

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

STATE OF FLORIDA,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.)
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NIKOLAS CRUZ,)
)
Defendant.)

CASE NO.: 18-1958CF10A

JUDGE: SCHERER

ORDER REGARDING POTENTIAL DEFENSE MENTAL HEALTH EXPERTS

THIS CAUSE comes before the Court upon discussion of Defendant’s potential mental health experts examining and testing Defendant at the jail. Having considered this matter, applicable law, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, this Court finds as follows:

During a discussion at the May 25, 2021 hearing in this matter regarding Defendant’s potential mental health experts traveling to, examining, and testing Defendant at the jail, this Court learned from the defense that these matters have been ongoing and will continue through the end of August. The State objected to the length of time this process is taking and the proposed continuation of the process through that date.

As with any case before it, this Court has a responsibility to dutifully and efficiently manage this case, including reasonably setting dates and deadlines regarding pending matters. In consideration of all circumstances, this Court now sets the deadline for Defendant to have mental health experts visit the jail to evaluate and test him, at **July 31, 2021**. This Court believes this deadline provides more than a reasonable amount of time for these specific tasks to be completed.

DONE AND ORDERED on this 26 day of May, 2021, in Chambers,
Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida.


ELIZABETH A. SCHERER
CIRCUIT JUDGE

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