

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

IN RE: _____ CASE NO.: _____

Petition and Affidavit Seeking Ex Parte Order Requiring Involuntary Examination

I, _____, being duly sworn, am filing this sworn
Print Name of Petitioner
statement requesting a court order for the Involuntary examination
of _____ (hereinafter referred to as PERSON).
Print Name of Person

This petition and affidavit will be included in the PERSON's clinical record and may be viewed by the PERSON.

I understand that by filling out this form, the PERSON may be taken by law enforcement to a mental health facility for an examination.

I SWEAR that the answers to the following questions are given honestly, in good faith, and to the best of my knowledge.

1. a. I live at: (Print Your Full Residence Address and Phone Number) Phone:

(_____) _____

Street Address: _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

b. I work as a: (Occupation) _____

Work Phone: (_____) _____

Work Street Address: _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

c. The PERSON lives at, or may be found at, the following address (es):

Street Address: _____ City _____

Street Address: _____ City _____

Street Address: _____ City _____

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2. I have the following relationship with the PERSON: _____

3. (Check the one box that applies)

a. I or a family member have or have not previously made allegations to law enforcement involving this PERSON on _____ (Date) such as domestic violence, trespassing, battery, child abuse or neglect, Baker Act, neighborhood disputes, etc. as described: _____

b. This PERSON has or has not previously made allegations to law enforcement about me or my family on _____ (Date) such as domestic violence, trespassing, battery, child abuse or neglect, Baker Act, etc. as described: _____

4. (Check the one box that applies)

a. I or a family member are not now, and have not in the past, been involved in a court case with the PERSON.

b. I or a family member am now, or was, involved in a court case with the PERSON.

This case is/was a _____ in _____
Type of Case When

Explain: _____

5. I am on good terms with the PERSON at the present time. (Check one box) Yes No
If "no", please explain: _____

6. I have known the PERSON for _____ (how long).

a. The PERSON has only recently displayed unusual kinds of behavior.

b. The PERSON has, over a period of time, always acted in a strange manner.

c. The PERSON's behavior has developed over a period of time.

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COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING ONLY IF THE SECTION APPLIES TO THIS CASE:

7. I have seen the following behavior, which causes me to believe that there is a good chance that the PERSON will cause serious bodily harm to himself/herself or others.

On _____, 20__ at approximately _____ am/pm,
Date Time

I saw the PERSON: _____

8. Other similar behavior I have personally seen is as follows: _____

9. To my knowledge or belief, I do I do not believe these actions were a result of retardation, developmental disability, intoxication, or conditions resulting from anti-social behavior or substance abuse impairment.

CHECK AND/OR ANSWER APPLICABLE SECTIONS

10. a. I have attempted to get the PERSON to agree to seek assistance for a mental or emotional problem(s). I explained the purpose of the examination (describe when, who was present, and whether you or another person explained the need for the examination):

b. I did not try to get the PERSON to agree to a voluntary examination because:

c. The PERSON refused a voluntary examination because:

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11. The following steps were taken to get the PERSON to go to a hospital for mental health care:

These steps did not work because: _____

12. I believe that the PERSON is unable to determine for himself/herself, why the examination is necessary because: _____

13. I believe that the PERSON has a mental illness which will keep the PERSON from being able to meet the ordinary demands of living because: _____

14. I believe that without care or treatment, the PERSON is likely to suffer from neglect or refuse to care for himself/herself, because: _____

15. I believe that this lack of care or neglect will lead to the PERSON harming himself or herself because: _____

16. Can family or close friends now provide enough care to avoid harm to the PERSON? Yes

No, If not, why? _____

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Provide the following identifying information about the person (if known) if it is determined necessary to take the person into custody for examination:			
County of Residence:	Social Security No.:	Date of Birth:	
Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Race:	Attach a picture of the PERSON if possible.	
Picture attached: <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes			
Height:	Weight:	Hair Color:	Eye Color:
Does the PERSON have access to any weapons? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes if yes, describe:			
Is the PERSON violent now? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes has the person been violent in the recent past? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If Yes, Describe:			
Does the PERSON have any pending criminal charges against him/her? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes if yes, describe:			
GUARDIANSHIP:			
1) Does the PERSON have a legal guardian? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes			
2) Is there a pending petition to determine the PERSON's capacity and for the appointment of a guardian? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes			
If YES to either of the above, provide the name, address and phone number of the current or proposed guardian.			
Name: Phone: (____) _____			
Address: City: _____ Zip: _____			

PHYSICIAN: Name: _____ Phone: () _____			
MEDICATIONS: Provide name of medications if known.			
CASE MANAGEMENT: Provide name and phone number of case manager or case management agency, if known.			

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I understand that this sworn statement is given under oath and will be treated as though it was made before a judge in a court of law. I understand that any information in this sworn statement which is not to the best of my knowledge and done in good faith may expose me to a penalty for perjury and other possible penalties under the statutes of the State of Florida.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing document and that the facts stated in it are true.

Signature of Affiant/Petitioner: _____

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me **OR** SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me

This ____ day of _____, 20____

This ____ day of _____, 20____

by _____

Roger E. Eaton

who is personally known to me or

Clerk of Circuit Court

presented _____

Charlotte County, Florida

as identification.

By: _____

Notary Public - State of Florida

Deputy Clerk

My Commission expires: Date _____

A copy of the petition(s) must be attached to an Ex Parte Order for Involuntary Examination and accompany the person to the nearest receiving facility.

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