

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS **EL PASO DIVISION**

IN THE MATTER OF COMPETENCY AND INSANITY **DETERMINATIONS**

ALL CRIMINAL CASES

STANDING ORDER REGARDING MAGISTRATE JUDGE AUTHORIZATION RELATING TO COMPETENCY AND INSANITY DETERMINATIONS

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Pursuant to Title 28 United States Code § 636(b)(3), a United States magistrate judge may be assigned such additional duties as are not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States. Accordingly, in all cases to be tried by the magistrate judge, in felony cases pending before the magistrate judge, and in those cases referred to the magistrate judge by a district judge, the magistrate judge is authorized to order examinations to determine mental competency and insanity under 18 U.S.C. §§ 4241 et seq. and to conduct all further proceedings thereunder.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

SIGNED ON THIS _____ DAY OF __

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DAVID BRIONES

Senior United States District Judge