

NORTH LAS VEGAS MUNICIPAL COURT  
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

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MUNICIPAL COURT

IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER ) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2024-01  
OF ORDERING COMPETENCY )  
EVALUATIONS AND RELATED EVENTS )

**WHEREAS**, NRS 178.400 finds that an incompetent person cannot be tried or adjudged for a public offense; and

**WHEREAS**, NRS 178.415 requires the Court to appoint a psychiatric social worker, advanced practice registered nurse who has psychiatric training and experience prescribed by the State Board of Nursing, a psychologist, or psychiatrist to examine the defendant; and

**WHEREAS**, the Court routinely hears cases involving the same Defendant multiple times within a six month period; and

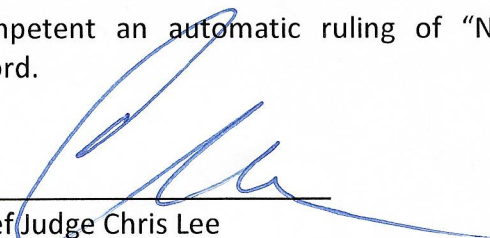
**WHEREAS**, the Court is required to ensure cases are scheduled and heard efficiently and timely;

**THEREFORE**, defendants who are found not competent to stand trial should within the previous six month period, should not be kept in custody unnecessarily for an additional competency evaluation.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Court will use results finding a defendant not competent to stand trial for a period of six months after the finding is entered into the record by doing the following:

- When a competency evaluation is requested by defense counsel and ordered by the judge in court, the Clerks will consult the Mental Health Evaluation Sheet.
- If the defendant has had a competency evaluation in the last six months the Clerks will advise the Judge of the previous evaluation and the finding.
- If the defendant was found competent a new competency evaluation may be ordered.
- If the defendant was found not competent an automatic ruling of "Not Competent" will be entered into the record.

Effective Date: September 30, 2024

  
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Chief Judge Chris Lee  
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