

CAUSE NUMBER: 2026-37686

IN THE MATTER OF THE
MARRIAGE/INTEREST OF:
SANCHEZ, ERIC GARCIA
vs.
MATTHEWS, CANDICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

246th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ORDER

On August 24, 2026, after hearing the evidence and argument of counsel and Applicant, the Court finds that Eric Sanchez, Applicant, has failed to show by a preponderance of the evidence that on more than one occasion and pursuant to the same scheme or course of conduct that is directed at Eric Sanchez, Respondent Candice Matthews knowingly engaged in conduct that:

(1) constitutes an offense under Section 42.07, or that Candice Matthews knew or reasonably should have known Eric Sanchez would regard as threatening:

(A) bodily injury or death for Eric Sanchez; ?or

(B) that an offense will be committed against:

(i) a member of Eric Sanchez's family or household;

(ii) an individual with whom Eric Sanchez has a dating relationship; ?or

(iii) Eric Sanchez's property;

(2) causes Eric Sanchez, a member of Eric Sanchez's family or household, or an individual with whom Eric Sanchez has a dating relationship:

(A) to be placed in fear of bodily injury or death or in fear that an offense will be committed against Eric Sanchez, a member of Eric Sanchez's family or household, or an individual with whom Eric Sanchez has a dating relationship, or Eric Sanchez's property; ?or

(B) to feel harassed, terrified, intimidated, annoyed, alarmed, abused, tormented, embarrassed, or offended; and

(3) would cause a reasonable person under circumstances similar to the circumstances of Eric Sanchez to:

(A) fear bodily injury or death for the person;

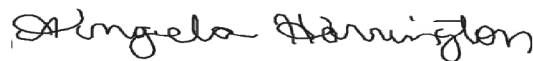
(B) fear that an offense will be committed against a member of the person's family or household or an individual with whom the person has a dating relationship;

(C) fear that an offense will be committed against the person's property; or

(D) feel harassed, terrified, intimidated, annoyed, alarmed, abused, tormented, embarrassed, or offended.

Therefore, the Court grants Respondent's motion for directed verdict and denies Applicant's application for a protective order.

Signed and entered this day: August 31, 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angela Harrington", written over a horizontal line.

Judge Angela Harrington
246th District Court