

Were you slapped with a bogus Military Protection Order (MPO)?

Step One:

Comply with the order and wait a week or so and go to the Provost Marshall Office (Military Policy) and check if it has been sent to them.



If so, they have formally served you with an official MPO; it will be sent to the State Investigative Bureau (CONUS-that your base is located in; OCONUS-see SOFA Agreement for that country) and the FBI for inclusion the National Crime Information Center searchable databases. These databases are comprised in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) comprised of the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), the Interstate Identification Index and the NICS Indices, which contains information on people who are prohibited from receiving firearms by federal or state law. You may want an attorney at this time.

If not; this was likely a scare tactic or an entrapment attempt.

Step Two:

Adhere to the order at all costs. In my situation my Company Commander (who issued the bogus MPO) ordered me to participate in a Urinary Analysis and one of the individuals who he bogusly listed as protected person on the MPO was standing in the middle of the receiving room to perform the test. I had previously expressed my concerns about running into one of these people prior to the event. It was a clear set-up. I immediately began fast-walking out of the building and notified the Inspector General of what transpired. Do not allow yourself to get set up.

The written MPO trumps any other order or verbal order as it is punitive and any violation of it only takes a verbal complaint (remember they are 'alleged victims' and an allegation is a only a verbal accusation) in the Military to substantiate (there is no due process involved, even if its investigated). Do not give a corrupted Commander legitimate ammunition (see Step Three) to UCMJ or Court Martial you as in the 2022 Court Martial Covid case for more information (see ACCA Case #20220213, U.S. v. 1LT Mark Bashaw).

Step Three:

Be vigilant! If you are ordered to a building where a named person (in the MPO) works, for instance, the aforementioned UPL (mentioned in Step Two), or any other official duty, ensure that you email the Commander (that concocted the MPO) that you are concerned that you may run into one of those people and request to bring an escort of your choosing.

Remember this MPO serves two functions; 1) it bolsters any bogus charges against you in any investigation and, 2) it provides the Commander a long-term environment through which to put you in ethical dilemmas of conflicting orders, e. g., "Come to the building!" but you can't because of people listed in the MPO.

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Step Four:

Beware of entrapments! Make a reasoned determination if your Commander's decisions are corrupted in any way. Do you feel the Commander 'has it out for you,' 'doesn't like you,' 'is mad that you asked a question or tried to improve on his/her plan to accomplish something.' If you feel they are corrupted you must be ready for any typical entrapments associated with an MPO. In my case, I start getting emails from people named on the MPO that haven't emailed me since I was removed from my NCOIC position (7 months prior).

Remember, any Soldier under a Commander can be used to entrap you. I (as an E-7, Sergeant First Class) had an E-5 Sergeant used to coordinate a Physical Training Session in a facility that handles Classified information (therefore personal phones were strictly prohibited) where he placed a phone in the middle of the floor within the facility's workout area. I professionally asked him to remove it immediately and explained the regulation to him. Two days later (during the next scheduled PT session lead by him) he put his personal phone in the same exact spot in the room. I took it to the XO and notified the XO that he will not comply with the regulation. I got counseled as unprofessional and toxic by the 1SG and she threatened that the Company Commander was considering a Letter of Reprimand. All of this occurred without anyone asking me (a Senior NCO) what transpired. Anyone can be used as an entrapment attempt. Beware.

Another entrapment that anyone could fall prey to is the 'innocent reply email.' This is how it works. Anyone of the protected individuals listed on the MPO could email you, either individually or as a group or distribution list requesting that you or all personnel email them their 'training certificates' or some other requirement. DO NOT REPLY TO THAT PERSON or to the distribution list. This is a trap. Your MPO likely states, IN DETAIL, exactly what is prohibited. If you are not able to be within 100 feet of the person, you are likely prohibited from emailing them. Emailing any MPO protected person certificates or even a response like "I am working on them" can land you in more trouble because you just violated a direct order. Remember, if this is a bogus MPO, the people protected by it, are liars, and they will stoop to any depth to harm you. Allowing them to accomplish their goal by tricking you because of your dutiful willingness to comply with other regulations is not a way you want to go out.

Step Five:

Be detailed and document, document, document! If you are being targeted to incriminate yourself in an entrapment attempt, be sure to **document the entire experience in detail** (with quotes preferably) on a personal computer while it is fresh in your mind. This acts as a historical time-stamp for future use, if needed. DO NOT fall prey to this. Document this EVERY TIME it occurs.

Create a detailed email and send it to yourself and/or IG if you are working with them. That said, it must be said again, always prioritize the MPO over any other order and send a detailed email (don't call) the Inspector General to preserve evidence of your compliance with the MPO (for possible Article 138 redress, IG Investigation, Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR) or civil judicial actions.

Step Six:

Get documentation of the Commander's decision to lift the MPO. Note the date of expiration in an email to anyone and email Commander for a response related to his/her decision; do this for as long as it is enforce to document the bogus decisions.

Until the MPO is lifted follow step Two; do not let a Commanders ineptitude to follow regulations or corruption, by letting you think it is fulfilled, get you entrapped into a UCMJ or Court Martial offense.

Step Seven:

Keep the final documentation indefinitely! Once lifted ensure you have an email or appropriate paperwork for future use (same possibilities as mentioned in Step Four).

Without this document or email, documents can be forged and backdated to have you entrapped still or affect these future venues.

Step Eight: (optional, but prudent)

Avoid the Commander (if possible) or any of the people named in the MPO, at all costs. If they lied to create this bogus situation and the Commander went along with it, they will not subside in their hatred of you (and your Commander doesn't think much of you either); this is especially true if they went to this length to set you up.

If you must interact with them, ensure you have a trusted confidant or, at least, document the interactions in detailed emails (to yourself if need be) soon after (for a time stamp). This is time consuming but worth it if (and likely when) they decide to lie about you again and you can use them in court or with Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR).