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**Criminal Presiding Judges** 

DIRECTIVE # 21-20
[Supersedes Directive # 9-96]

FROM:

Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D.

SUBJ:

Criminal – Procedures for Defendants Found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity

(NGRI) and other Commitments Resulting from Criminal Proceedings

DATE:

August 5, 2020

This Directive, which supersedes Directive # 9-96, "Krol Commitments" (issued December 3, 1996), sets forth the procedures for defendants who are acquitted and found not guilty by reason of insanity (NGRI), and promulgates ten form orders approved by the Judicial Council for immediate statewide use by the Criminal Division. These form orders (Krol orders) implement the requirements for proceedings pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8 et. seq. and State v. Krol, 68 N.J. 236 (1975). The orders were drafted by the Forensic Evaluation Workgroup, which included various criminal practice and forensic system stakeholders such as representatives from the N.J. Judiciary, the Office of the Attorney General, the Office of the Public Defender, county prosecutors, and executive and clinical administration from the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

Additionally, this Directive memorializes the requirement that court orders for commitments resulting from criminal proceedings must be forwarded to the County Adjuster because they are responsible for processing involuntary commitments and voluntary admissions pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10:7-3.1, and entering commitment orders into the Civil Commitment Automated Tracking System (CCATS). As such, the <u>Krol</u> orders specify that a copy of the order is to be forwarded to the County Adjuster's office. Similarly, the orders promulgated for proceedings under N.J.S.A. 2C:4-5 <u>et seq.</u> by Directive # 17-18, "New and Revised Form Orders for Competency and Sanity Evaluations" (issued November 1, 2018), specify that a copy of the order is to be forwarded to the County Adjuster's office. Additionally, court staff should forward court orders for proceedings under the Sexually Violent Predator Act (N.J.S.A. 30:4-27.24 et seq.) to the County Adjuster's office where the crime was committed.

The procedures for NGRI defendants are as follows: (1) the Judgment of Acquittal should include the maximum period of imprisonment that could have been imposed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8(b)(3); (2) the Krol orders should also include the maximum term of commitment or supervision, where









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applicable; (3) copies of the Judgment of Acquittal and the <u>Krol</u> orders must be forwarded to the County Adjuster as noted above; (4) the scheduled date for periodic review hearings should be included in the court orders, where applicable; (5) these hearings are <u>in camera</u>, except that hearings for defendants acquitted of murder by reason of insanity shall be in open court unless there is good cause for an <u>in camera</u> hearing. <u>See R.</u> 3:19-2; and (6) prior to the maximum term of commitment permitted under N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8(b)(3), the court shall schedule a hearing to determine if the person remains a danger to self, others or property as a result of mental illness. <u>See</u> Order # 9 entitled "Converting the Status of NGRI Committee to the Status of Civil Committee" (Attachment J).

### Overview of the Krol Orders

The following descriptions briefly explain the situations in which the attached ten <u>Krol</u> orders should be used. For a more detailed explanation, please see the text that precedes the orders in each of the subsequent attachments.

## Order 1 - Mandating First Post-Acquittal Psychiatric Evaluation as to the NGRI Acquittee's Dangerousness Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8 (Attachment A)

This court order would be used to obtain the first post-acquittal psychiatric evaluation required by N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8(a) and <u>State v. Krol.</u> In cases where the examination is by a psychiatrist in the Department of Health, the acquittee will be committed to one of the State psychiatric hospitals for the evaluation and recommendation as to current dangerousness to self, others or property as a result of mental illness.

## Order 2 - Mandating Observation and Treatment of NGRI Acquittee Who Has Refused to Cooperate with the Psychiatric Evaluation of Dangerousness (Attachment B)

This court order would be used when the acquittee does not cooperate with the psychiatric evaluation. In such instances, the standards of N.J.S.A. 2C:4-5(c) are triggered, specifically, that the court may permit examination without cooperation, appoint a different psychiatrist or commit the defendant for observation for a period not exceeding 30 days except on good cause shown.

## Order 3 - Mandating Commitment of NGRI Acquittee Who has been Found Dangerous to Self, Others, or Property as a Result of Mental Illness (Attachment C)

This court order would be used to commit the NGRI acquittee after there has been a finding that the person cannot be released into the community, with or without conditions, without posing a danger to self, others, or property as a result of mental illness pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8(b)(3). The person would be committed into the care and custody of the Commissioner of the Department of Health and confined to an appropriate institution to be treated as a person civilly committed.

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## Order 3A - Mandating Continued Commitment of NGRI Acquittee Who Has Been Found Dangerous to Self, Others, or Property as a Result of Mental Illness (Attachment D)

This court order would be used when, following a periodic review hearing, the commitment is continued by the court upon finding that the person cannot be released into the community, either with or without conditions, without posing a danger to self, others, or property pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8(b)(3).

