

## 2023 Kansas Statutes

**22-3305. Procedure when defendant not civilly committed or to be discharged; order of discharge; request for hearing on competency; charges dismissed; statute of limitations not to run; victim notification.** (a) Whenever involuntary commitment proceedings have been commenced by the secretary for aging and disability services or the prosecuting attorney as required by K.S.A. 22-3303, and amendments thereto, and the defendant is not committed to a treatment institution or facility as a patient, the defendant shall remain in the institution or facility where committed pursuant to K.S.A. 22-3303, and amendments thereto. The secretary for aging and disability services or the prosecuting attorney shall promptly notify the court and the prosecuting attorney of the county where the criminal proceedings are pending for the purpose of providing victim notification, of the result of the involuntary commitment proceeding.

(b) Whenever involuntary commitment proceedings have been commenced by the secretary for aging and disability services or the prosecuting attorney as required by K.S.A. 22-3303, and amendments thereto, and the defendant is committed to a treatment institution or facility as a patient but thereafter is to be discharged pursuant to the care and treatment act for mentally ill persons, the defendant shall remain in the institution or facility where committed pursuant to K.S.A. 22-3303, and amendments thereto, and the head of the treatment institution or facility shall promptly notify the court and the prosecuting attorney of the county where the criminal proceedings are pending for the purpose of providing victim notification, that the defendant is to be discharged.

(c) When giving notification to the court and the prosecuting attorney pursuant to subsection (a) or (b), the treatment institution or facility shall include in such notification an opinion from the head of the treatment institution or facility as to whether or not the defendant is now competent to stand trial. Upon request of the prosecuting attorney, the court may set a hearing on the issue of whether or not the defendant has been restored to competency. If such hearing request is granted, the prosecuting attorney shall provide victim notification regarding the hearing date. Such hearing request shall be filed within 14 days of completion of the notification from the head of the treatment institution or facility pursuant to subsection (a) or (b). The hearing shall take place within 21 days after receipt of the hearing request unless the court finds that exceptional circumstances warrant delay of the hearing. If no such hearing request is made within 14 days after receipt of notice pursuant to subsection (a) or (b), the court shall order the defendant to be discharged from commitment and shall dismiss without prejudice the charges against the defendant, and the period of limitation for the prosecution for the crime charged shall not continue to run until the defendant has been determined to have attained competency in accordance with K.S.A. 22-3302, and amendments thereto. The prosecuting attorney shall provide victim notification regarding the discharge order.

**History:** L. 1977, ch. 121, § 3; L. 1987, ch. 116, § 1; L. 1996, ch. 167, § 44; L. 2010, ch. 61, § 3; L. 2011, ch. 91, § 16; L. 2014, ch. 5, § 2; L. 2022, ch. 76, § 9; July 1.