

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: _____

CASE NO: _____

Respondent

Petition and Affidavit Seeking Involuntary Substance Abuse Assessment Stabilization

I/We, _____, being duly sworn, am filing this sworn statement requesting a court order for the involuntary assessment of:

(hereinafter referred to as PERSON).

The PERSON is 18 years of age or older? Yes or No AGE 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 hospital or licensed substance abuse facility for assessment and stabilization.

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

1. a. Petitioner #1: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____

**D.O.B.: _____

Petitioner #2: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____

**D.O.B.: _____

Petitioner #3: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____

**D.O.B.: _____

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

Street Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

2. I/We have the following relationship with the PERSON:

3. I am on good terms with the PERSON at the present time. Yes or No If "no" please explain:

4. (Check the boxes that apply)

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,. If allegations have been made, describe:

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, batter, child abuse or neglect, Baker Act, neighborhood disputes, etc. If allegations have been made, describe:

c. This PERSON has or has not previously (or currently) been involved in criminal or delinquency charges.

5. (Check the 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 _____ (Type of case) in _____ (When).
Explain:

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

a. The PERSON has only recently displayed behavior related to substance abuse.

b. The PERSON has, over a period of time, had a substance abuse problem. Specify how long:

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

7. I believe that the PERSON is substance abuse impaired (defined in F.S. 397.311(18) as a condition involving the use of alcoholic beverages or any psychoactive or mood-altering substance in such a manner as to induce mental, emotional, or physical problems and cause socially dysfunctional behavior) or has a co-occurring mental health disorder. If checked, explain why (i.e., observation, related knowledge, etc.).

8. I believe that because of such impairment or disorder, the PERSON has lost the power of self-control with respect to substance abuse. If checked, explain why (i.e. observation, related knowledge, etc.).

9. I believe the PERSON is in need of substance abuse services by reason of substance abuse impairment and he or she is incapable of appreciating his or her need for services and of making a rational decision in that regard (a mere refusal to receive services is not enough to constitute lack of judgment). If checked, explain why (i.e. observation, related knowledge, etc.).

10. I believe that without care or treatment, he or she is likely to suffer from neglect or refuse to care for himself or herself and that such neglect or refusal poses a real and present threat of substantial harm to his or her well-being. If checked, explain why (i.e., observation, related knowledge, etc.).

11. I do not believe that such harm may be avoided through the help of willing family members or friends or the provision of other services. If checked, explain why (i.e., observation, related knowledge, etc.).

12. I believe there is substantial likelihood that the Person has inflicted, or threatened to or attempted to inflict, or unless admitted, is likely to inflict, physical harm on himself, herself, or another. If checked, explain why (i.e., observation, related knowledge, etc.).

13. a. I have attempted to get the PERSON to seek assistance for a substance abuse problem(s) as follows:

b. I did not try to get the PERSON to agree to voluntary assessment or treatment because:

c. The PERSON refused a voluntary assessment or treatment because:

14. I have made arrangements for the PERSON to be admitted to _____
(Facility) located at:
for voluntary assessment and stabilization.

15. The name of the PERSON's attorney (if any) is: _____

16. PERSON can or cannot afford an attorney. If not, petitioner requests the court to appoint an attorney to represent the PERSON.

17. Does the PERSON have a legal guardian? Yes No Unknown

18. Is there a pending petition to determine the PERSON'S capacity and to appoint a guardian?

Yes No Unknown

If yes to either question 17 or 18 above, provide the name, address and phone number of the current or proposed guardian.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

(Address), _____ (City),
(State), _____ (Zip Code)

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:		DL#:
Date of Birth	Sex:	Male	Female	Race
Attach a picture of the PERSON if possible. Picture attached:		No	Yes	
Height:	Weight:	Hair Color:	Eye Color:	
Distinguishing Features (prominent scars, tattoos, unusual hair color or style, etc.)				
Does the PERSON have access to any weapons? No Yes If yes, describe:				
Is the PERSON violent now: No Yes				
Has the person been violent in the recent past? No Yes If yes, describe:				
Does the PERSON have any pending criminal charges against him/her? No Yes If yes, describe:				
Is the respondent homeless? No Yes **SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO LOCATE RESPONDENT				
Relative or friend contact information for assistance with service:				
Name:			Phone # _____	
Best time to locate: _____				
List addresses, areas, businesses, etc. where the respondent might be located:				
PHYSICIAN: Name:			Phone: ()	
MEDICATIONS: Provide name of medications if known.				

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 #1: _____

Signature of Affiant/Petitioner #2: _____

Signature of Affiant/Petitioner #3: _____

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me

This _____ day _____ of _____

by _____ who is personally known
to me or presented _____ as identification

Notary Public – State of Florida

My Commission expires: _____

OR

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me

This _____ day of _____ , _____

Laura E. Roth, Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

A copy of this petition must be attached to an Order for Involuntary Substance Abuse Assessment and Stabilization and accompany the PERSON to a licensed hospital or substance abuse facility that has agreed to accept the PERSON.