

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case Nos.: 052004CF051843AXXX

STATE OF FLORIDA,
Plaintiff,

v.

TRAVIS LEE EDWARDS,
Defendant.

**ORDER DISMISSING CHARGES WITHOUT PREJUDICE AND
INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT PURUSANT TO FLA. STAT. § 394.467**

THIS CAUSE having come before the Court pursuant to the provisions of Section 916.145, Florida Statutes, and Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.213(b), and upon review of the report dated January 25, 2018 from the Administrator of the NORTHEAST FLORIDA STATE HOSPITAL, this Court finds:

(1) In the above styled case, the defendant is charged by Indictment with the crimes of First Degree Murder, Kidnapping and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. The crimes occurred on January 6, 2004 in the County of Brevard.

(2) After appropriate notice from the defense, the Court ordered psychiatric evaluations and the reports from the experts were received. The Court determined that the defendant, TRAVIS LEE EDWARDS, was incompetent to proceed to trial or participate in any hearings in these cases. The defendant was committed to the Department of Children and Families on October 25, 2012.

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(3) On April 13, 2015, the defendant was admitted to the NORTHEAST FLORIDA STATE HOSPITAL in Macclenny, Florida.

(4) During the time that the defendant has been in treatment with the Department of Children and Families, the Administrators have provided regular reports documenting the defendant's psychiatric status and treatment.

(5) The defendant, TRAVIS LEE EDWARDS has been incompetent to proceed for five (5) consecutive years. The defendant remains incompetent to stand trial and there is no substantial probability that said defendant will become mentally competent to stand trial in the foreseeable future, and further,

(6) Based upon the testimony presented by Dr. Kathleen McHugh, PH.D, the Court finds that the defendant appears to meet the criteria for involuntary commitment and treatment under Section 394.467(1), Florida Statutes.

It is therefore, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:

The charges of First Degree Murder, Kidnapping and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon are dismissed WITHOUT PREJUDICE to said charges being refiled should defendant become mentally competent to stand trial in the future.

2. The defendant, TRAVIS LEE EDWARDS meets the criteria for involuntary commitment pursuant to Florida Statutes 394.467(1) and is therefore committed to the Department of Children and Families for involuntary placement. This commitment shall be reviewed by the Court annually.

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3. The administrator of the inpatient facility is directed to notify the State Attorney of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Brevard County, Florida, no less than thirty (30) days prior to the anticipated release of the defendant from involuntary hospitalization.

4. The Court hereby retains jurisdiction of these cases for the entry of such further orders as are deemed appropriate. These cases are set for Initial Summary Review hearing on 9/28/18 at 8:30^{hr}. The civil facility where the defendant is committed shall provide this Court with a report, with copies to the State Attorney's Office and to the Public Defender's Office, no later than 10 days prior to said hearing, of the defendant's progress in the civil placement facility.

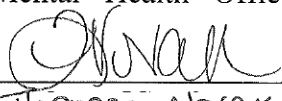
DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Viera, Brevard County, Florida this 25
day of MAY, 2018.



DAVID DUGAN
Circuit Court Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing has been furnished by mail to Office of the Public Defender, Office of the State Attorney, Office of the Sheriff, and to the Department of Children and Families, Mental Health Office, this 29th day of May, 2018.



Theresa Norak
Judicial Assistant