

**VALID COURT ORDER (VCO)  
EXCEPTION ASSESSMENT REPORT**

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, ALABAMA

In the Matter of \_\_\_\_\_, a child

COMES NOW, \_\_\_\_\_, and reports to the court as follows:

The above-named child was placed in \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m. p. m.

The above-named child was interviewed in person by \_\_\_\_\_,  
on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m. p.m.

The circumstances, events or behaviors related to this event are as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The immediate needs of this child are as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The appropriate placement for this child pending disposition of the alleged violation is as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

**VALID COURT ORDER (VCO) EXCEPTION**  
**Checklist Permitting Limited Secure Detention of Status Offenders**  
**(All conditions must be met)**

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF \_\_\_\_\_, a child DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**Items to be addressed for issuing a Valid Court Order on a “status offender” [as defined in Ala.Code 1975, Section 12-15-201(4)] to assure compliance with the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act:**

A petition was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ alleging the above-named child to be a child in need of supervision or a delinquent child pursuant to Ala.Code 1975, Sections 12-15-102(4) or 12-15-102(7), respectively, in the above-referenced case number. The allegations in the petition meet the definition of “status offender” in Ala.Code 1975, Section 12-15-201(4).

On \_\_\_\_\_, before the issuance of the order of adjudication in the above-referenced case number, the juvenile court judge advised the above-named child of his or her full due process rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States.

On \_\_\_\_\_, the juvenile court judge issued a valid court order in the above-referenced case number. Ala.Code 1975, § 12-15-201(5) defines a valid court order as an order given by a juvenile court judge to a child who was brought before the juvenile court and made subject to the order, and who received, before the issuance of the order, the full due process rights guaranteed to the child by the Constitution of the United States.

**Procedural requirements for Valid Court Order (VCO) exception:**

When the above-named child was detained for violation of a valid court order, the following were met:

\_\_\_\_\_, immediately ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) was notified by \_\_\_\_\_ (name of the juvenile detention facility) that the child is held in secure custody for violating the valid court order.

The notice by the juvenile detention facility included the date and time the child entered the juvenile detention facility, namely \_\_\_\_\_.

The child was interviewed, in person, by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, which was within the first 24 hours during which the child was held in secure custody, excluding weekends and holidays.

The individual who interviewed the child submitted the attached written assessment report to the court on \_\_\_\_\_, which was within 48 hours of the admission of the child in secure custody for violating a valid court order excluding weekends and holidays regarding the immediate needs of the child and the appropriate placement of the child pending disposition of the alleged violation.

On \_\_\_\_\_, a hearing was held within 48 hours of the admission of the child in secure custody for violating a valid court order (excluding weekends and holidays) and the juvenile court judge held a reasonable cause hearing.

On \_\_\_\_\_, a judicial determination was made that there was reasonable cause to believe the child violated the order and concerning the appropriate placement of the child pending disposition.