IN THE _____ COURT OF _____ COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE	)	
	)	
v.	)	No. _____
	)	
_____	)	Charge(s): _____

ORDER DIRECTING FORENSIC EVALUATION BY THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER UNDER T.C.A. SECTION 33-7-301 (a)

This cause was heard on _____ before the Honorable _____, Judge of Division _____, of the _____ Court of _____ County, upon the petition of _____, under T.C.A. Section 33-7-301(a) that the defendant be referred to the _____ (community mental health center) for the following forensic evaluation(s):

(Check one or both)

_____ Competency to Stand Trial: Whether the defendant has an ability to cooperate with one's attorney in one's own defense; has an awareness and understanding of the nature and object of the proceedings; and an understanding of the consequences of the proceedings.

_____ Mental Condition at the Time of the Crime (Insanity Defense): Whether, at the time of the commission of the act(s) constituting the offense, the defendant as a result of a severe mental disease or defect, was unable to appreciate the nature or wrongfulness of such act(s). The term "mental disease or defect" does not include any abnormality manifested only by repeated criminal or otherwise antisocial conduct.

Therefore, it is ORDERED:

1. That the _____ Community Mental Health Center perform the evaluation(s) indicated above and report its findings to this court.

2. That the Court Clerk provide the Community Mental Health Center with a copy of this order.

3. That the Sheriff's Department, after arranging an appointment with the Community Mental Health Center, transport the defendant to the center for the evaluation and return the defendant to jail.

4. That the district attorney general, defense attorney and sheriff provide pertinent information to the mental health center for the above-indicated evaluations.

5. 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.

_____
Judge

Approved for Entry:

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Defense Attorney
Address
Phone Number

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District Attorney General
Address
Phone Number

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