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Woman granted protection order against her ex- partner

A rural District Court granted a woman a protection order against her former partner. It was an *ex-parte* application, and her former partner was not present.

The applicant woman told the judge that she was seeking the protection order against the respondent ex-partner, who was also the father of their child. She said that she used to live with him, but "I kicked him out of our home" on a previous date. They had been together five or six years and the relationship "had been on and off" during that period.

She told the judge that he had threatened to stab her when she was pregnant and to kill himself. There was currently a criminal investigation ongoing in relation to a separate matter. She had asked him to leave their home the previous year, and she told the judge this was because "he had exhibited paedophilic tendencies towards a younger girl."

The woman stated that she was in fear for her safety as her ex-partner had spread misinformation about her and she had seen him staring at her in the street, which she believed was a form of harassment. She told the judge, "I am worried he will do something to me if he has the opportunity."

The judge asked her if she had made any reports to the Gardaí and she told the judge that she had reported her ex-partner's threat to kill her to the Gardaí.

The judge also asked if there was any involvement by the Child and Family Agency (CFA) and the woman stated: "I notified them when I found out about his paedophilic tendencies towards the younger girl."

The woman also confirmed that her former partner did not currently have any access to their child.

The judge granted the protection order and explained to the woman that it was a temporary order, issued pending the hearing of the safety order application. The judge told the woman that it prevented the man from using or threatening to use violence, molesting or putting the woman and their child in fear and her ex-partner could not watch or beset the woman and he could not communicate with her. The judge asked the woman to sign the statement she had completed to seek the protection order.

The judge also directed that the Gardaí serve a safety order summons on the ex-partner along with the protection order. The safety order application was put in for hearing three months later. The woman thanked the judge.