

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TAMPA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

Case No. 8:17-cr-471-T-33SPF

GREGORY GADDIS

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ORDER

This matter is before the Court on consideration of the Report and Recommendation of Sean P. Flynn, United States Magistrate Judge (Doc. # 69), filed on April 19, 2019. Judge Flynn recommends the Court find that Defendant Gregory Gaddis is competent to stand trial. No objections have been filed, and the time for the submission of objections has expired.

Discussion

After conducting a careful and complete review of the findings and recommendations, a district judge may accept, reject or modify the magistrate judge's report and recommendation. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Williams v. Wainwright, 681 F.2d 732 (11th Cir. 1982). In the absence of specific objections, there is no requirement that a district judge review factual findings *de novo*, Garvey v. Vaughn, 993 F.2d 776, 779 n.9 (11th Cir. 1993), and the court may accept,

reject or modify, in whole or in part, the findings and recommendations. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C). The district judge reviews legal conclusions *de novo*, even in the absence of an objection. See Cooper-Houston v. S. Ry. Co., 37 F.3d 603, 604 (11th Cir. 1994); Castro Bobadilla v. Reno, 826 F. Supp. 1428, 1431-32 (S.D. Fla. 1993), aff'd, 28 F.3d 116 (11th Cir. 1994) (Table).


After conducting a careful and complete review of the findings, conclusions and recommendations, and giving *de novo* review to matters of law, the Court accepts the factual findings and legal conclusions of the Magistrate Judge and the recommendation of the Magistrate Judge.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED:

- (1) The Report and Recommendation (Doc. # 69) is **ACCEPTED** and **ADOPTED**.
- (2) The Court finds that Defendant Gregory Gaddis is competent to stand trial.

DONE and **ORDERED** in Chambers, in Tampa, Florida, this
6th day of May, 2019.


VIRGINIA M. HERNANDEZ COVINGTON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE