

NOTICE

PROVINCIAL COURT OF MANITOBA (WINNIPEG CENTRE)

RE: Fitness Assessment Orders (Revised)

Effective June 15, 2015, whenever assessment orders are made pursuant to s. 672.11(a) of the *Criminal Code* for the purpose of determining fitness of an adult to stand trial, the accused will be remanded in custody until the next Mental Health Court sitting. Mental Health Court is held every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in Courtroom 303 – 408 York Avenue. The assessment will occur on the Mental Health Court sitting day at Sheriffs Lock-up, 408 York Avenue at 11:00 a.m. The assessing psychiatrist will provide his findings to the Mental Health Court at the 1:00 p.m. sitting.

Upon a finding of fitness being made by the Court the accused will be returned to the regular Provincial Court docket. If the accused is found to be unfit and the psychiatrist recommends a brief period of treatment to return the accused to fitness, the matter will be remanded one week to the following Mental Health Court sitting for submissions on the subject of a treatment order being made pursuant to s. 672.58 of the *Criminal Code*. Upon a treatment order being made, the matter will remain on the Mental Health Court docket and updates will be provided to the Court at 15, 30, and 45 day intervals. If the accused is found to be unfit and is unlikely to become fit within 60 days, the matter will be transmitted to the jurisdiction of the Review Board.

The first sitting of the Mental Health Court that encompasses the new fitness assessment process will be held on June 18, 2015.

ISSUED BY:



**Chief Judge Ken Champagne
(Manitoba)**

DATE: June 15, 2015

Original Notice issued June 8, 2015