



**ALABAMA DEPARTMENT  
OF  
MENTAL HEALTH**

**FORENSIC OUTPATIENT PROGRAM**



# INTRODUCTION

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# ADMINISTRATIVE SEPARATION

Inpatient  
Evaluation

Outpatient  
Evaluations

# LOCATION OF EVALUATIONS

## • Inpatient Evaluations

The defendant is ordered into the *custody of ADMH*.

Taylor Hardin Secure Medical Facility (Males)

Bryce Hospital (Females)

Tuscaloosa, Alabama

## • Outpatient Evaluations

The defendant (both male and female )is in the *custody of the county jail or is on bond*.

The Alabama Department of Mental Health (ADMH) contracts for the clinical services of five (5) permanent Certified Forensic Examiners (CFEs), assigned on a rotating basis, to conduct evaluations on behalf of ADMH.

ADMH Central Office - Montgomery, Alabama

## Rule 11.2.

# ALABAMA RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

- Examination of defendant's mental condition; demand for jury.
- Competency to Stand Trial (CST)
- Mental Condition at Time of Offense (MSO)

**RULE 11.  
INCOMPETENCY  
AND MENTAL  
EXAMINATIONS.**

**Rule 11.2. Examination of defendant's mental condition; demand for jury.**

(a) MOTIONS.

(1) Competency to Stand Trial. When a person charged with a crime is before a circuit court, the defendant, the defendant's attorney, or the district attorney may petition for, or the court on its own motion may order, an examination to assist in the determination of the defendant's present mental condition and competency to stand trial.

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(2) Mental Condition at Time of Offense. If the defendant has timely raised a defense of “not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect” either by the entry of a plea or by filing a pre-trial motion pursuant to Rule 15, the court on its own motion may order, or the defendant, the defendant’s attorney, or the district attorney may move for an examination into the defendant’s mental condition at the time of the offense.



# OTHER ORDERS

Competency  
to Waive  
Miranda

Atkins  
Evaluations

Forensic Risk  
Assessments



# JURISDICTION

## ALABAMA RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

**Rule 11.9 In applicability to district and municipal courts.**

**Rule 11 does not apply to proceeding in district or municipal courts.**

Because proceedings in district and municipal courts are conducted without a jury and with the right to a trial by jury available on appeal for trial de novo in the circuit court, and in recognition of the defendant's right to have a jury determine the question of competency to stand trial, the procedure established by ***Rule 11 is restricted to the circuit court.***

# Forensic Outpatient Contact Information

(Male & Female Defendants)

- Alabama Department of Mental Health
- Forensic Outpatient Program
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- **DO NOT** send orders to individual staff email addresses. This will cause delay if the staff person is on leave.



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