

VIRGINIA: GENERAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND

IN RE: _____ (Patient)

Date of Birth _____ Medical Record #: _____

Order Authorizing Anti-Psychotic Medication Or Electroconvulsive Therapy

Upon the petition of _____, the Patient's treating physician or a Registered Nurse Practitioner under the auspices of such physician, requesting authorization for administration of anti-psychotic medication or electroconvulsive therapy for the Patient pursuant to Va. Code § [37.2-1101](#) and Va. Code § [37.2-1102](#), the Court appointed the undersigned attorney at law to represent the interests of Patient in this proceeding, and such attorney attended the hearing and represented the Patient.

The Court finds on the basis of clear and convincing evidence, including evidence presented by or upon the representation of a licensed psychiatrist, that [1], Patient is an adult located within its jurisdiction and subject to an order of involuntary commitment; [2], there is no legally authorized representative reasonably available to consent to the proposed medical treatment; [3], Patient is incapable of making an informed decision to accept or reject such treatment, or is physically or mentally incapable of communicating such decision; [4]; that the Patient is unlikely to become capable of making or communicating such decision within the time required for decision; and [5], that the proposed treatment is in the best interest of the Patient, the Court specifically finding in the case of electroconvulsive therapy that Patient all other reasonable forms of treatment have been considered, and that such therapy is the most effective treatment.

It is **ORDERED** that the specific course of treatment in the Petition is authorized, provided that such treatment may not be administered over the Patient's objection except while the Patient remains subject to involuntary psychiatric hospitalization; in no event may psychiatric medication be administered under this order in excess of thirty days from the date of involuntary commitment, except in the case of a recommitment, in which case such administration may be for a term of not more than one hundred eighty days from such recommitment. Electroconvulsive therapy may not be administered under this order for a period in excess of thirty days except in the case of recommitment, in which case the same shall not exceed sixty days from such recommitment order.

The treating physician is **ORDERED** to review and document the appropriateness of the continued admission of anti-psychotic medications not less than every thirty days; the physician and necessary assistants and agents of the physician are authorized to provide the proposed treatment described above, together with all related treatment, examinations tests and services determined to be medically necessary and incident to the proposed treatment authorized by this order, or which may become necessary in the case of emergency; and the treating physician is **ORDERED** to report to the Court and to counsel for Patient any change in the condition of the Patient resulting in probable restoration or development of the capacity of Patient to make and to communicate an informed decision prior to the completion of the treatment and related services authorized above.

_____, Special Justice

Date: _____

Seen [() and objected to:] _____, Counsel

Psychiatric Medicine / Electroconvulsive Therapy Order Entered: _____