

CURRENT STATUTORY NOTIFICATIONS AND ORDERS UNDER CHAPTER 157

Order for Examination 13 V.S.A. § 4814	The court must order the Department of Mental Health to have the Defendant examined by a psychiatrist either where the Defendant provides notice of intent to rely on an insanity defense or where the issue of competency to stand trial is raised.
Order of Temporary Commitment 13 V.S.A. § 4815	The court has authority to order an inpatient examination and to order conditions for release from custody pursuant to 13 V.S.A. § 7553-7554. The Department of Mental Health can determine that the defendant is not in need of further treatment during the examination period, pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 7107(17), and release the defendant into the community. 13 V.S.A. § 4815(g)(4).
Order Regarding Competency to Stand Trial 13 V.S.A. § 4817	The court must issue an order deeming an defendant incompetent to stand trial where standard is met.
Jury Verdict of Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity 13 V.S.A. § 4819	The jury must state in its verdict of not guilty by reason of insanity that the verdict was reached for that reason.
Custody Order Prior to Hearing Regarding Commitment 13 V.S.A. § 4820(b)	The Court has authority to order the defendant to jail "or some other suitable place" for up to 15 days until the hearing regarding commitment can be held.
Notice of Hearing Regarding Commitment 13 V.S.A. § 4821	Requires notice of the hearing regarding commitment (does not currently include victims).
Order of Commitment 13 V.S.A. § 4822(a) and 18 V.S.A. § 7101	The Court may order the Defendant into the care and custody of the Department of Mental Health for "an indefinite period" (defined as 90

	days pursuant to Title 18)
Order Requiring	
Hearing Prior to	The Court may order a hearing prior to the person under a 90-day
Discharge	order being discharged from Department of Mental Health Custody
13 V.S.A. § 4822(a)	"in any case involving personal injury or threat of personal injury[.]"

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