

September, 2021

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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v.) Criminal No. XX-cr-XXXXX
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THIS IS THE TIME SET FOR THE CHANGE OF PLEA IN THE CASE OF
UNITED STATES v. _____

_____, _____, __:__ _M

AUSA: _____

DEFENSE COUNSEL: _____

CHANGE OF PLEA COLLOQUY

1. DEFENDANT, THE COURT IS INFORMED THAT YOU WISH TO PLEAD
GUILTY TO COUNT(S) ___ OF THE INDICTMENT IN THIS MATTER. IS THAT CORRECT?

MR. BABIK, PLEASE ADMINISTER THE OATH TO THE DEFENDANT.

2. BEFORE ACCEPTING YOUR GUILTY PLEA, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF
QUESTIONS I WILL ASK YOU TO ASSURE THAT IT IS A VALID PLEA. IF YOU DO NOT
HEAR OR UNDERSTAND ANY OF THE QUESTIONS, TELL ME, AND I WILL REPEAT OR
EXPLAIN THE QUESTION TO YOU; OR IF AT ANY TIME YOU WISH TO CONSULT WITH
YOUR ATTORNEY, PLEASE TELL ME IMMEDIATELY, AND I WILL PROVIDE YOU TIME

TO CONSULT WITH YOUR ATTORNEY IN A PRIVATE SETTING. I GIVE YOU THESE INSTRUCTIONS BECAUSE IT IS ESSENTIAL TO A VALID PLEA THAT YOU UNDERSTAND EACH QUESTION BEFORE YOU ANSWER.

3. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT HAVING PROMISED UNDER OATH TO TELL THE TRUTH, YOUR ANSWERS TO MY QUESTIONS ARE SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES FOR PERJURY OR FOR MAKING A FALSE STATEMENT IF YOU DO NOT ANSWER TRUTHFULLY?

4. PLEASE STATE YOUR FULL NAME FOR THE RECORD.

5. DEFENDANT, HOW OLD ARE YOU?

6. HOW FAR DID YOU GO IN SCHOOL?

7. HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR LAWYER WITHOUT ANY PROBLEM? DO YOU HAVE ANY DIFFICULTY IN SPEAKING, HEARING OR UNDERSTANDING THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE?

8. DEFENSE COUNSEL, HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR CLIENT WITHOUT ANY PROBLEM?

9. DEFENDANT, HAVE YOU TAKEN ANY PRESCRIBED OR NON-PRESCRIBED MEDICINE OR DRUGS OR CONSUMED ANY ALCOHOL IN THE PAST 24 HOURS?

10. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU RECENTLY BEEN, UNDER THE CARE OF A DOCTOR OR OTHER HEALTH CARE PERSON?

11. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU RECENTLY BEEN, UNDER THE CARE OF A PSYCHIATRIST, PSYCHOLOGIST, COUNSELOR OR THERAPIST?

12. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU RECENTLY BEEN, HOSPITALIZED OR TREATED FOR NARCOTIC OR DRUG ADDICTION OR ABUSE?

13. DEFENDANT, DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT IS HAPPENING HERE TODAY? ARE YOU HAVING ANY PROBLEMS THINKING CLEARLY?

14. AUSA, DO YOU HAVE ANY DOUBT AS TO THE DEFENDANT'S COMPETENCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE PROCEEDINGS OR TO PLEAD GUILTY IF (S)HE SO ELECTS?

15. DEFENSE COUNSEL, DO YOU HAVE ANY DOUBT AS TO THE DEFENDANT'S COMPETENCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE PROCEEDINGS OR TO PLEAD GUILTY IF (S)HE SO ELECTS?

(Judge): BASED ON THE ANSWERS PROVIDED BY DEFENDANT, HIS LAWYER, AND THE ATTORNEY FOR THE UNITED STATES, THE COURT FINDS THE DEFENDANT TO BE COMPETENT.

16. DEFENDANT, DO YOU HAVE A LAWYER HERE WITH YOU TODAY? THAT LAWYER IS DEFENSE COUNSEL, CORRECT?

17. HAVE YOU HAD ENOUGH OPPORTUNITY AND SUFFICIENT TIME TO DISCUSS YOUR CASE AND THIS PROCEEDING WITH YOUR LAWYER? HAS YOUR LAWYER ANSWERED ALL OF YOUR QUESTIONS TO YOUR SATISFACTION?

18. ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE JOB HE/SHE HAS DONE FOR YOU?

