

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

**ORDER FOR PROTECTIVE CUSTODY**

(To be completed by any parish coroner or judge of a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of Louisiana when a peace officer or other credible person executes a statement under private signature specifying that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a person is mentally ill or suffering from substance abuse and is in need of immediate treatment to protect the person or others from physical harm.)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON TO BE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY: _____ _____	Race: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____
NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST RELATIVE, FRIEND, OR GUARDIAN: _____ _____	Relationship: _____ Telephone No.: _____

Description of acts or threats which have led to the belief that the person needing treatment is mentally ill or suffering from substance abuse and is in need of immediate hospitalization to protect himself/herself or others from physical harm.

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This Order for Protective Custody shall constitute legal authority to transport:

\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Person to Be Taken Into Custody) (Treatment Facility or Coroner's Office)

for immediate examination by a physician to determine if he should be voluntarily admitted, admitted by emergency certificate, admitted as a non-contested admission or discharged.

\_\_\_\_\_ Parish or Municipality Where Issued

\_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_  
Signed (District Judge) (Parish Coroner)

This order for custody shall be effective for seventy-two hours from its issuance and shall be delivered to the Director of the treatment facility or to the coroner's office by the individual who has transported the patient. The person in custody shall be examined within eight hours of his/her arrival, or be released.

**Pursuant to La. R.S. 28:53.2(B)(5): "That law enforcement officers are to use reasonable and necessary precautions when appropriate, in the execution of an order for custody pursuant to Subsection A and Paragraph (F)(1) of this Section, to avoid a violent encounter with the person being taken into custody. For the purposes of this Paragraph, "reasonable and necessary precautions" include crisis management strategies."**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME TAKEN INTO CUSTODY: \_\_\_\_\_

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Officer's Signature