## Order 4 - Mandating Conditional Release of the NGRI Acquittee to a Specified Community Placement (Attachment E)

This court order would be used when the NGRI acquittee is found to be not so dangerous to self, others, or property as to require institutionalization, but will require release upon certain conditions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8(b)(2). The court may order the NGRI acquittee to be placed in a supervised community setting, if available, and establish conditions. Periodic review hearings will be scheduled while the person is under supervision in the community pursuant to <u>State v. Ortiz</u>, 193 N.J. 278 (2008).

### Order 5 - Mandating Release of NGRI Acquittee (Attachment F)

This court order would be used when the court finds pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8(b)(1) that the NGRI acquittee is not so dangerous to self, others, or property as to require institutionalization or release upon conditions. In accordance with <u>State v. Ortiz</u>, the court no longer has jurisdiction and there are no further hearings or reviews required under N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8.

## Order 6 - Evaluation for Non-Compliance with Clinical Conditions of Conditional Release (Attachment G)

This court order would be used to order an evaluation for an NGRI acquittee who has previously been placed on conditional release pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8(b)(2) and has either been: (1) non-compliant with the conditions of release or (2) the conditions of the discharge plan are no longer adequate to maintain the acquittee's mental health condition in the community. In such cases, this order would be used to have the individual evaluated by a screening service.

### Order 7 - Revoking Conditional Release Status of NGRI Acquittee (Attachment H)

This court order would be used to revoke the conditional release and commit the person under N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8(b)(3), where the NGRI acquittee has violated the terms of the release and is currently a danger to self, others, or property by reason of mental illness.

## Order 8 - Mandating the Continued Conditional Release of NGRI Acquittee (Attachment I)

This court order would be used after the court determines that the NGRI acquittee previously placed on conditional release maintains the need to continue on that status.

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## Order 9 - Converting the Status of NGRI Committee to the Status of Civil Committee (Attachment J)

This court order would be used when an NGRI committee has reached the maximum term of commitment under N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8(b)(3), but the court finds the person remains a danger to self, others or property as a result of mental illness. The court will convert the status of the NGRI committee to an involuntary civil committee under N.J.S.A. 30:4-27.15. As such, the jurisdiction over the committee will be transferred to the Superior Court of New Jersey, Civil Part. Periodic review hearings would then be held pursuant to R. 4:74-7 to determine if the committee continues to be dangerous to self, others, or property as a result of mental illness and whether the committee continues to require involuntary confinement in an institution.

These form orders will be posted on the Criminal Forms page of the Judiciary's Internet website at <a href="https://www.njcourts.gov/selfhelp/catalog.html">https://www.njcourts.gov/selfhelp/catalog.html</a> and the Criminal Division Forms page of the Judiciary's InfoNet. Any questions regarding Directive # 21-20 may be directed to the Criminal Practice Division at 609-815-2900 ext. 55300.

### Attachments A through J – Ten Krol Orders

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### Attachment A

Order 1 - Mandating First Post-Acquittal Psychiatric Evaluation as to the NGRI Acquittee's Dangerousness Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8

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This order (CN 12556) is to be used to obtain the first post-acquittal psychiatric evaluation required by N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8(a) and <u>State v. Krol</u>, 68 N.J. 236 (1975). Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8(a) the acquittee shall undergo a psychiatric examination by a psychiatrist of the prosecutor's choosing.

In cases where the Department of Health is to provide the psychiatrist, this order may be used. For the examination to occur by a psychiatrist in the Department of Health the Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGRI) acquittee will need to be committed to one of the State psychiatric hospitals for the purposes of observation and evaluation, and to provide the court with an opinion as to current dangerousness and recommendations for disposition. N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8(b) requires that the psychiatric evaluation provide an opinion as to whether the NGRI acquittee is dangerous to self, others or property as a result of mental illness and if so, whether the acquittee requires inpatient hospitalization or can be managed in the community with or without clinical conditions.

This order requires the prosecutor to provide the Office of the Court Coordinator at the designated State hospital with a copy of the court order and the examining psychiatrist with discovery in the matter.

If the examination is to be done by the State, there will be a need to transfer the acquittee to the institution so that the examination can proceed if the acquittee is not already in a State psychiatric hospital. Medical clearance will need to be coordinated with the Department of Health prior to an admission into a State psychiatric hospital and this order so provides.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>State v. Krol</u> states that "Following acquittal by reason of insanity, the defendant may, at the request of the State, be confined in a suitable mental institution for a period of 60 days for observation and examination." 68 N.J. at 256. <u>See also N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8(a)</u> for a NGRI acquittee who is unwilling to participate in the examination, and citing to N.J.S.A. 2C:4-5(c), which provides for the court to commit such persons for observation for a period not exceeding 30 days except on good cause shown; N.J.S.A. 2C:4-9(a) provides for the examination and report on the NGRI committee's discharge or release on conditions to be provided to the court within 30 days, "or such longer period as the court determines to be necessary."

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NJ Attorney ID Number		
Address		
Telephone Number		
Attorney for State of New Jersey/Defendant	<del></del>	
In the Matter of	Superior Court of New Jersey Law Division – Criminal Part - Select County - County	
	Indictment Number: NGRI Docket Number:	
	Criminal Action	
	Order Mandating <b>First Post-Acquittal</b> Psychiatric Evaluation as to NGRI Acquittee Dangerousness Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8	
Having Found the defendant not guilty by reason of insanity after trial [with/without] a jury of		
the charges of		
It is on the day of <u>- Select Month -</u> , 20 (	Ordered that:	
The NGRI acquittee is hereby committed to the c	ustody of the Commissioner of the Department	
of Health, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8, pending n		
coordinated with the Department of Health, and	medical elearance for admission which shall be	
coordinated with the Department of Treatin, and		
It Is Further Ordered that		
1. The professional staff shall determine, pursua	ant to N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8(b), whether or not the	
NGRI acquittee may be able to be released to	the community, with or without conditions,	
including supervision, without posing a dange	•	
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2. The professional staff shall determine, pursua	ant to N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8(b)(3), whether or not the	
NGRI acquittee requires inpatient hospitalizat	tion to treat the acquittee's condition, and	
3. The Prosecutor's Office shall immediately for	rward relevant discovery materials, including	
but not limited to the charges against the NGI	RI acquittee, to this Judge's team leader. These	
materials and charges, along with a copy of the	ne Judgment of Acquittal, shall be forwarded to	
the Office of the Court Coordinator at	Psychiatric Hospital Department of	
Health simultaneous with transfer of the NGR	I acquittee after medical clearance for	
admission to the hospital; and,		

4.	The professional staff shall contact this court and the counsel identified below when the	
	examination has been completed and provide each with a copy of the evaluation as soon as it	
	has been completed; and	
	has been completed, and	
5.	The professional staff shall notify this court an	d counsel of the proposed transfer date should
it be found that the NGRI acquittee is not appropriate for commitment either because the		onriste for commitment either because the
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	acquittee is not dangerous to self, others, or pro	operty as a result of mental illness or that the
	acquittee could be released into the community	[with] or [without] supervision, without
	posing an undue danger to self, others, or prop	erty; and
6.	The NGRI acquittee shall not be administrative	ely discharged by the institution without
	further order of this court; and	
7.	(Any additional conditions as ordered by the co	ourt)
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### Attachment B

Order 2 - Mandating Observation and Treatment of NGRI Acquittee Who has Refused to Cooperate with the Psychiatric Evaluation of Dangerousness

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This order (CN 12557) is to be used after an acquittal by reason of insanity is found by the trial court where the NGRI acquittee refuses to cooperate with the psychiatric examination. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8(a) the acquittee shall undergo a psychiatric examination by a psychiatrist of the prosecutor's choosing.

In cases where the Department of Health is to provide the psychiatrist, this order may be used. For the examination to occur by a psychiatrist in the Department of Health the acquittee shall be committed to one of the State psychiatric hospitals. The order provides that the examination is conducted to provide an opinion as to current dangerousness to self, others or property as a result of mental illness and to recommend a disposition to the court. The examining psychiatrist would need all discovery in the matter and that should be transferred simultaneously with the order to the Department of Health, Office of Court Coordination in the designated State psychiatric hospital where the evaluation shall be conducted.

Medical clearance will need to be coordinated with the Department of Health prior to an admission into a State psychiatric hospital.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> N.J.S.A. 2C:4-5(c) provides that the court may permit examination without cooperation, may appoint a different psychiatrist or may commit the defendant for observation for a period not exceeding 30 days except on good cause shown, or exclude or limit the testimony of defense psychiatrist or licensed psychologist (as applicable).

Attorney Name	
NJ Attorney ID Number	
Address	
Telephone Number Attorney for State of New Jersey/Defendant	
Attorney for State of New Jersey/Defendant	
In the Matter of	Superior Court of New Jersey Law Division – Criminal Part - Select County - County
	Indictment Number:
	NGRI Docket Number:
	Criminal Action
	Order Mandating Observation and Treatment of NGRI Acquittee Who Has Refused to Cooperate with a Psychiatric Evaluation of Dangerousness
Having Found the defendant not guilty by	reason of insanity after trial [with/without] a jury on
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	dergo a dangerousness evaluation pursuant to
N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8 by	, a psychiatrist of the
State's choosing, and	
Having Found that the NGRI acquittee has	been unwilling to cooperate with the evaluation to
determine if the acquittee is dangerous to se	elf, others, or property as a result of mental illness,
It is on the day of <u>- Select Month -</u> , 20	Ordered that:
1. The acquittee is hereby committed to the	e custody of the Commissioner of the Department of
•	N.J.S.A. 2C:4-5(c), pending medical clearance for
admission which shall be coordinated w	ith the Department of Health; and
2. The professional staff shall determine pu	ursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8(b) whether or not the
NGRI acquittee may be able to be releas	sed to the community, with or without conditions,
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meruanig supervision, without posing at	n undue danger to self, others, or property; and

- 3. The professional staff shall determine pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8(b)(3) whether or not the NGRI acquittee requires inpatient hospitalization to treat the acquittee's condition; and
- 4. The Prosecutor's Office shall immediately forward all relevant discovery materials, including but not limited to the charges against the acquittee, to this Judge's team leader. These materials and charges, along with a copy of the Judgment of Acquittal, shall be forwarded to the Department of Health, Office of Court Coordination at the designated state psychiatric hospital simultaneous with transfer of the acquittee; and,
- 5. The professional staff shall contact this court and the counsel identified below when the examination has been completed and provide each with a copy of the evaluation as soon as it has been completed; and
- 6. The professional staff shall notify this court and counsel of the proposed transfer date should it be found that the acquittee is not appropriate for commitment either because they are not dangerous to self, others, or property as a result of mental illness or that they could be released into the community with or without supervision, without posing an undue danger to self, others, or property; and
- 9. A review hearing shall be held on \_\_\_\_\_.

  10. Reports shall be provided to the court and counsel by \_\_\_\_\_.

7. The acquittee shall not be administratively discharged by the institution without further order

A copy of this Order will be forwarded to the County Adjuster's Office by the Clerk of the Court within two (2) days of its signing.

Date	J	Judge

Prosecutor's Office:	Defendant's Attorney:
Name	Name
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Email	Email
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#### Attachment C

Order 3 - Mandating Commitment of NGRI Acquittee Who has been Found Dangerous to Self, Others, or Property as a Result of Mental Illness

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This order (CN 12558) is to be used after an acquittal by reason of insanity is found by the trial court. In cases where the NGRI acquittee cannot be released into the community, with or without conditions, without posing a danger to self, others, or property as a result of mental illness, the court must commit the acquittee pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8(b)(3). The NGRI acquittee will be committed into the care and custody of the Commissioner of the Department of Health and confined to an appropriate institution to be treated as a person civilly committed. The order refers to the NGRI acquittee as an NGRI committee.<sup>1</sup>

¹ Although N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8 mandates that the NGRI committee "be treated as a person civilly committed" this standard is substantially the same though not exactly the same. There are three substantial differences between the periodic review hearings of all NGRI committee and a general civil committee. The three distinctions are confirmed under Krol v. State and subsequent case law. Firstly, N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8 grants the prosecutor the right to appear and be heard at all periodic review hearings of all NGRI committees who are hospitalized or in the community under KROL court supervision on a conditional release. Second, the burden of proof for the State in sustaining a Krol commitment is "preponderance of the evidence" rather than "clear and convincing evidence" as required under a civil commitment under N.J.S.A. 30:4-27.10. Lastly, the In the Matter of the Commitment of Edward S., 118 N.J. 118 (1990) all periodic review hearings for patients who were acquitted of murder by reason of insanity shall be heard in open court unless good case is shown for an in camera hearing. See also, R. 3:19-2 and In the Matter of the Commitment of Calu, 301 N.J. Super. 20, 26-27 (App. Div. 1997).

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Attorney for State of New Jersey/Defendant	
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	NGRI Docket Number:
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	Order Mandating Commitment of NGRI Acquittee Who Has Been Found to be Dangerous to Self, Others, or Property as a Result of Mental Illness
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•	d to the custody of the Commissioner of the
Department of Health pursuant to N.J.S.	A. 2C:4-8(b)(3) to be confined in an appropriate
institution and treated as a person civilly	committed, where the acquittee shall undergo
treatment as determined to be clinically a	appropriate; and
2. If the Commissioner or designee of the in	nstitution to which the NGRI committee has been
committed is of the clinical opinion that	the committee may be unconditionally released or
released on conditions without danger to	self, others, or property, or that they may be
	r treatment, then the Commissioner or designee at the
institution shall provide this court and th	e counsel identified below with a report pursuant to

N.J.S.A. 2C:4-9; and

At any time the NGRI committee may apply to this court for release pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:4-9; and	
4. The NGRI committee shall not be administrative further order of this court; and	atively discharged by the institution without
5. (Any additional conditions as ordered by the	court)
6. A review hearing shall be held on	
7. Reports to the court and counsel shall be due	e on
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within two (2) days of its signing.	
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#### Attachment D

Order 3A - Mandating Continued Commitment of NGRI Acquittee Who has been Found Dangerous to Self, Others, or Property as a Result of Mental Illness

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This order (CN 12635) is to be used when, following a periodic review hearing, the commitment of the acquittee is continued by the court having found that the acquittee cannot be released into the community, either with or without conditions, without posing a danger to self, others, or property pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8(b)(3). The NGRI acquittee shall continue to be committed in the care and custody of the Commissioner of the Department of Health and confined to an appropriate institution to be treated as a person civilly committed. The order refers to the NGRI acquittee as an NGRI committee.<sup>1</sup>

¹ Although N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8 mandates that the NGRI committee "be treated as a person civilly committed" this standard is substantially the same though not exactly the same. There are three substantial differences between the periodic review hearings of all NGRI committee and a general civil committee. The three distinctions are confirmed under Krol v. State and subsequent case law. Firstly, N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8 grants the prosecutor the right to appear and be heard at all periodic review hearings of all NGRI committees who are hospitalized or in the community under KROL court supervision on a conditional release. Second, the burden of proof for the State in sustaining a Krol commitment is "preponderance of the evidence" rather than "clear and convincing evidence" as required under a civil commitment under N.J.S.A. 30:4-27.10. Lastly, the In the Matter of the Commitment of Edward S., 118 N.J. 118 (1990) all periodic review hearings for patients who were acquitted of murder by reason of insanity shall be heard in open court unless good case is shown for an in camera hearing. See also, R. 3:19-2 and In the Matter of the Commitment of Calu, 301 N.J. Super. 20, 26-27 (App. Div. 1997).

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		Indictment Number:
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		Criminal Action
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1.	The NGRI acquittee shall continue to be come the Department of Health pursuant to N.J.S.A institution and treated as a person civilly come treatment as determined to be clinically approximately.	a. 2C:4-8(b)(3) to be confined in an appropriate mitted, where the acquittee shall undergo
2.	If the Commissioner or designee of the institu	ntion to which the NGRI committee has been
	committed is of the clinical opinion that the c	ommittee may be unconditionally released or
	released on conditions without danger to self,	others, or property, or that they may be
	transferred to a less restrictive setting for trea	tment, then the Commissioner or designee at the
	_	unsel identified below with a report pursuant to
	N.J.S.A. 2C:4-9; and	

At any time, the NGRI committee may apply to this court for release pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:4-9; and	
The NGRI committee shall not be administratively discharged by the institution without further order of this court; and	
. (Any additional conditions as ordered by the court)	
6. A review hearing shall be held on	·
. Reports to the court and counsel shall be due on	
is years and months and ter	commitment or supervision under N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8 rminates on [fill in the date]  County Adjuster's Office by the Clerk of the Court
Date	Judge
Prosecutor's Office:	Defendant's Attorney:
Name	Name_
Address	Address
Telephone Number	Telephone Number
Fax	Fax
Email	Email
$\square$ Interpreter needed? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No If	yes, language
☐ ADA accommodation needed? ☐ Yes ☐	No If yes, describe
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## New Jersey Judiciary

## Krol Order Contact List

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Prosecutor: Name	Defendant's Attorney: Name
Telephone Number	
Email	
Provider Agency: Name	
Provider Agency CEO	
Court Contact: Name	
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### Attachment E

# Order 4 - Mandating Conditional Release of the NGRI Acquittee to a Specified Community Placement

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This order (CN 12559) is for use when an NGRI acquittee is found to be not so dangerous to self, others, or property as to require institutionalization, but will require release upon certain conditions, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8(b)(2). The court may order the NGRI acquittee to be placed in a supervised community setting, if available, and establish conditions which must be met. A supervised residence may include placements as an available supervised community residence under the auspices of the Department of Human Services<sup>1</sup> or a residence with a family member.

A court may only discharge the NGRI acquittee pursuant to the conditions if it finds that the acquittee may be released without danger to the community or to themselves under supervision or under certain conditions. The conditions that the court may impose upon the NGRI acquittee shall include those recommended by mental health staff who evaluated the acquittee, as well as those developed with the acquittee's participation.

Periodic review hearings shall be scheduled for the NGRI acquittee while under court supervision in the community pursuant to <u>State v. Ortiz</u>, 193 N.J. 278 (2008).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Once a community-based placement for forensically involved committees is identified, the court should schedule a hearing as soon as practicable in order to ensure that the placement will not be lost to another individual due to delay. Community based placements do not remain available indefinitely.

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In the Matter of	Superior Court of New Jersey Law Division – Criminal Part - Select County - County
	Indictment Number:
	NGRI Docket Number:
	Criminal Action
	Order Mandating Conditional Release of NGRI Acquittee to a Specified Community Placement
Having Found that the NGRI acquittee is not dang	gerous to self, others, or property as a result of
mental illness as to require institutionalization; and	having found that while the acquittee does
not need involuntary or continuing involuntary hos	pitalization, that the acquittee cannot be
released into the community without supervision or	r under conditions, without posing a danger to
self, others, and property,	
sen, others, and property,	
It is on the day of <u>- Select Month -</u> , 20 On	dered that:
1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8(b)(2) the NGRI ac	quittee shall be placed in
, upon the following conditi	ons
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2. The NGRI acquittee shall report to	for supervision to
ensure compliance with all conditions; and	
ensure comphance with an conditions; and	
3. (Any additional conditions as ordered by the co	ourt)
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4.	. A review hearing shall be held on		
5. A copy of this Order shall be forwarded to the Clinical and/or Medical Director of the			
	[name of mental health providers listed in	the order] .	
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6.	. The Court and counsel shall be informed pr	romptly and in writing by the mental health	
	provider if the acquittee violates conditions	s or if the program seeks modifications. The	
	provider shall immediately contact the cour	rt and counsel if the acquittee absconds from	
	supervision.	1	
	super vision.		
7.	7. Reports to the Court and counsel shall be due on		
8.	. The NGRI acquittee's maximum period of	supervision under N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8 of years	
	and months terminates on [fill in the	e date]	
A	copy of this Order will be forwarded to the C	County Adjuster's Office by the Clerk of the Court	
wi	within two (2) days of its signing.		
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П	Contact List attached		



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# Attachment F Order 5 - Mandating Release of NGRI Acquittee

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This order (CN 12560) is to be used when the court finds that the NGRI acquittee is not so dangerous to self, others, or property as to require institutionalization or release upon certain conditions. In such cases the acquittee is released with no conditions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8(b)(1).

In accordance with <u>State v. Ortiz</u>, 193 N.J. 278 (2008), the court no longer has jurisdiction and there are no further hearings or review under N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8.

Attorney Name	
NJ Attorney ID Number	
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Telephone Number	
Attorney for State of New Jersey/Defendant	
In the Matter of	Superior Court of New Jersey Law Division – Criminal Part - Select County – County Indictment Number:
	NGRI Docket Number:
	Criminal Action
	Order Mandating Release of NGRI Acquittee
<b>Having Found</b> that the defendant is not guilty by self, others, or property as a result of mental illne	•
supervised residence and/or release upon condition	ons,
It is on the day of <u>- Select Month -</u> , 20 On the day of <u>- Select Month -</u> , 20 On the day of <u>- Select Month -</u> , 20 On the day of <u>- Select Month -</u> , 20 On the day of <u>- Select Month -</u> , 20 On the day of <u>- Select Month -</u> , 20 On the day of <u>- Select Month -</u> , 20 On the day of <u>- Select Month -</u> , 20 On the day of Select Month -, 20 On the Select Month -, 20 O	
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### Attachment G

## Order 6 - Evaluation for Non-Compliance with Clinical Conditions of Conditional Release

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This order (CN 12561) is for use when information is presented to the court that a NGRI acquittee who has previously been placed on conditional release pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8(b)(2) and has either been: (1) non-compliant with the conditions of release or (2) the conditions of the discharge plan are no longer adequate to maintain the acquittee's mental health condition in the community. In such cases, if the mental health agency contacts the prosecutor's office regarding non-compliance or inadequacy of the treatment plan for the NGRI acquittee, upon motion of the prosecutor for a psychiatric evaluation, this form order may be used to have the individual evaluated by a screening service. The court may initiate its own proceeding on its own motion.

It is noted that counties have different means of handling transportation of individuals in need of emergent psychiatric assessments. This form order allows the court to enter the preferred method of transportation to the county designated screening service for psychiatric assessment of the individual. Transportation to the county designated screening service<sup>1</sup> may be by the county sheriff, through local police or through a designated mobile screener.<sup>2</sup>

The screening service shall evaluate the NGRI acquittee under the standards of N.J.S.A. 30:4-27-1 et seq. If the screening service finds civil commitment is medically necessary, then the service shall make application under N.J.S.A. 30:27-1 et seq. for inpatient civil commitment. The screening service should note on its application to the court that this individual holds a Krol acquittee status as well. The county adjuster shall inform the criminal court, prosecution and defense counsel of the hospitalization. In all cases the screening service will make its findings known to the court and parties so that they may proceed accordingly.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See the official list of designated screening services throughout New Jersey.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> It is noted that Human Service Police (HSP) do not transport Krol acquittees from the community to the designated screening service. It is outside the scope of the responsibility of HSP. See, generally, N.J.S.A. 30:4-14 et seq.

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Att	Attorney for State of New Jersey/Defendant	
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		Criminal Action
		or Evaluation for Non-Compliance with cal Conditions of Conditional Release
Th	This Matter having been opened to the Court by Assistant F	Prosecutor, on behalf
of	of, Prosecutor of <u>- Select County -</u> Con	unty, in the presence of
	, Esq., appearing on behalf of	, and the Court having
coı	considered the report of, dated	, and
На	Having Found that the NGRI acquittee has been noncompli	ant and failed to meet the conditions
	of the conditional discharge plan [or the terms of the plan rec	
	met the clinical needs of the NGRI acquittee] and/or Court C	
Ha	Having Found previously that the acquittee is dangerous to	self, others, or property as a result of
me	mental illness, and	
	Having Found cause now to question whether the acquittee the current level of care without posing a danger to self, other	
It i	It is on the day of <u>- Select Month -</u> , 20 <b>Ordered</b> th	at:
1.	1. The transportation of the NGRI acquittee for a psychiatri	c assessment shall occur as follows
2.	2. A report shall be prepared by the screening service included dangerousness and recommendations for treatment and reidentified below; and	

