



REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

**FORM 4**  
**[Regulation 5]**  
**NOTICE TO RESPONDENT TO SHOW CAUSE**  
**SECTION 3(4) OF THE PROTECTION FROM HARASSMENT ACT, 2011 (ACT NO. 17 OF 2011)**

**IN THE MAGISTRATE'S COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF** .....

**HELD AT** ..... **APPLICATION NO.** ...../.....

**In the matter between:**

..... **(Complainant)**

**AND**

..... **(Respondent)**

(\*Delete whichever is not applicable)

**1. PARTICULARS OF RESPONDENT**

Address:.....

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Contact number (telephone number/cellular phone number/facsimile number/e-mail address (whichever is available)): .....

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**2. PARTICULARS OF APPLICATION**

On ..... (date), ..... (name of person who applied for protection order) applied for a protection order against the respondent. The court considered the application but has not issued an interim protection order. A copy of the application and supporting affidavits are attached for the information of the respondent

**3. NOTICE TO RESPONDENT**

- 3.1 The respondent is called upon to show cause on ..... (the return date) at .....(time) at the abovementioned court, why the court should not issue a final protection order against him or her.
- 3.2 The return date specified in paragraph 3.1, above, may be anticipated by the respondent on not less than 24 hours' written notice to the complainant and the court.
- 3.3 If the respondent does not appear on the return date and if the court is satisfied that —
  - (a) proper service has been effected on the respondent; and

(b) the application contains *prima facie* evidence that the respondent has engaged or is engaging in harassment,  
the court must issue a final protection order.

3.4 In terms of section 16 of the Protection from Harassment Act, 2011, the court may make an order as to costs against a party if it is satisfied that the party in question has acted frivolously, vexatiously or unreasonably.

**In terms of sections 3(4) and 15(a) of the Protection from Harassment Act, 2011, .....  
..... (name and surname), who is a \*clerk of the court/\*sheriff/ \*peace officer is hereby directed to serve this notice, a certified copy of the application and supporting affidavits on the respondent in accordance with regulation 28 of the Protection from Harassment Regulations, 2013.**

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**MAGISTRATE**

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**DATE**

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