

CAUSE NO. M-_____

THE STATE OF TEXAS
FOR THE BEST INTEREST
AND PROTECTION OF

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IN THE COUNTY COURT

AT LAW NO. 2 OF

THE PROPOSED PATIENT

HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDER FOR TEMPORARY INPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

On this the _____ day of _____, **20**_____, came on to be heard an Application for Court-Ordered Temporary Mental Health Services in the above-styled cause, alleging that _____, hereinafter called "Patient", is mentally ill and meets the criteria for court- ordered mental health services; and no jury having been requested, _____, the attorney representing the Patient, announced ready, and all matters of fact and law were submitted to the Court, and the Court finds as follows:

That all necessary notices and copies of the Application have been served as required by law, that, if applicable, there has been filed with the Court a recommendation for the most appropriate treatment alternative for the Patient, and that all of the terms and provisions of the Texas Health and Safety Code have been complied with.

That after considering all of the evidence, the recommendation for the most appropriate treatment alternative, if any, and the expert, competent medical or psychiatric testimony, it appears to the Court that the allegations of the application are true and correct and are supported by clear and convincing evidence that the Patient is mentally ill, and as a result of that mental illness:

- is likely to cause serious harm to self;
- is likely to cause serious harm to others;
- is suffering severe and abnormal mental, emotional or physical distress; is experiencing substantial mental or physical deterioration of his ability to function independently, which is exhibited by the proposed patient's inability, except for reasons of indigence, to provide for his basic needs, including food, clothing, health, or safety; and, is unable to make a rational and informed decision as to submit to treatment.

It is therefore determined that the Patient is mentally ill and meets the criteria for, and requires, court-ordered temporary mental health services and that the same shall be ordered in the least restrictive appropriate setting available. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the patient be, and is hereby, committed to the following mental health facility: _____ for inpatient mental health services for not longer than 45 days, or a period not to exceed 90 days, the Court having found that the longer period is necessary.

It is ORDERED that the Clerk of this Court issue a Writ of Commitment in duplicate directed to the Sheriff of Hunt County, Texas, or other responsible person having a proper interest in the welfare of the Patient, to transport the Patient, commanding him/her to take charge of the Patient and to transport the Patient to the above designated mental health facility.

The director of such mental health facility, upon receiving a copy of the Writ of Commitment and admitting the Patient, shall give the person transporting the Patient a written statement acknowledging acceptance of the Patient and of any personal property belonging to Patient and shall file a copy of the statement with the Clerk of this Court.

The Clerk of this Court is further ordered to prepare a certified transcript of this proceeding and, with any available information concerning the medical, social, and economic status and history of the patient and his/her family, send it to that facility's personnel in charge of admissions.

SIGNED this the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

**JOEL D. LITTELFIELD, PRESIDING JUDGE
COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 2
HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS**

This _____ day of _____, 20_____.

ATTORNEY FOR PATIENT

PATIENT