

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

ADRIAN COLLINS,

Defendant.

ORDER

13-cr-13-bbc

Defendant Adrian Collins is to be sentenced in this court on October 30, 2014. He has moved for approval of government funding of a hair follicle test and for a lie detector test to support his contention that his May 8, 2014 guilty plea was not made knowingly and voluntarily. The motion for funding will be denied.

Defendant merely asserts that the tests would be helpful. He does not explain how a test of his hair in October 2014 would show not only that he consumed heroin on a particular day six months ago, but also that he consumed it in sufficient quantities to render him incapable of understanding what he was doing when he entered his plea. As for the request for a lie detector test, defendant has given no reason for thinking that such a test would be sufficiently probative to be of any evidentiary value. As a general proposition, lie detector results are viewed with skepticism. "There is simply no consensus that polygraph evidence is reliable. To this day, the scientific community remains extremely polarized about

the reliability of polygraph techniques.” United States v. Scheffer, 523 U.S. 303, 309 (1998); see also United States v. Lea, 249 F.3d 632, 638 (7th Cir. 2001). Defendant has given no reason to think that a polygraph examination would produce reliable results in his particular circumstances.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that defendant Adrian Collins’s request for funding of a hair follicle test and a polygraph test is DENIED.

Entered this 21st day of October, 2014.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

BARBARA B. CRABB

District Judge