

IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ COURT OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE )  
 )  
v. ) No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ )

**ORDER DIRECTING JUDICIAL HOSPITALIZATION AT  
A REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE  
UNDER T.C.A. SECTION 33-7-303(c) and Title 33, Chapter 6, Part 5**

This cause was heard on \_\_\_\_\_ before the Honorable \_\_\_\_\_,  
Judge of Division \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County,  
upon petition of \_\_\_\_\_ and certificates of  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ under Title 33, Chapter 6,  
Part 5, of the Tennessee Code Annotated and T.C.A. § 33-7-303(c).

At the hearing, it appeared to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendant was examined by \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_, who are certifying professionals under  
T.C.A. Section 33-6-503 and who executed certificates which state that, in their opinion, the defendant is mentally ill  
and, because of this illness, poses a substantial likelihood of serious harm and is in need of care and treatment in a  
mental hospital; that the certificates were issued within three (3) days of the examination, that the certificates were  
introduced; and that at least one (1) of the certifying professionals testified on his or her findings at the hearing, or  
that defense counsel consented to the testimony of a certifying professional being given by deposition or affidavit,  
pursuant to T.C.A. § 33-3-615.

As a result of the hearing, the Court finds by clear, unequivocal and convincing evidence that the defendant is  
mentally ill and, because of this illness, poses a substantial likelihood of serious harm, and all available less drastic  
alternatives to commitment to a mental hospital are unsuitable. The determination of substantial likelihood of serious  
harm is based on the following standards:

1.
  - A. A person has threatened or attempted suicide or to inflict serious bodily harm on himself OR
  - B. The person has threatened or attempted homicide or other violent behavior, OR
  - C. The person has placed others in reasonable fear of violent behavior and serious physical harm to  
them, OR
  - D. The person is unable to avoid severe impairment or injury from specific risks, AND
2. There is a substantial likelihood that such harm will occur unless the person is placed under  
involuntary treatment.

Therefore, it is ORDERED:

1. The defendant is committed to the custody of the Commissioner of Mental Health at  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mental Health Institute for treatment, upon the availability of  
suitable accommodations.
2. The Court Clerk shall provide a copy of this order to the Mental Health Institute.
3. The Sheriff shall transport the defendant to the \_\_\_\_\_ Mental Health Institute,  
only after verification that the mental health institute has available, suitable accommodations.
4. That the defendant pay all or part of the costs and expenses for the evaluations and treatment, if the  
court finds the defendant financially able to pay.
5. If the defendant is charged with a misdemeanor, the cost of the evaluation and treatment under  
Chapter 7, Part 3 of this title will be a charge upon the funds of the county pursuant to T.C.A. § 33-7-  
304(a).

Enter this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge

Approved for Entry:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defense Attorney  
Address  
Phone Number

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District Attorney General  
Address  
Phone Number