 1, 2025 & December 29, 2025) -- (Felony)
- 3 Count(s) of 14:130.1-- Obstruction of Justice  
(February 5, 2025; February 20, 2025; & November 1, 2025) --  
(Felony)
- 1 Count(s) of 14:35.3(I) -- Domestic Abuse Battery in the Presence of Minors  
(November 1, 2025) -- (Felony)
- 1 Count(s) of 14:35.3(7)-- Domestic Abuse Aggravated Assault by Strangulation  
(March 23, 2025)--(Felony)

within this State and Parish at: 12224 Lake Sherwood Avenue South, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816 in East Baton Rouge Parish and the jurisdiction of the 19th Judicial District Court, contrary to the form of the statutes of the State of Louisiana in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the same, in that the following did occur:

This investigation was initiated on February 18, 2026, after the Louisiana Bureau of Investigation (LBI) received a referral from the Louisiana State Police (LSP) concerning a domestic incident that occurred on or about November 1, 2025, between HJ and James Jefferson III, in the vicinity of 12224 Lake Sherwood Avenue South, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Baton Rouge Police Department (BRPD) officers initially responded to the incident and documented the incident as a traffic crash; however, subsequent information obtained by LSP indicated that the incident involved domestic violence and that the explanation provided to responding officers was not accurate.

HJ and James Jefferson III were legally married on June 5, 2010. The marriage produced two minor children, both who are under the age of thirteen. HJ and James Jefferson III currently share equal physical custody of the children on a 7/7 schedule. HJ and James Jefferson III resided together at 12224 Lake Sherwood Avenue South, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816, until August of 2025, when HJ moved from the residence. However, HJ and James Jefferson III remain legally married. Based on the marital relationship, the acts of force, violence, and assault described herein were committed against a spouse and therefore constitute domestic abuse offenses under applicable Louisiana criminal statutes.

LBI began by reviewing a prior incident that occurred on or about February 5, 2025, at the Jefferson residence located at 12224 Lake Sherwood Avenue South, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. BRPD also responded to the February 5, 2025 incident, which resulted in James Jefferson III being arrested and charged with Domestic Abuse Battery with Child Endangerment (La R.S. 14:35.3I), BRPD Incident number 25-111973. The charges associated with the February 5, 2025 incident were subsequently dismissed at the request of HJ. At the time of that request, the information available to the Office of the District Attorney for the Nineteenth Judicial District did not include all facts later developed during this investigation. The investigation further reflects that HJ's actions during that period occurred following communications from James Jefferson III, directing HJ to take certain actions in regard to the criminal charges against him.

At the request of LBI, on March 20, 2026, HJ provided LBI with a recording from the February 5, 2025, incident. The recording captures HJ yelling statements including, "help, help... he's pushing me... he threw me down on the ground... he just punched me," and captures a male voice identified by HJ as James Jefferson III.

After meeting with representatives of the Office of the District Attorney for the Nineteenth Judicial District and reviewing the prosecutorial file associated with the February 5, 2025, incident, as noted above, it was determined that the information available at the time of the prosecutorial decision did not include all relevant facts later developed during this investigation. Those facts include text messages from James Jefferson III to HJ while BRPD officers were on scene, instructing HJ to tell officers "Hurry tell them u mentally off...U had episode," the recorded audio of the incident, a February 20, 2025 text message from James Jefferson III to HJ stating, "Meet me on Florida Watch body cam right quick," within approximately one hour prior to HJ meeting with LSP investigators on that date, additional text messages from James Jefferson III to HJ during that meeting stating, "U ok???...You done yet???", and HJ emailing James Jefferson III audio recordings of the meeting with LSP investigators on the same date.

Based on the above facts, there is probable cause to believe that James Jefferson III committed **Obstruction of Justice in violation of La. R.S. 14:130.1**, which prohibits conduct that distorts, impairs, or interferes with the administration of justice or a criminal investigation.

During a separate incident occurring on or about March 23, 2025 at the Jefferson residence, 12224 Lake Sherwood Avenue South, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, LBI reviewed a surveillance recording provided by HJ. The recording shows HJ attempting to exit the residence through exterior doors when James Jefferson III grabs HJ's wrist and forearm and forcibly pulls HJ back inside of the residence. During this interaction, James Jefferson III's hand is observed positioned around the throat area of HJ while continuing to move HJ further into the interior of the residence.

Based on the above facts, there is probable cause to believe that James Jefferson III committed **Domestic Abuse Aggravated Assault by Strangulation in violation of La. R.S. 14:35.3(7)**, which prohibits an assault upon a person with whom the offender has a domestic relationship when the assault involves

strangulation, defined as the intentional impeding of normal breathing or circulation of blood by applying pressure to the throat or neck.

On or about November 1, 2025, a domestic incident occurred in the vicinity of 12224 Lake Sherwood Avenue South in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, which is the incident referred to LBI by LSP. BRPD officers initially responded and documented the incident as a traffic crash, BRPD case no. 25-212003. During the course of the LBI investigation, a 911 call placed by an independent witness regarding the incident was reviewed by LBI. The witness reported observing two vehicles stopped in the roadway with individuals yelling and arguing while children were present nearby. The witness reported that during the confrontation one of the vehicles accelerated and struck the other vehicle, and that the witness observed a person lying in the roadway immediately afterward. The witness later reiterated these observations during an interview with LBI, describing the person as looking like "a rag doll, like they were limp whenever they got picked up."

LBI interviewed HJ, who reported that during the November 1, 2025 incident James Jefferson III pushed a vehicle door into HJ, grabbed HJ by the hair, and pulled HJ downward. HJ further reported that James Jefferson III entered his vehicle and accelerated while HJ was positioned between the vehicles, causing HJ to be pinned and struck, and that HJ lost consciousness during the incident. LBI obtained and reviewed medical documentation indicating that HJ sought treatment following the incident and reported pelvic pain, hip pain, chest pain, and bruising. Additionally, an independent witness confirmed HJ's injuries. LBI also reviewed photographs and video recordings documenting damage to a GMC Denali vehicle belonging to HJ, including damage to the front passenger side area of the vehicle.

The investigation further determined that two minor children, both under the age of thirteen, were present during the November 1, 2025 incident. The independent witness observed children running near the vehicles while yelling occurred, and subsequent interviews of the children, conducted separately, described HJ being positioned between vehicles, the movement of a vehicle during the confrontation, and HJ being on the ground following the incident, believing HJ was "dead."

During the initial BRPD response to the November 1, 2025 incident, both James Jefferson III and HJ advised BRPD officers that the incident was a traffic crash. Based on those statements, the incident was documented by BRPD as a crash (BRPD case no. 25-212003), rather than a domestic violence event. BRPD issued two tickets to HJ, charging HJ with Unattended Vehicle (City of Baton Rouge statute 11:260) and Simple Obstruction of a Highway of Commerce (City of Baton Rouge statute 11:297), which is being handled in the Baton Rouge City Court. LBI reviewed telephone conversations recorded by HJ between HJ and James Jefferson III following the incident, during which they referenced the police response and the manner in which the incident had been described in official reports. During one such conversation, James Jefferson III stated, "But we ain't talking about truth. We're talking about the crash report."

LBI obtained statements from both minor children, who were interviewed separately, indicating that HJ expressed a desire to tell responding BRPD officers the truth about the incident, but did not do so at the urging of James Jefferson III. The children also described HJ's condition immediately following the incident, including that HJ's clothing appeared dirty. Additionally, an independent witness reported that HJ arrived at the witness's residence appearing dirty and disheveled, and that the witness provided HJ with a change of clothing prior to HJ's interaction with responding BRPD officers.

During the course of the investigation, LBI further determined that the residential surveillance system positioned to capture the area of the November 1, 2025 incident had been deactivated or removed following the event by James Jefferson III. LBI reviewed unrelated video footage captured by the

surveillance system prior to the incident, which demonstrated that the system recorded activity in the area where the incident occurred, and based on its positioning, the system may have contained relevant evidence of the November 1, 2025, incident.

Based on the above facts, there is probable cause to believe that James Jefferson III committed **Aggravated Second Degree Battery in violation of La. R.S. 14:34.7, Domestic Abuse Battery in the Presence of Minors in violation of La. R.S. 14:35.3(I), Filing False Public Records in violation of La. R.S. 14:133, and two counts of Obstruction of Justice in violation of La. R.S. 14:130.1.** The investigation establishes that the elements of Aggravated Second Degree Battery are met in that James Jefferson III intentionally inflicted serious bodily injury upon another by means of a dangerous instrumentality. The elements of Domestic Abuse Battery in the Presence of Minors are met in that James Jefferson III committed a battery upon his spouse while minor children, under the age of thirteen were present. The elements of Filing False Public Records are met in that false information was knowingly provided for inclusion in an official public record. The elements of Obstruction of Justice are met in that James Jefferson III engaged in conduct which distorted, impaired, or interfered with a criminal investigation and the administration of justice, including conduct affecting the accuracy and completeness of information provided to law enforcement and conduct affecting the availability of evidence.

According to HJ, on November 11, 2025, she became aware that James Jefferson III was in the parking lot of the Hampton Inn, located at 462 Lafayette Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with an unidentified female. HJ traveled to the hotel location, where HJ observed James Jefferson III and the female in the parking lot. HJ approached and began recording James Jefferson III and the female. While recording, the female struck HJ in the face with a glass object. After the incident, HJ traveled to a BRPD station with the intent to report the incident but ultimately declined to do so due to fear of retaliation.

On or about December 29, 2025, James Jefferson III provided sworn statements in a temporary restraining order (TRO) proceeding filed in East Baton Rouge Parish, docket number F-241052A. LBI reviewed those sworn statements, in which James Jefferson III made statements in regard to the November 11, 2025, Hampton Inn incident. James Jefferson III states, HJ was "shoving the recorder in her face [customer] and attacked her leading the parties to fighting in the parking lot." LBI compared the statement to a video recording obtained during the investigation of that incident, which occurred in East Baton Rouge Parish. The statement contained in the sworn filing differed from the event depicted in the video recording, which shows the individual referred to by James Jefferson III in the filing as a "customer," striking HJ in the face with what appears to be a glass object.

Based on the above facts, there is probable cause to believe that James Jefferson III committed **Filing False Public Records in violation of La. R.S. 14:133**, which prohibits the filing or depositing of any document containing false statements or representations in a public office or with a public official, knowing such information to be false.

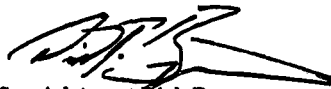
Based on the foregoing and the totality of the evidence, I respectfully request that the Court issue arrest warrants for James Jefferson III for violations of:

- 1 Count(s) of La. R.S. 14:34.7 - Aggravated Second Degree Battery  
(November 1, 2025)
- 2 Count(s) of La. R.S. 14:133 – Filing False Public Records  
(November 1, 2025 & December 29, 2025)
- 3 Count(s) of La. R.S. 14:130.1 – Obstruction of Justice  
(February 5, 2025; February 20, 2025; & November 1, 2025)

1 Count(s) of La. R.S. 14:35.3(I) - Domestic Abuse Battery in the Presence of Minors  
(November 1, 2025)

1 Count(s) of La. R.S. 14:35.3(7) - Domestic Abuse Aggravated Assault by Strangulation  
(March 23, 2025)

I hereby certify under oath the information contained herein to be true and correct, to  
the best of my knowledge, under penalties of perjury.



Special Agent Dirk Bergeron  
Affiant

THUS DONE AND PASSED on the 31st day of March at 2026.



19TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE  
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ARREST WARRANT

STATE OF LOUISIANA

VERSUS

JAMES JEFFERSON III - BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN/MALE

12224 Lake Sherwood Avenue South Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816

DOB: 09/29/1984

DL/ID #: LA 8169043

SSN: ████████2966

Height: 5' 10"

Weight: 240

Eye Color: Brown

Hair Color: Black

TO ANY COMMISSIONED PEACE OFFICER:

WHEREAS, complaint has been made to me, upon the sworn affidavit of Special Agent Dirk Bergeron, with the Louisiana Bureau of Investigation, charging one James Jefferson III with:

1 Count(s) of 14:34.7-- Aggravated Second Degree Battery (November 1, 2025)-- (Felony)

2 Count(s) of 14:133-- Filing False Public Records (November 1, 2025 & December 29, 2025)-- (Felony)

3 Count(s) of 14:130.1-- Obstruction of Justice (February 5, 2025; February 20, 2025; & November 1, 2025)-- (Felony)

1 Count(s) of 14:35.3-- Domestic Abuse Battery in the Presence of Minors (November 1, 2025)-- (Felony)

1 Count(s) of 14:37.7-- Domestic Abuse Aggravated Assault by Strangulation (March 23, 2025)-- (Felony)

Committed on or about the date(s) of 02-05-2025 to 12-29-2025.

Now, therefore, you are hereby commanded, in the name of the State, to apprehend and arrest and book the said accused to answer the said complaint. You are further commanded to keep the said accused in safe custody until released according to law, and this shall be your warrant.

Given under my official signature, this 31st day of March at 2026 .



19TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA