

**403.7539 Civil and criminal proceedings for violations of foreign protective orders.**

- (1) Civil proceedings and criminal proceedings for violation of a foreign protective order for the same violation of the protective order shall be mutually exclusive. Once either proceeding has been initiated, the other shall not be undertaken regardless of the outcome of the original proceeding.
- (2) If criminal proceedings for violation of a foreign protective order are undertaken, the following shall apply:
  - (a) A person is guilty of violation of a foreign protective order when the person intentionally violates the provisions of a foreign protective order properly authenticated, or filed and awaiting authentication, pursuant to KRS 403.7521 and 403.7524.
  - (b) Violation of a foreign protective order is a violation of KRS 403.763.
- (3) If civil proceedings for violation of a foreign protective order are undertaken, intentional violation of the foreign protective order by the person against whom it was issued shall constitute contempt of court.

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