

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
FAMILY COURT
COMMISSION ON MENTAL HEALTH**

In the Matter of:

Mental Health Case No. _____

Respondent

PETITION FOR COMMITMENT

Comes now _____, petitioner,

and files this petition as _____

of the respondent, for commitment pursuant to Title 21, Section 541 of the District of Columbia Code, 2004 Edition, and represents the following:

1.) That petitioner resides in the District of Columbia at _____

Phone Number _____

2.) That respondent is _____ years of age, is presently residing in the District of Columbia at _____

Phone Number: () _____ Marital Status: _____ and is/is not employed

3.) That petitioner has attempted to get the respondent to see a physician but respondent has refused to submit to an examination by a physician.

4.) That petitioner has contacted the Metropolitan Police in an attempt to have respondent taken to the hospital, but they have refused to take any action.

5.) That petitioner has good reasons to believe that the respondent is mentally ill, and because of such illness is likely to injure himself/herself if not committed. Attached hereto and made a part hereof is an affidavit of petitioner.

Wherefore, the premises considered, petitioner requests the Court provide the following:

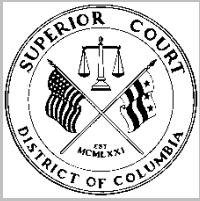
- 1.) That an order be entered directing the respondent to appear before the Commission on Mental Health for an examination on the issue of his/her mental illness.
- 2.) That an attorney be appointed to represent the respondent.
- 3.) That the Commission on Mental Health hold a hearing on this petition.
- 4.) And for such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Petitioner

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____

By _____

Deputy Clerk



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AFFIDAVIT OF PETITIONER

District of Columbia:

The undersigned, being first duly sworn on oath according to law, deposes and says that the statements made herein are of my own personal knowledge and are true and correct, that the undersigned has good reason to believe that the above-named respondent is mentally ill, and because of the illness is likely to injure himself/herself if allowed to remain at liberty based upon the following reasons:

Check appropriate boxes:

Respondent has received psychiatric treatment at

St. Elizabeth's Hospital

D.C. General Hospital

Other Hospital (Specify) _____

Respondent has stopped taking medicine.

Respondent's general appearance is:

Good

Poor

Extremely Poor

Respondent's Speech is:

Normal

Incoherent

Rambling

Mute

Loud

Profane

Respondent's present condition and general behavior can be described as:

Confused

Withdrawn

Unpredictable

Depressed

Agitated

Provocative

Impulsive

Hostile

Easily excited

Alcoholic

Suspicious

Refuses to eat

Used drugs in the past

Using drugs at present time

Wanders in the streets

Laughs or talks to self

Delusional - explain

Up all hours of the night

Assaultive - explain

Sees things that are not there

Threatening - explain

Stays in room most of the time

Unable to get along with family

Unable to care for self - explain

Destructive of property - explain

Made previous attempts to take own life - explain

AFFIDAVIT OF PETITIONER – CONTINUED

Explanation of foregoing behavior and other relevant behavior:

Petitioner

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

ZABRINA DEMPSON, CLERK OF THE COURT

By _____

Deputy Clerk