3.	Nothing in this order prohibits the psychiatric screening center from admitting the NGRI acquittee if hospitalization is deemed medically appropriate; and		
4.	Should the screening center find that hospitalization is deemed medically appropriate the screening center shall immediately convey that information to the Court; and		
5.	Should the screening center find that the acquittee can be released to the community with conditions the screening center shall contact this Court and counsel below prior to doing so and await instructions regarding transport and disposition.		
6.	6. All relevant discovery in this matter shall be provided to the screening service by the Prosecutor's Office.		
7.	(Any additional conditions as ordered by the co	ourt)	
<ul> <li>8. The NGRI acquittee's maximum period of commitment or supervision under N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8 terminates in years and months on [fill in the date]</li> <li>A copy of this Order will be forwarded to the County Adjuster's Office by the Clerk of the Court within two (2) days of its signing.</li> </ul>			
Dat	re ·	Judge	
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	ADA accommodation needed? ☐ Yes ☐ No Contact List attached	If yes, describe	



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### Attachment H

## Order 7 - Revoking Conditional Release Status of NGRI Acquittee

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This order (CN 12562) is to be used where a court finds that a NGRI acquittee who was previously placed on a conditional release has violated terms of the release and is currently a danger to self, others, or property by reason of mental illness. The court can revoke the conditional release and commit the person under N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8(b)(3). After an evaluation by a screening service, the NGRI committee shall be committed to an inpatient facility for hospitalization and treatment.

The court shall receive the report and recommendations from the screening service and/or the current treating psychiatrist recommending inpatient psychiatric hospitalization. The court shall review the recommendations and enter an appropriate disposition.

Attorney Name	
NJ Attorney ID Number	
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Attorney for State of New Jersey/Defendant	
In the Matter of	Superior Court of New Jersey Law Division – Criminal Part  - Select County - County Indictment Number:
	NGRI Docket Number:
	Criminal Action
	Order Revoking Conditional Release Status of NGRI Acquittee
This Matter having been opened to the Court by Ass	sistant Prosecutor, on
behalf of, Prosecutor of <u>- Select County -</u> County, in the presence of	
, Esq., appearing on behalf of _	, and the Court having
considered the report of, dated	, and
Having Found that the NGRI acquittee has been non	compliant with clinical conditions of
release, and failed to meet the conditions of the dischand	arge plan and/or Court Order dated,
<b>Having Found</b> previously that the acquittee is danger mental illness, and	rous to self, others, or property as a result of
<b>Having Found</b> that the NGRI acquittee was evaluated on and the screening service or treating psychoses a substantial risk of danger to self, others, or pr	iatrist having certified that the acquittee
longer considered appropriate for treatment in the cor	
<b>Having Found</b> by a preponderance of evidence the N inpatient hospitalization due to their dangerousness as	•
It is on the day of <u>- Select Month -</u> , 20 <b>Order</b>	ered that:

The conditional release of the NGRI acquittee is revoked and the status of the NGRI
acquittee is converted from conditional release under N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8(b)(2) to commitment
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under N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8(b)(3). The NGRI committee shall be committed into the care and custody of the Commissioner of the Department of Health to be confined to an appropriate institution where the committee shall undergo treatment for their dangerousness to self, others, and property as a result of mental illness; and 2. Upon the identification of appropriate and available facility for admission that the facility and county adjuster contact this court and counsel listed below to provide notice of where the committee is receiving services; and 3. A copy of this order shall be provided to any facility in which the committee is receiving services. 4. All of the records of the NGRI committee's treatment in the community be provided to the treating physician at the designated facility within \_\_\_\_\_ days of this Order by \_\_\_\_\_. If the NGRI committee is provided services at a State psychiatric hospital, then the community provider shall provide the Office of Court Coordination all of the treatment records. 5. Periodic review hearings shall be held pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8(b) to determine if the committee continues to be dangerous to self, others, or property as a result of mental illness and whether they continue to require involuntary confinement in an institution. (Any additional conditions as ordered by the court) 7. A review hearing on this matter shall be set for \_\_\_\_\_. 8. Reports for the hearing to Court and counsel are due on \_\_\_\_\_. 9. The NGRI acquittee's maximum period of commitment or supervision under N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8 of \_\_\_\_\_ years and \_\_\_\_ months terminates on [fill in date] A copy of this Order will be forwarded to the County Adjuster's Office by the Clerk of the Court within two (2) days of its signing. Date Judge

Prosecutor's Office:	Defendant's Attorney:
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### Attachment I

# Order 8 - Mandating the Continued Conditional Release of NGRI Acquittee

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This order (CN 12563) is to be used after the court determines that a NGRI acquittee previously placed on conditional release maintains the need to continue in that status. In order to ensure proper reporting to the court, the clerk of the court will send a copy of the court order to Clinical and Executive Director of the community-based provider agency where the individual is receiving services. The elements that are required as part of the reporting to the court should be detailed in the court's order to ensure that the court receives adequate information.

The court order should clearly detail the conditions that form the basis of the clinical supervision by the mental health agency in the community.

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In t	he Matter of	Superior Court of New Jersey Law Division – Criminal Part - Select County - County
		Indictment Number:
		NGRI Docket Number:
		Criminal Action
		Order Mandating the Continued Conditional Release of NGRI Acquittee
Ha	ving Found that the NGRI acquittee continues to	no longer be so dangerous to self, others, or
pro	perty, as a result of mental illness as to require ho	spitalization, and
<b>Having Found</b> that there is a substantial likelihood that the acquittee will be dangerous to self, others, or property, as a result of mental illness if the acquittee does not receive appropriate services available in the community,		
It is on the day of <u>- Select Month -</u> , 20 <b>Ordered</b> that:		
1. The acquittee continues on Krol status on conditional release pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8(b)(2); and		
2. The acquittee shall abide by the following conditions of their release which are attached to this Order and incorporated herein; and		
3. The review hearing pursuant to <u>State v. Krol</u> , 68 N.J. 236 (1975), shall be held on		
4.	A copy of this order shall be sent within two (2) of	lays to the Medical Director and/or the
	Executive Director of the community-based provi	der agency by the court.
5.	. A copy of this order shall be provided to any treating psychiatrist of the NGRI acquittee by the provider agency.	
6.	A report by the treating psychiatrist will be due of	n

7. The NGRI committee's maximum period	d of commitment or supervision under N.J.S.A.
2C:4-8 of years and month	hs terminates on [fill in the date].
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A copy of this Order will be forwarded to th	e County Adjuster's Office by the Clerk of the Court
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Prosecutor:

Defendant's Attorney:

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#### Attachment J

## Order 9 - Converting the Status of NGRI Committee to the Status of Civil Committee

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This order (CN 12564) is to be used when a NGRI committee has reached their maximum term of commitment under N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8 but remains a danger to themselves, others, or property. Prior to the end of the maximum term of commitment allowable under N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8(b)(3), the court shall schedule a hearing for the NGRI committee. Upon the presentation of medical testimony at the hearing by the treating psychiatrist of the NGRI committee, if based upon the recommendation of the medical expert, the court finds the committee remains dangerous to self, others or property as a result of mental illness at the expiration of the maximum term of confinement, the criminal court shall convert the NGRI committee under N.J.S.A. 2C:4-8(b)(3) to a civil committee under N.J.S.A. 30:4-27.15. See State v. Krol, 68 N.J. 236, 264 (1975).

Attorney Name	
NJ Attorney ID Number	
Address	
Telephone Number Attorney for State of New Jersey/Defendant	
Attorney for State of New Jersey/Defendant	
In the Matter of	Superior Court of New Jersey Law Division – Criminal Part  - Select County - County Indictment Number:
	NGRI Docket Number:
	Criminal Action
	Order Converting Status of NGRI Committee
	to Status of Civil Committee
Having Found the defendant not guilty by	reason of insanity on, and
Having Ordered the NGRI committee into	the care and custody of the Department of Health on
, to be confined in an appropr	iate institution based upon this court's finding by a
	RI committee was dangerous to self, others, or
• •	ey could not be released into the community with or
without conditions, and	of coard not be released into the command, with or
without conditions, and	
Having Found that the NGRI committee's	maximum period of commitment under N.J.S.A.
2C:4-8 of years and months h	as now been reached, and
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Having Found by clear and convincing evi	dence that the NGRI committee remains dangerous to
self, others, or property as a result of menta	l illness and that they cannot be released into the
community either with or without condition	as without posing a danger to self, others or property
based upon the reports of	
It is on the day of <u>- Select Month -</u> , 20	Ordered that:
1. The committee shall remain committed	to the care and custody of the Commissioner of the
Department of Health to be confined in	an appropriate institution as an involuntary civil
committee under N.J.S.A. 30:4-27.15.	
2. The jurisdiction over the committee sha	ll be transferred to the Superior Court of New Jersey,

Civil Part.

continues to be dangerous to self, others, or property as a result of mental illness and whether the committee continues to require involuntary confinement in an institution. A copy of this Order will be forwarded to the County Adjuster's Office by the Clerk of the Court within two (2) days of its signing. Date Judge **Prosecutor's Office: Defendant's Attorney:** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address Address Telephone Number\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number Fax\_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email Email\_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Interpreter needed, ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, language \_\_\_\_\_\_

☐ ADA accommodation needed? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, describe \_\_\_\_\_

3. Periodic review hearings shall be held pursuant to R. 4:74-7 to determine if the committee

☐ Contact List attached



Provider Agency CEO \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number\_\_\_\_\_

**Court Contact:** 

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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