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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF
THE STATE OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR PINELLAS COUNTY
CRIMINAL DIVISION

STATE OF FLORIDA,

CASE NO.: To be assigned

v.

DIVISION: K

DR. OHIANA TORREALDAY, Ph.D.,

Person ID: _____, Defendant.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR INDIRECT CRIMINAL CONTEMPT;
DIRECTIONS TO PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF

The Court, on its own motion, pursuant to Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.840 hereby directs as follows:

On March 4, 2025 the Court issued an order appointing Dr. Ohiana Torrealday, Ph.D. as an expert under contract with the Court, to examine the Defendant in the case of State of Florida v. Thomas Isaiah Mosely, Case No. 23-003157-CF (two counts of premeditated murder, where the State has sought the death penalty), for purposes of competency to proceed.

The State and the Defense confirmed that they were present when Dr. Torrealday evaluated the Defendant at the Pinellas County Jail on May 8, 2025, with a follow up May 19, 2025. The State and Defense informed the Court that they conveyed to Dr. Torrealday the July 8-11, 2025 dates scheduled for evidentiary hearings on the Defendant's competence to proceed. To the Court's knowledge, Dr. Torrealday has neither authored a report, communicated with the attorneys in this case to schedule depositions, nor made herself available for testimony during hearings on the Defendant's competency. Further, Dr. Torrealday's office has indicated to counsel that she is on sabbatical the entire month of July and is vacationing outside of the United States.

Based on Dr. Torrealday's failure to comply with this Court's March 4, 2025 "Order Directing Competence to Proceed,"¹ the Court has been forced to delay the Defendant's competency proceedings in the case of State of Florida v. Thomas Isaiah Mosely.

Therefore, it is **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that said Defendant, Dr. Ohiana Torrealday, Ph.D., shall appear before this Court on the 11th day of August, 2025, at 8:30 a.m., in Courtroom 2, at the Pinellas County Justice Center, 14250 49th Street N., Clearwater, Florida,

¹ Paragraphs 2 through 4 of the Order specify the timeliness necessary to comply with the directives of the Order.

33762, to be arraigned and show cause, if any, why she should not be held in and punished for indirect criminal contempt of Court, pursuant to rule 3.840, Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure, for her willful failure to comply with the Court's instructions. The Defendant is advised that this proceeding may result in up to 6 months incarceration or a fine and restitution.

FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THE HEARING MAY RESULT IN THE COURT ISSUING A WRIT OF BODILY ATTACHMENT FOR YOUR ARREST. IF YOU ARE ARRESTED, YOU MAY BE HELD IN JAIL UP TO 48 HOURS BEFORE A HEARING IS HELD.

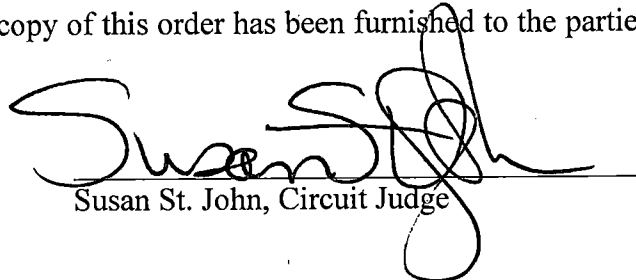
The Defendant is further advised that she may be represented by an attorney of her choice or the Court may find the Defendant indigent and the Office of Regional Counsel of the 6th Judicial Circuit may be appointed to represent the Defendant.

Should the Court determine, based on the evidence presented at the hearing that Defendant's conduct warrants sanctions for civil contempt in addition to or instead of indirect criminal contempt, the Court reserves the right to find Defendant guilty of civil contempt and impose appropriate civil sanctions.

The Sheriff of Pinellas County, Florida is hereby ordered to serve a copy of this Order on the Defendant, Dr. Ohiana Torrealday, Ph.D., and to make a return showing such service.

Please govern yourself accordingly.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Clearwater, Pinellas County, Florida, this 24th day of July, 2025. A true and correct copy of this order has been furnished to the parties listed below.


Susan St. John, Circuit Judge

cc: Office of the State Attorney
Office of the Public Defender
Defendant, Dr. Ohiana Torrealday, Ph.D.
Pinellas County Sheriff's Office