27-6A-3(f)

Post hearing finding of

incompetent to stand trial;

likely to regain competency

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**

**State of West Virginia,**

**v. Case No.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,**

**Defendant.**

**COURT’S ORDER ON DEFENDANT’S**

**COMPETENCY TO STAND TRIAL**

Based upon the evidence adduced at the hearing held on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, this Court FINDS that Defendant is not competent to stand trial because he/she is not capable of participating substantially in his/her defense and is not able to understand the nature and consequences of a criminal trial. The Court further FINDS that there is a substantial likelihood that defendant will attain competency within the next ensuing three months, and that in order for defendant to attain competency, he/she should be committed to inpatient/outpatient facility.

Therefore, pursuant to W. Va. Code § 27-6A-3(f), the Court ORDERS that defendant be committed to inpatient or outpatient mental health facility for an improvement period not to exceed three months.

At the end of this improvement period, or when this Court receives notification from the mental health facility that defendant has attained competency, whichever comes first, this Court will proceed to hearing and cause this Court’s finding of defendant’s competency to stand trial to be reviewed.

Therefore, the Court does hereby **ORDER** the defendant to be committed to an inpatient or outpatient mental heath facility for up to three months for a competency improvement period. The defendant’s counsel is **ORDERED** to contact Forensic Services to coordinate defendant’s arrival with the facility’s ability to admit defendant.

This Court further **ORDERS** that the prosecuting attorney or defense counsel shall ensure the following information is sent with the defendant when he/she is admitted to the mental health facility:

(1) A copy of the warrant or indictment;

(2) Information pertaining to the alleged crime, including statements by the defendant made to the police, investigative reports and transcripts of preliminary hearings, if any;

(3) Any available psychiatric, psychological, medical or social records that are considered relevant;

(4) A copy of the defendant's criminal record; and

(5) If the evaluations are to include a diminished capacity assessment, the nature of any lesser included criminal offenses.

This Court further **ORDERS** the Sheriff of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_County or the Regional Jail to transport defendant to the mental health facility only after receipt of notification that the mental health facility is able to admit defendant. If the mental health facility is unable to immediately admit the defendant, the defendant shall continue any medically appropriate psychiatric and psychological treatment ordered by mental health facility or physician while in jail or other appropriate location pending further order of the Court. The Sheriff or Regional Jail shall ensure that the defendant’s arrival at the mental health facility takes place from Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The Sheriff or Regional Jail shall transport defendant forthwith from the mental health facility to that Regional Jail after defendant’s improvement period has terminated or when the Sheriff or Regional Jail is notified by the Clinical Director of the mental health facility that a finding of competency has been issued.

The Court ORDERS the Clerk of this Court to forward copies of this Order to the attorneys of record in this matter and Statewide Forensic Coordinator, William R. Sharpe, Jr. Hospital 936 Sharpe Hospital Road Weston, WV 26452-8550.

Entered this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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Judge

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