MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS
WESTERN DISTRICT

S.M., RESPONDENT,
v.
CURTIS DEIERLING, APPELLANT.

DOCKET NUMBER WD86929

DATE: JUNE 17, 2025

Appeal From:

Adair CountyCircuit Court
The Honorable Thomas P. Redington, Judge

Appellate Judges:

Division One Judges: Gary D. Witt, Presiding Judge, Lisa White Hardwick, Judge, and Edward R. Ardini, Jr., Judge

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MISSOURI APPELLATE COURT OPINION SUMMARY

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Curtis Deierling appeals the judgment entering a Full Order of Protection against him and in favor of his former landlord, S.M. Deierling argues the circuit court erred in granting the order of protection because the evidence was insufficient to prove that his actions constituted stalking under the Adult Abuse Act.

AFFIRMED.

Division One holds:

The circuit court did not err in granting the full order of protection based on evidence that Deierling purposely and repeatedly subjected S.M. to an unwanted course of conduct that caused her fear of physical harm. Over a three-month period, Deierling stalked S.M. by threatening to use deadly force against her and openly displaying weapons, addressing her with racial profanity, removing her property without authorization, following her vehicle, and conducting surveillance of her business office. Although Deierling had a legal right to openly carry his guns, the circuit court properly concluded that his conduct was unjustified based on his verbal and written threats to shoot or otherwise harm S.M.

Opinion by: Lisa White Hardwick, Judge June 17, 2025

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