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In re:

ACCESS TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS
BY DISTRICT COURT, DEPARTMENT A,
FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING THE
VALIDITY OF MENTAL COMMITMENT
PETITIONS.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

No. 06-02

ORDER RE: ACCESSING
CRIMINAL BACKGROUND
FOR INDIVIDUALS SOUGHT
TO BE MENTALLY COMMITTED

WHEREAS, Clark County District Court, Department A is currently assigned to preside over petitions for an individual's mental commitment based upon a mental illness pursuant to NRS 433A.200.

WHEREAS, Department A personnel have previously done a criminal background check on the individuals who are sought to be mentally committed, as this information is relevant in determining if a mental illness has been a factor in the individual's past behavior.

WHEREAS, in the past this criminal background check had to be conducted by an outside department of District Court and those results relayed to Department A.

WHEREAS, time is of the essence in determining the allegations that an individual is likely to harm himself or others based upon a mental illness pursuant to NRS 433A.200.

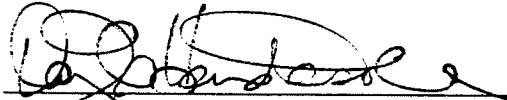
WHEREAS, NRS 179A.100(5)(j) mandates that records of criminal history must be disseminated by an agency of criminal justice upon request by "[p]ersons or agencies authorized

1 by statute, ordinance, executive order, court rule, court decision or court order as construed by
2 appropriate state or local officers or agencies.”
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4 WHEREAS, it would be appropriate for the Clark County District Court, Department A,
5 to be given direct access to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department’s electronic criminal
6 background records checking system, also known as SCOPE, for the purposes of determining the
7 validity of mental commitment petitions.
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9 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Clark County District Court,
10 Department A, is to be given direct access to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department’s
11 electronic criminal background records checking system, also known as SCOPE, for the purposes
12 of determining the validity of mental commitment petitions pursuant to NRS 433A.200.

13 DATED this 21st day of March, 2006.
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17 HON. KATHY A. HARDCASTLE
18 Chief Judge, Clark County District Court
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