*Write at least a 300-word reflection Journal summarizing the two chapters, key terms, and on what you have learned from both chapters*

*-****Chapter 8: “Pretrial Motions, Hearings, and Plea Negotiations”***

***-Chapter 9: “Courtroom Evidence”***

***-Key Terms:***

***Hearsay:****A statement, other than one made by the declarant while testifying at the trial or hearing, offered in evidence to prove the truth of the matter asserted.*

***Impeachment:****The process of attacking the credibility of a witness.*

***Judicial notice:****When a relevant fact is so well known that to require that it be proved would be a waste of time. For example, a judge may take judicial notice that the 4th of July is a court holiday.*

***Severance of defendants:****The laws of most states hold that when two or more defendants are jointly charged with the same offense, they must be tried jointly unless the judge feels that in the best interests of justice separate trials should be granted.*

***Severance of offenses:****When there are two or more crimes consolidated into one trial, the defendant might make a motion to sever the offenses to be tried on the crimes separately. This motion is based upon the premise that being tried on several counts during the same trial is prejudicial to the defendant.*