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**FILE A SEARCH WARRANT AFFIDAVIT**
Law enforcement files an affidavit describing why they believe the respondent is dangerous and in possession of a firearm.

**COURT ASSESS SEARCH WARRANT AFFIDAVIT**
Court determines whether there is probable cause to believe the respondent is dangerous and in possession of a firearm.

**SERVE THE SEARCH WARRANT AND SEIZE FIREARMS**
If a search warrant is issued, law enforcement searches for and removes any firearms in the respondent's possession and files a search warrant return with the court describing the quantity and type of each firearm seized from the respondent.

**COURT SCHEDULES HEARING AND PROVIDES NOTICE**
The court will provide the respondent with notice of the upcoming hearing to determine whether to return or retain firearms.

**PROCEED WITH FINAL HEARING**
Within 14 days after the search warrant return is filed, the court conducts a hearing to determine whether there is clear and convincing evidence to prove the respondent is dangerous.

**BURDEN OF PROOF IS MET**
The court issues a written order finding the individual is dangerous, ordering law enforcement to retain any removed firearms, ordering the respondent's license to carry a handgun, if applicable, suspended, and prohibiting the respondent from renting, receiving transfer of, owning, or possessing a firearm. (The court also determines whether to refer the respondent to further proceedings to consider whether to involuntarily detain or commit the respondent.)

**UPDATE BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM**
The court clerk transmits the order of the court to the IN Office of Judicial Administration for transmission to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS).

**TERMINATE OR RENEW ORDER**
A respondent may, beginning 180 days after the court's order to retain firearms, petition the court for a finding the respondent is no longer dangerous.

**UPDATE BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM**
If the order is terminated, the clerk transmits the order as soon as practicable to the IN Office of Judicial Administration for transmission to the NICS.

**RETURN FIREARMS**
Within 5 days of the termination of an order, law enforcement returns any removed firearms to the respondent.

Authorized petitioners/complainants in Indiana include:
- Law enforcement
- Circuit or Superior Court