



METRO



Millionaire can keep restraining order used to break up with ex

By [Julia Marsh](#) and [Antonio Antenucci](#)

January 24, 2015 | 6:35am



A judge granted millionaire Brad Zipper a two-year extension on his order of protection against his ex Nicole Raef (right).

Photo: Stephen Yang (2)

A Manhattan millionaire's cold-hearted decision to break up with his longtime girlfriend through a restraining order paid off when a judge agreed Friday that the woman is a dangerous mess.

Justice Mary Bednar granted hedge-fund bigwig Brad Zipper a two-year extension of his order of protection against his ex Nicole Raef — and declared that the 28-year-old seriously needs help.

“I highly recommend [she] seek therapy or counseling” for mental-health and substance-abuse issues, the Family Court judge said.

Zipper's legal team claimed the restraining order, served last September, was a last-ditch effort to break things off with a “very dangerous” woman who “became increasingly volatile and unpredictable.”

“There's no script for what you should do when a girlfriend is acting crazy and waving a knife, but he couldn't act on his own,” said his lawyer, Marcy Katz.

She was referring to a Sept. 4, 2014, incident at Zipper's Nolita pad when Raef [allegedly threatened him with a kitchen knife and threatened to kill herself](#).

“He's terrified that if the order is not issued, further harm could be caused,” Katz said.

The attorney also reminded Bednar of e-mail evidence in which Raef apologizes for erratic behavior including breaking a door and then says she took Xanax to calm down.

Bednar said both sides had “credibility” issues, but she ruled that Raef committed harassment, menacing and criminal mischief, all family offenses.

“Certainly a nine-inch chef’s knife being waved at someone . . . with a threat to commit suicide . . . gives someone cause for concern for their own physical safety,” the judge said.

Raef, who dated Zipper for five years, dressed in a chic Moto sweater and stiletto booties. She left the courtroom crying and declined to comment.

Her attorney Brett Kimmel told The Post, “Ms. Raef is obviously very disappointed.

“She believes she is the victim here and I believe that this is what the evidence established. But it was [Zipper’s] petition and all Nicole could do was try to defend herself. The bar in these types of cases is set very, very low,” Kimmel said.

Katz declared “total victory” for her client. A straight-faced Zipper’s only comment was, “It’s just a sad day.”

FILED UNDER [BRAD ZIPPER](#) , [DIVORCE](#) , [NICOLE RAEF](#)

SHARE THIS:



READ NEXT [Homeland Security issues...](#)

PROMOTED STORIES



BREAKING NEWS: Under the New U.S. Senate “Blank Slate” Plan...
National Association of Realtors



Lyme Disease: Why Patients are Traveling to a Center Called Shea...
Shea Medical



What It’s Like When You’re a Parent and the House Next Door Is...
SheKnows.com



Watch: The Truth About Bipolar Disorder
HealthNation



Celebrities’ Sexiest Instagram Pics of the Week
StyleBistro



Why Brows Matter - Ditch The Pencil And Try This
DermStore

Promoted Content by outbrain

RECOMMENDED FOR YOU



‘Apprentice,’ ‘Hell’s Kitchen,’ ‘Top Chef’ reveal torture behind scenes

Man on the run after shooting family in Queens killing spree