IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MOUNT DORA POLICE DEPARTMENT,

CASE NO. 2025-MH-000328-AXXX

Petitioner,

vs.

ANDREW RICE,

Respondent.

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO SEAL COURT RECORDS (Risk Protection Order Case)

THIS MATTER came before the Court on the Motion to Seal Court Records in the above-captioned Risk Protection Order (RPO) case pursuant to **Fla. R. Gen. Prac. & Jud. Admin. 2.420**. The Court, heard the Respondents Ore Tenus Motion to Seal the Court Records, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, hereby finds:

- 1. The Court finds that sealing the records is necessary to comply with statutory requirements and to protect the privacy rights of the Respondent in accordance with the law.
- 2. Sgt. Gary L. Hutcheson indicated in open Court no objection to the sealing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:

- The Clerk of Court is directed to SEAL the entire court file in this Risk Protection Order proceeding, including all pleadings, exhibits, transcripts, orders, and docket entries.
- 2. Access to the sealed file is restricted to:
 - The Court;
 - The Petitioner (law enforcement agency) and its counsel;
 - The Respondent and Respondent's counsel;
 - Any other person as authorized by further Court order.

3. This Order shall remain in effect unless and until modified by further order of this Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Lake County, Florida, this _____ day of May 2025.

JUDGE HELM Circuit Court Judge

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been provided through electronic service and/or regular U.S. mail to the following parties - Jay Rooth, Attorney for Respondent 115 Granada Court, Orlando, FI 32803 and Mount Dora Police Department, Attention Sgt. Gary L. Hutcheson 1300 N. Donnelly Street, Mt Dora, FI 32757.

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May 28, 2025