



April 28, 2021

Department of Psychiatry  
Vanderbilt Forensic Evaluation Team

The Honorable John Aaron Holt  
Davidson County General Sessions Court  
Justice A.A. Birch Building  
PO Box 196324, Suite 2120  
Nashville, TN 37219

RE: State of Tennessee v. Larry Brown  
Docket No.: GS941004, GS941010, GS941011, GS941012, GS941013, GS941014  
**Summary Letter of Competency and Insanity Evaluations**

Dear Judge Holt:

On April 16, 2021, the Vanderbilt Forensic Evaluation Team received an order from your Court to evaluate Mr. Larry Brown's competency to stand trial and mental condition at the time of the alleged offenses on the charges of Assault (6 counts).

I interviewed Mr. Brown on April 28, 2021 via video-conferencing while he was housed at the Downtown Detention Center. In addition, available case-related, jail, and mental health documents were reviewed, as well as several prior court ordered forensic evaluations. Information was not yet provided by the prosecution for this evaluation.

In regards to his competency to stand trial, we have concluded that Mr. Brown's mental condition at the time of the evaluation was such that he is not competent to proceed in his case. His competency deficits are primarily due to a neurocognitive disorder that is not likely to respond to treatment or improve with time. Consistent with this conclusion, Mr. Brown was found to be not competent and not able to be restored to competency by MTMHI in a prior forensic evaluation in 2020, primarily due to his cognitive deficits.

After completion of the insanity evaluation based on T.C.A. 39-11-501, it is my opinion that a defense of insanity cannot be supported. This opinion is based on the determination that at the time of the commission of the acts constituting the alleged offenses, the available evidence does not suggest that Mr. Brown was experiencing a mental illness that caused him to be unable to appreciate the nature or wrongfulness of such alleged acts.

If Mr. Brown is found not competent to stand trial and if his charges are retired, consideration should be given to having the Mental Health Cooperative assess him to determine whether he meets civil commitment criteria for psychiatric hospitalization when released from jail or whether suitable accommodations can be made to safely care for him in the community.

If you have any further questions regarding this evaluation, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kimberly Brown'.

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