

IN THE YOUTH COURT OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY,  
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

In the Interest of \_\_\_\_\_, a Child

Cause No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Court  
File No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER OF INPATIENT COMMITMENT FOR CHILD  
WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE YOUTH COURT**

**THIS DAY THIS CAUSE** came on to be heard and having heard and considered the request for inpatient commitment of a child within the jurisdiction of the youth court, the Court finds that a pre-evaluation screening and treatment and a mental examination and physical evaluation has been conducted on the child pursuant to Rule 32 of the Uniform Rules of Youth Court Practice; and that

**AND FURTHER**, that the Court has ordered this commitment hearing upon finding probable cause, based upon the certificates of the appointed physicians (or physician and psychologist) and any other relevant evidence before the Court, that the child is in need of inpatient treatment;

**AND FURTHER**, that the child and the child's attorney have been provided with notice pursuant to Rule 32(a)(5) of the Uniform Rules of Youth Court Practice.

**AND FURTHER**, that this hearing on commitment for mental treatment has been set within the seven (7) days of the filing of the certificate, with no extensions being granted;

**AND FURTHER**, at the beginning of this commitment hearing the Court has explained to the child and parties: the right to counsel; the right to remain silent; the right to subpoena witnesses; the right to confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses; and the right to appeal, including the right to a transcript of the proceedings;

**AND FURTHER**,

\_\_\_ that child is present at the hearing,

\_\_\_ that the child is unable to attend for the following reasons, to wit: \_\_\_\_\_:

**AND FURTHER**, that the child is not under the influence or suffering from the effects of drugs, medication or other treatment as to be hampered in participating in the proceedings.

**AND FURTHER**, that, at the time of this hearing,

\_\_\_ the Court has been presented a record of all drugs, medication or other treatment which the child has received pending the hearing,

\_\_\_ the Court has not been presented a record of all drugs, medication or other treatment which the child has received pending the hearing but has determined that such record would be impractical for the following reasons, to wit: \_\_\_\_\_;

**AND FURTHER**, that the State has proven by clear and convincing evidence that the child is in need of mental health services;

**AND FURTHER**, that after careful consideration of reasonable alternative dispositions, including, but not limited to, dismissal of the proceedings, there is no suitable alternative to judicial commitment; and that commitment to in-patient care is in the State's and the child's best interest.

**AND FURTHER**, that the findings of facts and conclusions of law constituting the basis of this order of commitment, including a listing of less restrictive alternatives considered by the Court and the reasons that each was found not suitable, is set forth below or attached hereto:

*Recite finding of facts and conclusions of law, including less restrictive alternatives found not suitable:* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_;

**THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Sheriff of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Mississippi shall immediately deliver the child to the Director of the (Mississippi State Hospital at Whitfield; East Mississippi State Hospital at Meridian) for in-patient commitment. **THIS IN-PATIENT COMMITMENT SHALL NOT EXCEED THREE (3) MONTHS.** It is further ordered that the Clerk of the Youth Court provide the Director of same Hospital with a certified copy of this Court Order; a certified copy of the physicians' and any psychologist's or county health official's certificate; a certified copy of the affidavit; and any other information available concerning the physical and mental condition of the child.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that (Mississippi State Hospital at Whitfield; East Mississippi State Hospital at Meridian) release all medical records and any information relating to the youth's treatment at same Hospital to the Child's Youth Services Counselor, who shall not disclose the records of the child except as authorized by Mississippi's Youth Court Law or by order of the Court;

**DISCHARGE OF THE CHILD** from the (Mississippi State Hospital at Whitfield; East Mississippi State Hospital at Meridian) and return of the child to the custody of this Court shall be made pursuant to Section 43-21-611 of the Mississippi Youth Court Law;

The child shall remain under the jurisdiction of this Court, unless terminated by an Order of this Court or by operation of Mississippi's Youth Court Law.

**ORDERED this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.**

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**Youth Court Judge**