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**PETITION FOR MENTAL
HEALTH CRISIS HOLD**

Use this packet only if the following statements are true:

- You have probable cause to believe that the proposed patient is in a mental health crisis. That means they have a mental illness that prevents them from managing their own affairs and social relations, or are not fully capable of exercising self-control, judgment, or making decisions, and because of that, are likely to harm themselves or others.

- You are (a) An officer authorized to make arrests in the State of Nevada; (b) A physician, physician assistant, psychologist, marriage and family therapist, clinical professional counselor, social worker or registered nurse; (c) The spouse, parent, adult child or legal guardian of a person alleged to be a person in a mental health crisis; or (d) Any other person who has a legitimate interest in a person alleged to be a person in a mental health crisis.

A person in a mental health crisis **does not include** a person whose capacity is diminished by: epilepsy, intellectual disability, dementia, delirium, brief periods of intoxication caused by alcohol or drugs, or dependence upon or addiction to alcohol or drugs, unless a mental illness that can be diagnosed is also present which contributes to their diminished capacity.

This packet contains the following forms:

1. Petition for Mental Health Crisis Hold
2. Request for Submission
3. Order for Mental Health Crisis Hold

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INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 1

Complete the Petition for Mental Health Crisis Hold:

1) Print your name, address, telephone number, and email.

1 Code: 1217
2 Name: _____
3 Address: _____
4 Telephone: _____
5 Email: _____
6 Self-Represented Litigant

The Resource Center will give you a Case No. and Department No. when you file the documents with the court.

2) Print the name of the proposed patient.

7 IN THE FA
8 OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STA
9 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHO
10 In the Matter of: Case No. _____
11 _____ Dept. No. _____
12 (Name of proposed patient)

3) Print an "X" in a box to indicate your relationship to the proposed patient.

13 Person alleged to be a person in a mental health crisis.
14 _____
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4) Complete the form, following the instructions on each page.

16 PETITION FOR MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS HOLD
17 I declare as follows:
18 1. I am (check one):
19 An officer authorized to make arrests in the State of Nevada.
20 A physician, physician assistant, psychologist, marriage and family therapist,
21 clinical professional counselor, social worker, or registered nurse.
22 The spouse, parent, adult child, or legal guardian of a person alleged to be a
23 person in a mental health crisis.
24 Any other person who has a legitimate interest in a person alleged to be a person in a mental
25 health crisis (explain why you have a legitimate interest): _____
26 _____
27 2. The proposed patient resides or can be found at: _____
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The penalty for willfully making a false statement under penalty of perjury is a minimum of 1 year, and a maximum of 4 years in prison, in addition to a fine of not more than \$5,000.00.
N.R.S. §199.145

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INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 2

Complete the Request for Submission as Shown:

1) Print you name, address, telephone number, and email.

1 Code: 3860
2 Name: _____
3 Address: _____
4 Telephone: _____
5 Email: _____
6 Self-Represented Litigant

The Resource Center will give you a Case No. and Department No. when you file the documents with the court.

2) Print the name of the proposed patient.

7 IN THE FAMILY
8 OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA
9 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE
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11 In the Matter of: Case No. _____
12 Dept. No. _____
13 (Name of proposed patient)

3) Print the date that you filed the document.

14 Person alleged to be a person in a mental health crisis.
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16 REQUEST FOR SUBMISSION
17 I request that the Petition for Mental Health Crisis Hold filed on _____
18 be submitted to the Court for decision. (Date document was filed)

