



# Fourth Judicial Circuit Court

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## FOURTH CIRCUIT POLICY #24-1 DENIAL OF PETITION FOR PROTECTION ORDERS

It is the policy of the Fourth Judicial Circuit that if any Petition for Protection Order is found to have insufficient grounds for relief and the Petition is denied without hearing, the court file will be changed to a closed case type and will not be available for public viewing.

This policy becomes effective immediately.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024, at Sturgis, South Dakota

Michael W. Day  
Presiding Circuit Judge

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