

request for expert

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Richmond Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
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v.)	CRIMINAL NO. 86-00039-01-R
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JOHN ROYAL.)	
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ORDER

This matter is before the Court on defendant's motion for an independent expert pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 3006A. So that the Court can knowledgeably rule on this motion, the Court DIRECTS defense counsel to provide the Court with copies of the documents in question by October 1, 1986. On these copies, defense counsel should indicate those sections that counsel believes are not in the defendant's handwriting. Without this information, the Court cannot determine whether the expert requested is necessary to the preparation and presentation of an adequate defense. 18 U.S.C. Section 3006A(e). United States v. Alden, 767 F. 2d 314, 318 (7th Cir. 1984)(finding that a district court need not authorize a fishing expedition but may instead first satisfy itself that defendant might have a plausible defense).

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Defense counsel is reminded that proceedings under 18 U.S.C. Section 3006A are ex parte, so he need not provide this information to the government.

Let the Clerk send a copy of this order to all counsel of record.

DATE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE