

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
WESTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CR 16-50163-01

Plaintiff,

UNITED STATES' MOTION FOR
COMPETENCY EXAMINATION AND
HEARING ON COMPETENCY

vs.

ROBERTA FEATHERMAN,

Defendant.

The United States of America, by and through Assistant United States Attorney Megan Poppen, moves this Court for an order directing the defendant, Roberta Featherman, to submit to a psychiatric and/or psychological examination to determine the defendant's mental competency to stand trial and to aid in her defense. This motion is made pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 4241, and is based upon the results of the defendant's independent forensic psychological evaluation conducted on March 14, April 6, April 7, May 8, May 12, and July 7, 2017. Specifically, defendant provided evaluation results to the United States indicating Doctor Teresa L. Hastings concluded defendant "that Roberta's cognitive and psychological functioning did affect her behavior in the commission of crimes charged against her." The Forensic and Neuropsychological Evaluation is sealed and attached. (Attachment A). Thus, this conclusion calls into question her competency to understand the nature of the proceedings against her.

Upon completion of examination, the United States requests the Court schedule a hearing for a determination of the defendant's competency and ability

to understand the nature and consequences of the proceedings against her and assist properly in her defense.

Dated this 27th day of September, 2017.

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