

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
)	
v.)	
)	23-cr-10202-FDS
LINDSAY GROVES,)	
)	
Defendant)	

ORDER OF COMMITMENT FOR COMPETENCY EVALUATION

Based on the information provided in the defendant's various motions related to the defendant's competency, the government's responses, and information provided by both parties at various status hearings, I find there is reasonable cause to believe that the defendant may presently be suffering from a mental disease or defect rendering her mentally incompetent within the meaning of § 4241(a).

1. Defendant shall be committed to the custody of the Attorney General for placement in a suitable facility for the purpose of having psychiatric and/or psychological examinations conducted by a licensed or certified psychiatrist or psychologist of that facility, pursuant to § 4241. Upon being advised by the Attorney General as to which facility defendant has been designated, the United States Marshals Service is directed to promptly inform the Court, at which time the Court will issue an order directing the United States Marshals to transport the defendant to the designated facility. The examinations shall be performed within a reasonable period not to exceed 30 days. Upon a showing of good cause that additional time is necessary for observation and evaluation of the defendant, the Court will grant an extension of time not to exceed 15 days. 18 U.S.C. § 4247(b).

2. Psychiatric or psychological reports shall be prepared and filed with the Court in accordance with § 4247(c), with copies to counsel for the government and the defendant, said reports to include:

- a. The defendant's history and present symptoms;
- b. A description of psychiatric, psychological, and medical tests that were employed and their results;
- c. The examiner's findings; and
- d. The examiner's opinions as to diagnosis, prognosis, and whether defendant is suffering from a mental disease or defect rendering her mentally incompetent to the extent she is unable to understand the nature and consequences of the proceedings against her or to assist properly in her defense.

3. The psychiatrist(s)/psychologist(s) shall have access to any Pretrial Services Reports completed on the defendant in the instant case.

4. The psychiatrist(s)/psychologist(s) shall be allowed access to all available medical records on the defendant.

5. When the defendant's examination is concluded and the examining facility deems the defendant ready to return to this district (if taken out of it), the representative of that facility shall so advise both this Court and the United States Marshals Service, after which this Court shall order defendant transported to this district by the United States Marshals Service.

6. Upon receipt of the report, a hearing will be held in accordance with the provisions of § 4247(d) to determine the competency of the defendant and her ability to properly assist in her defense and to understand the nature and consequences of the proceedings against her. 18 U.S.C. § 4241(a).

7. The United States Marshal, or his authorized deputy, shall transport the defendant to and from the facility(ies) designated by the Bureau of Prisons.

8. Should the defendant be prescribed and taking medication at a Bureau of Prisons designated facility, the United States Marshals shall ensure that such medication is continued to be provided to the defendant, including while in transit and continuing while she is in custody awaiting her next court date.

9. The period of time from this point forward, until the issue of the defendant's competency is taken under advisement after receipt by the Court of the results of the psychiatric and/or psychological examinations of defendant and completion of any hearing on that issue, shall be excludable time for the purposes of the Speedy Trial Act; 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(1), as construed by the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


HONORABLE DONALD L. CASPI
Chief United States Magistrate Judge



Dated: 8/9/24 _____