

CONSENT FOR FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY EVALUATION

The reason I am being talked to has been told to me. I have been told that this interview is for legal reasons. I have been told that I do not need to talk with anyone about me or my case. I can leave if I want. If I decide to talk, then I can stop talking at any time and end. I can answer some questions, but I don't have to answer them all. Some of the questions may be very personal so I should decide which ones to answer. Some of my answers may help me, but some of them may hurt me or my case. Other people may ask me questions, too, or I may be asked to write answers or take a test (psychological test) and I understand I do not have to.

I have been told that other people may be talked to. These other people may be my family or friends. If I do not want other people to talk about me or my case I should tell them not to speak. Things like medical records or other papers may be looked at. If I do not want anyone to know what is in these things I should not let anyone release them or give them out.

I have been told that this is not a confidential or secret interview and that a verbal or written report may be sent to the people who sent me here. If I say something or do something then it is not a secret and other people are going to find out about it. If I don't want anyone to find out about any secrets then I should not talk about them.

I can tell my lawyer to come to the meeting with me and sit beside me and help if I want. I can call my lawyer if I want to so I can be sure it is okay to talk about my case.

I am not a patient here. I am not here to get treated or to get medicine. I am not here to get sent to another doctor. Sometimes people will want to know what care is best for me and if so then some of those ideas may be talked about. If I have been here before then I should tell the examiner.

Sometimes a tape recorder will record everything I say or do. If a tape recorder is turned on then someone will tell me. If I want to talk to my lawyer about a tape recorder then I should call him or her. I will not tape anything myself.

Sometimes the interview will take several hours. If I need a break I should ask for one. I can go to the restroom or go smoke or take a walk. I can talk to a family member or my lawyer. I agree to tell the examiner if I have any special needs. I will tell the examiner if I become uncomfortable. I may tell the examiner if there is someone who knows me well that can be contacted.

I have read the above and agree with it. I understand that if I do not agree with any of this then I should tell the examiner.

Signature

Interviewer

Date