

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
AT _____

In the Matter of the Necessity)
for the Hospitalization of:)
)
_____,)
Respondent.)
_____)

Case No. _____

PETITION FOR 180-DAY COMMITMENT

As a mental health professional who has examined the respondent, the petitioner alleges that:

1. During the respondent's ____-day commitment, the respondent:
 - continues to be gravely disabled, and there is reason to believe that the respondent's mental condition could be improved by a continued course of treatment.
 - has attempted to inflict or has inflicted serious bodily harm upon the respondent's self or upon another since the respondent's acceptance for evaluation.
 - was committed initially as a result of conduct in which the respondent attempted or inflicted serious bodily harm upon the respondent's self or upon another.
 - demonstrates a current intent to carry out plans of serious harm to the respondent's self or to another.

2. The respondent is mentally ill, because:

"Mental illness" means an organic, mental, or emotional impairment that has substantial adverse effects on a person's ability to exercise conscious control of their actions or ability to perceive reality or to reason or understand; intellectual disability, developmental disability, epilepsy, drug addiction, and alcoholism do not per se constitute mental illness, although persons suffering from these conditions may also be suffering from mental illness. AS 47.30.915.

3. As a result of being mentally ill, the respondent is:
 - Likely to cause serious harm to the respondent's self, because:

 - Likely to cause serious harm to others, because:

"Likely to cause serious harm" means a person who (A) poses a substantial risk of bodily harm to that person's self, as manifested by recent behavior causing, attempting, or threatening that harm; (B) poses a substantial risk of harm to others as manifested by recent behavior causing, attempting, or threatening harm, and is likely in the near future to cause physical injury, physical abuse, or substantial property damage to another person; or (C) manifests a current intent to carry out plans of serious harm to that person's self or another. AS 47.30.915.

Gravely disabled under AS 47.30.915(11)(A), AS 47.30.915(11)(B), and the respondent's mental condition could improve with treatment, because:

"Gravely disabled" means a condition in which a person as a result of mental illness (A) is in danger of physical harm arising from such complete neglect of basic needs for food, clothing, shelter, or personal safety as to render serious accident, illness, or death highly probable if care by another is not taken; or (B) is so incapacitated that the person is incapable of surviving safely in freedom. AS 47.30.915.

4. Commitment in a treatment facility is appropriate. Evaluation staff have considered less restrictive alternatives, but have not found that these alternatives would adequately protect the respondent and the public and meet the respondent's treatment needs.

"Least restrictive alternative" means mental health treatment facilities and conditions of treatment that (A) are no more harsh, hazardous, or intrusive than necessary to achieve the treatment objectives of the patient; and (B) involve no restrictions on physical movement nor supervised residence or inpatient care except as reasonably necessary for the administration of treatment or the protection of the patient or others from physical injury. AS 47.30.915.

5. _____ is an appropriate treatment facility for the respondent's condition and has agreed to accept the respondent.

6. The respondent has received appropriate and adequate care and treatment during the respondent's ____-day involuntary commitment.

7. The respondent has been advised of the need for, but has not accepted, voluntary treatment.

8. The following persons are prospective witnesses, some or all of whom will be asked to testify in favor of the commitment of the respondent at the hearing:

9. Additional Information:

The petitioner respectfully requests the court to commit the respondent to the treatment facility named in paragraph 5, for not more than 180 days.

Date

Signature of Professional In Charge
or the Professionals' Designee

Print or Type Name and Title