19. HAVE YOU BEEN FURNISHED WITH A COPY OF THE CHARGE AGAINST YOU, DEFENDANT? HAVE YOU DISCUSSED WITH YOUR LAWYER THE CHARGE IN COUNT(S) _____ OF THE INDICTMENT, WHICH IS/ARE THE CHARGE(S) TO WHICH YOU INTEND TO PLEAD GUILTY?

20. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE CHARGED WITH A FELONY/MISDEMEANOR, NAMELY _____.

21. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THIS CHARGE AND HAS IT BEEN EXPLAINED TO YOU BY YOUR LAWYER? HAS YOUR LAWYER ANSWERED ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE TO YOUR SATISFACTION?

21(A) (COLLOQUY ON CONSENT TO PROCEED BY VIDEO, AND FOR NECESSITY OF VIDEO, IF APPLICABLE.)

(Judge): THE COURT IS NOW READY TO CONSIDER YOUR STATED INTENT TO PLEAD GUILTY TO COUNT(S) ____ OF THE INDICTMENT.

22. DEFENDANT, DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT IF YOU WOULD PLEAD NOT GUILTY, YOU WOULD HAVE A RIGHT TO STICK WITH THAT NOT GUILTY PLEA, AND TO BE ASSISTED BY A LAWYER AT THE TRIAL AND IN ALL OTHER PHASES OF THE PROCESSING OF THIS CHARGE?

23. DO YOU ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT IF YOU QUALIFY FINANCIALLY, YOU ARE ENTITLED TO BE ASSISTED BY A LAWYER AT NO COST TO YOU AT ALL PHASES OF THE PROCESSING OF THE CHARGES AGAINST YOU?

24. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES, YOU ARE ENTITLED TO A SPEEDY TRIAL BY A JUDGE AND JURY ON THE CHARGES AGAINST YOU?

25. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT AT THE TRIAL, YOU WOULD BE PRESUMED TO BE INNOCENT? DO YOU ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT AT THE TRIAL, YOU WOULD NOT HAVE TO PROVE THAT YOU WERE INNOCENT; THE GOVERNMENT HAS TO PROVE YOUR GUILT BY COMPETENT EVIDENCE AND BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT BEFORE YOU COULD BE FOUND GUILTY?

26. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT AT THE TRIAL, THE JURY HAS TO BE UNANIMOUS IN ORDER TO FIND YOU GUILTY ON ANY CHARGE AGAINST YOU?

27. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE WITH YOUR LAWYER IN THE SELECTION OF THE JURY AND THAT YOU WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO STRIKE OR ELIMINATE ANY PROSPECTIVE JUROR IF IT WAS SHOWN THAT THAT JUROR WAS UNABLE TO RENDER A FAIR AND IMPARTIAL VERDICT? DO YOU ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT ON TOP OF THAT, YOU WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO STRIKE OR ELIMINATE TEN (10) PROSPECTIVE JURORS WITHOUT GIVING ANY REASON AT ALL?

28. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT IN THE COURSE OF THE TRIAL, THE WITNESSES FOR THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO COME IN TO COURT AND TESTIFY IN YOUR PRESENCE?

29. DO YOU ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT IN THE COURSE OF TRIAL, YOUR ATTORNEY COULD CROSS-EXAMINE (THAT MEANS QUESTION) THE WITNESSES FOR THE GOVERNMENT, OBJECT TO OR SEEK TO SUPPRESS OR EXCLUDE ANY EVIDENCE (INCLUDING STATEMENTS BY YOU OR OTHERS) OFFERED BY THE GOVERNMENT, OFFER WITNESSES AND EVIDENCE ON YOUR BEHALF AND REQUIRE THE ATTENDANCE OF WITNESSES BY ISSUING SUBPOENAS?

30. DEFENDANT, DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT IN THE COURSE OF THE TRIAL THAT IF YOU QUALIFY AS BEING FINANCIALLY UNABLE TO PAY WITNESS FEES TO WITNESSES YOU WISH TO CALL ON YOUR BEHALF, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD PAY THOSE WITNESS FEES?

31. DO YOU ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT AT A TRIAL, YOU WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO TESTIFY IF YOU CHOSE TO DO SO?

32. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT AT A TRIAL, YOU ALSO WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT NOT TO TESTIFY AND NO INFERENCE OR SUGGESTION OF GUILT COULD BE DRAWN FROM THE FACT THAT YOU DID NOT TESTIFY?

33. DEFENDANT, IF YOU PLEAD GUILTY AND THE COURT ACCEPTS YOUR PLEA, DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WILL WAIVE (THAT MEANS GIVE UP) YOUR RIGHT TO A TRIAL, AND ALL OF THE OTHER RIGHTS I HAVE JUST DISCUSSED, THERE WILL BE NO TRIAL, AND THE COURT WILL ENTER A JUDGMENT OF GUILT AND THEN SENTENCE YOU AT A LATER DATE ON THE BASIS OF YOUR GUILTY PLEA AFTER CONSIDERING A PRE-SENTENCE REPORT?

34. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT IF YOU PLEAD GUILTY YOU WILL ALSO HAVE TO WAIVE (THAT MEANS GIVE UP) YOUR RIGHT NOT TO INCRIMINATE YOURSELF, SINCE I MAY ASK YOU QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT YOU DID IN ORDER TO SATISFY THE COURT THAT YOU ARE GUILTY AS CHARGED AND YOU WILL HAVE TO ADMIT TO YOUR GUILT?

35. HAVING DISCUSSED ALL OF THESE RIGHTS WITH YOU, DO YOU STILL WANT TO PLEAD GUILTY?

36. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THE SENTENCING GUIDELINES SET FORTH BY THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION IN AND OF THEMSELVES WOULD ONLY BE ADVISORY TO THE COURT? THEREFORE, FOR GOOD REASON, THE COURT COULD SENTENCE YOU OUTSIDE OF THE RECOMMENDED GUIDELINE

RANGE BUT WITHIN THE APPLICABLE STATUTORY MINIMUM AND/OR MAXIMUM PENALTIES.

DO YOU ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THE COURT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DETERMINE THE ADVISORY GUIDELINES FOR YOUR CASE UNTIL AFTER THE PRE-SENTENCE REPORT HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND YOU AND THE GOVERNMENT HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHALLENGE THE FACTS REPORTED BY THE PROBATION OFFICER?

DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT UNDER THE SENTENCING REFORM ACT, PAROLE HAS BEEN ABOLISHED, AND THAT IF YOU ARE SENTENCED TO PRISON, YOU WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE?

DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT IF THE SENTENCE IMPOSED IS MORE SERIOUS OR SEVERE THAN YOU MIGHT HAVE EXPECTED, YOU WILL STILL BE BOUND BY YOUR PLEA AND WILL HAVE NO RIGHT TO WITHDRAW IT ON THAT BASIS?

DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT IN DETERMINING YOUR SENTENCE, THE COURT WILL BE OBLIGATED TO CALCULATE THE APPLICABLE SENTENCING GUIDELINE RANGE AND TO CONSIDER THAT RANGE, POSSIBLE DEPARTURES FROM IT UNDER THE SENTENCING GUIDELINES, AND ALL OF THE OTHER SENTENCING FACTORS UNDER TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 3553(a)?

AT THIS TIME, THE COURT WILL ADVISE YOU CONCERNING THE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SENTENCES PROVIDED BY LAW.

37. A. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THE MINIMUM/MAXIMUM SENTENCE TO COUNT(S) __ IS _____?

B. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT IF THIS WOULD BE A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT FELONY/MISDEMEANOR _____ CONVICTION THAT IS FINAL, WHETHER TO A FEDERAL, STATE OR FOREIGN CHARGE, THE MINIMUM/MAXIMUM TERM OF IMPRISONMENT WOULD THEN BE _____ YEARS, THE MINIMUM/MAXIMUM FINE \$_____, AND THE MINIMUM/MAXIMUM TERM OF SUPERVISED RELEASE WOULD BE _____ YEARS?

C. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT IF THIS COURT WERE TO SENTENCE YOU TO ANY TERM OF IMPRISONMENT, THE COURT MAY ALSO IMPOSE A TERM OF SUPERVISED RELEASE OF NOT MORE THAN AT LEAST ____ YEARS?

D. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT IF YOU WERE TO VIOLATE THE TERMS OF THE SUPERVISED RELEASE, THE COURT COULD REVOKE THE SUPERVISED RELEASE, YOU COULD BE SENT BACK TO PRISON, AND NO CREDIT WOULD BE GIVEN FOR THE TIME YOU PREVIOUSLY HAD SERVED ON THE TERM OF SUPERVISED RELEASE?

E. IT IS THE COURT'S UNDERSTANDING THAT FORFEITURE IS/IS NOT AN ISSUE IN THIS CASE. IS THAT CORRECT?

F. IT IS THE COURT'S UNDERSTANDING THAT RESTITUTION IS/IS NOT AN ISSUE IN THIS CASE. IS THAT CORRECT?

G. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THE SENTENCE IMPOSED WILL INCLUDE A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF \$100.00/\$25.00 PER COUNT OF CONVICTION PURSUANT TO TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 3013?

38. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THE OFFENSE(S) TO WHICH YOU ARE PLEADING GUILTY IS/ARE A FELONY OFFENSE(S); THAT IF YOUR PLEA IS ACCEPTED, YOU WILL BE JUDGED GUILTY OF THE OFFENSE; AND THAT SUCH JUDGMENT MAY

DEPRIVE YOU OF VALUABLE RIGHTS, SUCH AS THE RIGHT TO VOTE, THE RIGHT TO CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, THE RIGHT TO HOLD PUBLIC OFFICE, THE RIGHT TO SERVE ON A JURY, THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE CERTAIN GOVERNMENT BENEFITS, AND THE RIGHT TO POSSESS ANY KIND OF FIREARM OR AMMUNITION? ARE YOU A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES? WHERE WERE YOU BORN? YOU MUST UNDERSTAND THAT IF YOU WERE NOT A CITIZEN, YOUR GUILTY PLEA COULD NEGATIVELY AFFECT YOUR IMMIGRATION STATUS, OR LEAD TO ITS REVOCATION, COULD RESULT IN A DENIAL OF CITIZENSHIP, AND/OR DEPORTATION, REMOVAL OR EXCLUSION FROM THE UNITED STATES?

39. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR GUILTY PLEA MIGHT HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON ANY PROBATION OR PAROLE THAT YOU MAY NOW BE SERVING?

40. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THIS COURT MAY OR MAY NOT APPROVE ANY PLEA AGREEMENT WHICH YOU MIGHT ENTER INTO AND THAT YOU HAVE A DUTY TO DISCLOSE ANY SUCH AGREEMENT. IF YOU DO NOT DISCLOSE THE AGREEMENT NOW, YOU MAY NOT LATER ASSERT THE EXISTENCE OF ANY PLEA NEGOTIATION OR AGREEMENT. IS THERE A PLEA AGREEMENT IN THIS CASE?

(IF NO, PROCEED TO NO. 42B)

41. THE COURT HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THERE HAS BEEN A PLEA AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR LAWYER AND THE LAWYER FOR THE UNITED STATES. IS THAT CORRECT?

(If yes): DEFENSE ATTORNEY, PLEASE SHOW THE DEFENDANT A COPY OF THE PLEA AGREEMENT LETTER.

- DEFENDANT, HAVE YOU SEEN THIS LETTER BEFORE?
- HAVE YOU READ IT YOURSELF IN ITS ENTIRETY?
- HAS YOUR LAWYER REVIEWED IT WITH YOU?
- DID YOU SIGN THE LAST PAGE OF THAT LETTER?
- AND, BY SIGNING THAT, DID YOU AGREE TO ALL OF THE TERMS SET FORTH IN THAT LETTER?
- AUSA, BEFORE WE GO TO SIDEBAR, PLEASE REVIEW THE ESSENTIAL TERMS OF THE PLEA AGREEMENT FOR THE COURT AND FOR THE DEFENDANT.

DEFENSE COUNSEL, DO YOU AGREE THAT THE ESSENTIAL TERMS OF THE PLEA AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN CORRECTLY STATED?

DEFENDANT, HAVE YOU HEARD THE TERMS OF THE PLEA AGREEMENT AS REVIEWED FOR YOU BY AUSA?

DEFENDANT, HAS THE ATTORNEY FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CORRECTLY STATED THE PLEA AGREEMENT AS YOU UNDERSTAND IT?

DEFENDANT, DOES THE PLEA AGREEMENT SET FORTH YOUR ENTIRE UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THE CHARGE PENDING AGAINST YOU?

DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER AGREEMENT OR UNDERSTANDING WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THE CHARGE PENDING AGAINST YOU THAT IS NOT SET FORTH IN THE PLEA AGREEMENT?

[IF APPLICABLE: DEFENDANT, DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT ORDINARILY YOU OR THE GOVERNMENT MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPEAL ANY SENTENCE THE

COURT IMPOSES; HOWEVER, THE COURT NOTES THAT IN THE PROVISIONS OF THE PLEA AGREEMENT, YOU AND THE GOVERNMENT AGREED THAT YOU WOULD WAIVE, THAT IS, GIVE UP, YOUR RIGHT TO TAKE A DIRECT APPEAL FROM YOUR GUILTY PLEA, CONVICTION OR SENTENCE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

(1) IF THE UNITED STATES APPEALS FROM THE SENTENCE, YOU MAY TAKE A DIRECT APPEAL FROM THE SENTENCE. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?

