

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

**ORDER NO. 08-157**

Authorizing a Designee of the Mental Health Program Director to Direct a Peace Officer to Take an Allegedly Mentally Ill Person into Custody

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- a) If authorized by a county governing body, a designee of a mental health program director may direct a peace officer to take into custody a person whom the designee has probable cause to believe is dangerous to self or others and whom the designee has probable cause to believe is in need of immediate care, custody, and treatment of mental illness.
- b) There is a current need for specified designees of the Multnomah County Mental Health Program Director to have the authority to direct a peace officer to take an allegedly mentally ill person into custody.
- c) The designee listed below has been specifically recommended by the Mental Health Program Director and meets the standards established by the Mental Health Division.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Orders:**

1. The individual listed below is authorized as a designee of the Mental Health Program Director for Multnomah County to direct any peace officer to take into custody a person whom the designee has probable cause to believe is dangerous to self or others and whom the designee has probable cause to believe is in need of immediate care, custody or treatment for mental illness.
2. Added to the list of designees are:  
Marty Martin                      Jack Kelley                      Lawrence Ruhf  
Nicole Kiernan                      Deborah Meltzer  
Jennifer Edlredge                      Jeff Nelson

ADOPTED this 11th day of December, 2008.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Ted Wheeler, Chair

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