



DIRECT CARE & TREATMENT – FORENSIC SERVICES

December 27, 2022

The Honorable Presiding Judge of Hennepin County
Judge of the Fourth Judicial District Court – Hennepin County
Hennepin County District Court
Hennepin County Government Center
300 S. 6th St.
Minneapolis, MN 55487

RE: *State v. Adrian Wesley*, Rule 20.01, subd. 7 competency evaluation
Court Files: 27-CR-17-1555, 27-CR-17-8342; 27-CR-17-22909

Dear Judge of Hennepin County,

I am the Court Liaison for DHS Direct Care and Treatment- Forensic Services, and I write regarding the pending competency evaluation for the Defendant in the above-referenced cases. Defendant was found incompetent to participate in his defense under Minnesota Rule of Criminal Procedure 20.01 on 8/9/21, and they were subsequently civilly committed.

The DHS Forensic Evaluation Department, on behalf of DHS, the entity to which Defendant is committed, will be providing subd. 7 competency evaluation services in this matter.¹ Dr. Gregory Hanson is assigned to conduct this evaluation. In order to provide a comprehensive evaluation, Dr. Hanson will need to review records relating to clinical treatment Defendant has received or is receiving. State and federal data privacy laws do not allow Dr. Hanson access to treatment records absent a court order. Defendant's treatment records are relevant to Dr. Hanson's review and evaluation and will assist him in providing a more comprehensive opinion regarding Defendant's current mental condition and competency status.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the attached proposed order for the release of medical records be signed and returned to me to allow the disclosure of treatment records to my office. Additionally, we request this language be included in all orders finding incompetence moving forward, as this would save time and resources for future subd. 7 competency evaluations completed by Forensic Services. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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¹ DHS notes that although it is providing competency evaluation services in this matter, it is not a party to this proceeding and has not consented to be a party to this proceeding.

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