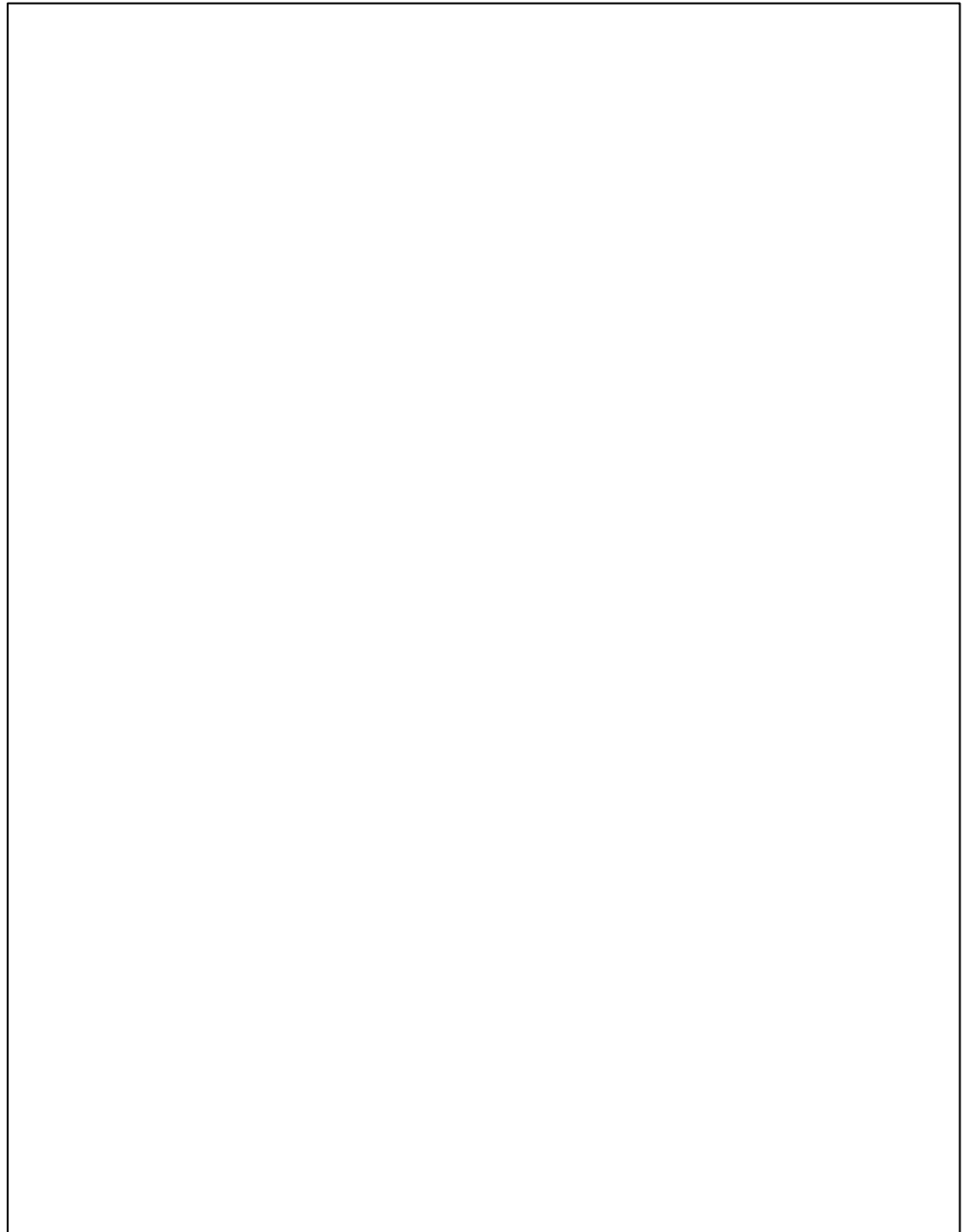
4) Date, sign, and print your name.

19 This document does not contain the personal information of any person as defined by
20 NRS 603A.040.
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23 Date: _____ Your Signature: _____
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25 Print Your Name: _____
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INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 4

Complete the Order for Mental Health Crisis Hold as Shown:



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INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 5

Filing the Documents

**Contact the Dianne Talley at 775-328-3186
or Dianne.Talley@washocourts.us to inform the department of the
case.**

Then, file the documents:

- A.** Take the completed forms to the Resource Center to be filed.
The Resource Center is located on the third floor of the courthouse at 1 S. Sierra Street, Reno, NV.

The Resource Center will keep the original documents and return filed-stamped copies to you. Please make sure to keep copies of all the documents you file for your personal records.

OR

- B.** You may electronically file the documents by uploading the original documents to eFlex. Eflex is available online at <https://wcefex.washocourts.com/>.

If you have not done so, you will need to sign up for an eFlex account and submit the Efile User Agreement to the Second Judicial District Court, or email it to eflexsupport@washocourts.us.

Sign into your eFlex account using the username and password you created and electronically file the:

- Petition for Mental Health Crisis Hold
- Request for Submission and Exhibit Index; and
 - ↳ Exhibit Cover page and Order for Mental Health Crisis Hold (as an exhibit to the Request for Submission)

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NOW WHAT HAPPENS?

You must now wait for a decision from the judge. After the judge reviews the information provided in your application, they can either set the matter for a hearing or deny the application. You will be informed either way.

Legal Assistance

The information in this packet is provided as a courtesy only. This packet is not a substitute for the advice of an attorney. Counsel is always recommended for legal matters.

If you do not have an attorney, you are encouraged to seek the advice of a licensed attorney or contact the Resource Center. **The Resource Center cannot give legal advice** but can give information regarding court procedures.

You may also wish to speak with a family law lawyer at no cost through the Law Library's "Lawyer in the Library" program, or to seek assistance from other free or reduced-cost legal resources in the area, to include:

LAWYER IN THE LIBRARY

For information contact the Law Library at 775-328-3250.

www.washoecourts.com/LawLibrary

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204 Marsh Avenue Reno, NV 89509
(775) 284- 3491 – leave a message if
necessary

www.nlslaw.net

WASHOE LEGAL SERVICES

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www.washoelegalservices.org