

Existing law authorizes any parish coroner or judge of a court of competent jurisdiction to order certain persons to be taken into protective custody and transported to a treatment facility or the office of the coroner for immediate examination.

Prior law provided that the order for custody shall be delivered to the coroner or director of the treatment facility by the individual who has transported the person and required the date and hour that the person is taken into protective custody to be written on the order.

New law provides that the order for custody shall be delivered to the appropriate law enforcement agency for execution by hand, facsimile, or other electronic means, including but not limited to e-mail.

New law requires the law enforcement officer or transporting person to deliver a copy of the order for custody to the coroner, patient, and director of the treatment facility upon execution with the date and hour that the person is taken into protective custody clearly written on the order.

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