**Script for Civil Commitments**

Hello (Patient), how are you?

We’re here today to make a decision about whether or not you have to stay in the hospital for more mental health treatment.

Both of our Court Doctors who evaluated you wrote reports for us, and it was their opinion **(pick one)**

1. That you needed to stay in the hospital for more treatment
2. That you were no longer a danger to yourself or others
3. That your behavior was more due to (drugs, medical condition, etc.)
4. They had a difference of opinion on whether or not you needed to stay in the hospital for more treatment.

**(If they meet criteria but want to leave):**

Your attorney Ms. Murphy is here in court with us, I’m going to have her make some representations on your behalf.

**(If they meet criteria but are willing to stay):**

It is my understanding that you are willing to keep working with the treatment team until you are well enough to discharge. Is that correct?

**(Continue for status check):**

I’m not going to make a commitment decision today. Instead, I am going to give you a new court date. If you are well enough to discharge before the next court date, the treatment team can discharge you, we’ll close your case, and you won’t need to come back for court. If you are still working with the treatment team at the hospital on the next court date, then I’m going to check in on you to see how you are doing.

**Commitment:**

The court finds by clear and convincing evidence that (patient’s name) is in a mental health crisis as defined in NRS 433A.115

And because of this mental health crisis, they present a substantial likelihood of serious harm to themself/others, and **without care or treatment**, is at serious risk of

1. Attempting suicide or homicide
2. Causing bodily injury to himself/herself or others
3. Incurring a serious injury, illness or death resulting from complete neglect of basic needs

Therefore, the Court recommends that they be involuntarily admitted at this time.

**DOR:**

The patient has had an opportunity to be heard and has been represented by counsel at this hearing. Based on the evidence presented at the hearing, which includes:

1. Dr. XX testimony
2. Court Doctor reports and
3. Physician’s certificates attached to the motion, which have been incorporated into the record,
4. Patient’s presentation during the hearing

the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that:

1. The patient is in a mental health crisis as defined by NRS 433A.115
2. Psychotropic medications have been prescribed by his or her treating physician;
3. That because of the patient’s mental health crisis, they present a substantial likelihood of serious harm to self/others, and they will continue to present a substantial likelihood of serious harm to to self/others without the prescribed medications
4. That the proposed treatment is medically appropriate and
5. The patient has presented no rational basis for the refusal to take the prescribed medication.

Therefore, the Court recommends that the Motion for Medication Over Objection be granted at this time.