

SAMPLE AFFIDAVIT FOR INITIAL DETENTION

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR

✓ SKAGIT SNOHOMISH WHATCOM COUNTY _____ COUNTY

IN RE: DETENTION OF _____)

No. _____

Respondent: _____)

“R”)

**DECLARATION FROM
WITNESS**

I declare the following:

I am (R's) case manager and have been working with her for six months on a weekly basis. (R) has a diagnosis of Paranoid Schizophrenia and has been hospitalized several times in the past two years. In the past three weeks I have been increasingly concerned about (R) as she has missed several appointments and I have been receiving phone calls from her family and landlord about her “bizarre” behaviors.

I visited (R) at her home today and (R) appears to be psychotic; responding to voices and stating, “they want me to leave this place, it’s poisoned”. (R's) home was in disarray with feces-soiled clothing on the floor and rotten food on the counters. (R) appears to have lost weight and tells me her food “is all poison”.

In the past two weeks I have tried to engage (R) by frequent home visits, making an appointment with her psychiatrist, and encouraging her to take her medications. (R) has refused to leave her home, missed her appointment with the psychiatrist, and states she “can’t” take her medication “because it’s poison”.

I believe (R) will continue to decompensate if she is not in the hospital and that she is gravely disabled at this time.

I am willing to testify to the above facts in any subsequent judicial proceedings.

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the state of Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct.

City/Town: Mt. Vernon Dated this 20th day of June, 2007

Witness Signature

Suzanne Smith, MSW
Print Name