

Orders Prohibiting Contact

1. No contact Order (NCO)

- Issued by a Judge in criminal court
- A condition of release
- No direct or indirect contact
- May be modified by the Judge
- Violation may result in revocation of bail and/or additional conditions of release

2. Domestic Abuse No Contact Order (DANCO)

- Issued by a Judge in criminal court
- Independent of conditions of release
- No direct or indirect contact
- Violation may result in additional criminal charges

3. Order for Protection (OFP)

- Petition filed in civil court
- Request relief from domestic violence
- No direct or indirect contact
- May be modified by the Judge
- Violation may result in a criminal charge

4. Harassment Restraining Order (HRO)

- Petition filed in civil court
- Request relief from harassment
- No direct or indirect contact
- May be modified by the Judge
- Violation may result in a criminal charge

A safety plan must be completed by the alleged victim before any NCO or DANCO modifications are reviewed by the Judge.

Please contact the following agencies to make an appointment:

**Rape and Abuse Crisis Center
218-299-7224 or 701-293-7273**
**Community Health Service, Inc.
218-236-6502**

Participating Agencies

**Seventh Judicial District Court
Clay County**

Clay County Attorney's Office

**Clay County Victim/Witness
Services**

**Seventh Judicial District Public
Defender's Office**

Community Health Service, Inc.

Rape and Abuse Crisis Center

Solutions, Inc.

Clay County Social Services

Clay County Sheriff's Office

Moorhead Police Department

Department of Corrections

Legal Services of NW Minnesota

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Clay County

Domestic Violence Court



**State of Minnesota Judicial Branch
Seventh Judicial District**

**Clay County Courthouse
807 11th Street North
Moorhead, MN 56560**

**Court Time:
Wednesday
8:30 AM**

Mission:

The Domestic Violence Court strives to ensure victim safety, offender accountability and coordination of services across the agencies and community partners that directly and indirectly interact with the Clay County Domestic Violence Court

Domestic Violence Court is a judicially monitored program. All cases with charges of domestic violence or domestic violence related offenses, between intimate partners, will be placed in Domestic Violence Court. The cases will remain in Domestic Violence Court, possibly through the probation term.

The goal is to have cases resolved by the way of a trial or plea within 90 days. This will provide faster resolutions for victims and earlier access to services for both victims and offenders. The hope is to reduce incidents of domestic violence in our community.



Case Identification & Eligibility



All cases involving one or more allegations of domestic violence between intimate partners, including relationships that involve current and former dating relationships, cohabitating couples or people with children in common.

Cases must involve one or more allegations of:

- Intent to cause fear in another of immediate bodily harm or death
- Intentional infliction, or attempt to inflict bodily harm upon another
- Terroristic threats
- Interference with an emergency call
- Stalking
- Violation of a Domestic Violence No Contact Order
- Violation of an Order of Protection
- Violation of a Harassment Restraining Order

Court Schedule

8:30 AM

Post-Sentence Review Hearings

9:00 AM

Pre-Trial, Rule 8, Omnibus, Roll Call and Pre-Sentence Review Hearings

10:00 AM

Plea Hearings and Sentencing Hearings

First Appearance: The judge will set bond and conditions of release.

Omnibus/Pre-Trial: The defendant will plead guilty or not guilty. If he/she pleads not guilty, the case will be set for trial. If a guilty plea is entered, the case will be set for sentencing.

Settlement Conference (Roll Call): The last opportunity to settle the case before going to trial.

Trial: If the defendant does not accept a plea offer, the case will proceed to trial.

Plea Hearing: The defendant will enter a guilty plea at this hearing and a Pre-Sentence Investigation will be ordered. A Sentencing Hearing will be scheduled.

Sentencing: The defendant's sentence may include incarceration, probation, Domestic Violence Intervention Programming and/or any other conditions set by the Judge.

Post-Sentence Review Hearings: The defendant will be required to comply with the Judge's order for supervised probation. The Judge bases the frequency of these hearings on the offender's cooperation and progress with probation.