(2) YOU MAY ALSO TAKE A DIRECT APPEAL FROM THE SENTENCE ONLY ON THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS:

(A) THE SENTENCE EXCEEDS THE APPLICABLE STATUTORY LIMITS SET FORTH IN FEDERAL LAW, OR

(B) THE SENTENCE IMPOSED UNREASONABLY EXCEEDS THE GUIDELINE RANGE DETERMINED BY THE COURT UNDER THE SENTENCING GUIDELINES. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?

TO REPEAT, BY THESE PROVISIONS OF THE PLEA AGREEMENT, YOU ARE GIVING UP THE RIGHT TO APPEAL BOTH THE VALIDITY OF YOUR PLEA OF GUILTY AND CONVICTION AND EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY SET FORTH IN THE PLEA AGREEMENT, YOUR SENTENCE. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?]

42A. FEDERAL RULE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE 11 PROVIDES IN RELEVANT PART THAT WHEN A PLEA AGREEMENT STATES THAT AN ATTORNEY FOR THE GOVERNMENT WILL MOVE TO DISMISS CERTAIN CHARGES, OR WILL AGREE THAT A SPECIFIC SENTENCE OR SENTENCING RANGE IS THE APPROPRIATE OUTCOME OF THE CASE, OR THAT A PARTICULAR PART OF THE SENTENCING GUIDELINES, OR

POLICY STATEMENTS, OR SENTENCING FACTORS DO OR DO NOT APPLY, THE COURT MAY ACCEPT THE PLEA AGREEMENT, REJECT IT, OR DEFER A DECISION UNTIL THE COURT HAS REVIEWED THE PRE-SENTENCE REPORT.

42B. I WILL REFER THIS MATTER TO THE PROBATION OFFICE FOR THE PREPARATION OF A PRE-SENTENCE INVESTIGATION REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION. YOU WILL BE INTERVIEWED BY THE PROBATION OFFICE AND THE COURT WILL REVIEW THE REPORT IN ORDER TO DETERMINE AN APPROPRIATE SENTENCE IN YOUR CASE. ARE YOU WILLING TO BE INTERVIEWED BY THE PROBATION OFFICE AND HAVE ME REVIEW THAT REPORT PRIOR TO DETERMINING YOUR SENTENCE?

[ONLY IF PLEA AGREEMENT. THE COURT WILL DEFER ITS DECISION ON ACCEPTANCE OF THE PLEA AGREEMENT UNTIL IT HAS REVIEWED THE PRE-SENTENCE REPORT AND ADDENDUM THERETO THAT WILL BE PREPARED BY THE PROBATION OFFICER.

DEFENDANT, DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT AFTER REVIEWING THE PRE-SENTENCE INVESTIGATION REPORT AND ANY ADDENDUM THERETO, THIS COURT MAY ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLEA AGREEMENT IN THIS CASE?

DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT IF THIS COURT, AFTER REVIEWING THE PRE-SENTENCE INVESTIGATION REPORT AND ADDENDUM WERE TO REJECT THE PLEA AGREEMENT, THIS COURT WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW THE PLEA AGREEMENT AND YOU WILL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO WITHDRAW YOUR PLEA AND PROCEED TO A TRIAL ON THE CHARGE CONTAINED IN THE INDICTMENT AT CRIMINAL NO. _____?

DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT IF THIS COURT REJECTS THE PLEA AGREEMENT AND YOU STICK WITH YOUR GUILTY PLEA, THE COURT MAY DISPOSE OF THIS CASE IN A MANNER LESS FAVORABLE TO YOU THAN THE TERMS SET FORTH IN THE PLEA AGREEMENT?]

42C. YOU MUST UNDERSTAND THAT ANY RECOMMENDATION OF SENTENCE WHICH MAY BE MADE OR AGREED TO BY YOUR LAWYER AND/OR MADE BY THE PROSECUTION, OR ANY AGREEMENT NOT TO OPPOSE YOUR LAWYER'S REQUESTED SENTENCE IS NOT BINDING ON THE COURT AND THAT YOU COULD, ON THE BASIS OF YOUR GUILTY PLEA, RECEIVE UP TO THE MAXIMUM SENTENCE PERMITTED BY LAW?

DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT IF I DON'T IMPOSE A SENTENCE RECOMMENDED BY THE PROSECUTOR OR RECOMMENDED BY YOUR LAWYER AND IMPOSE A MORE SERIOUS OR SEVERE SENTENCE, YOU WILL NOT, ON THAT BASIS, BE ENTITLED TO WITHDRAW YOUR GUILTY PLEA?

42D. THE ATTORNEY FOR THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOW PROVIDE THE PLEA AGREEMENT TO MY DEPUTY. [COLLOQUY REGARDING SIGNATURES]

43. AUSA, [OTHER THAN THE PLEA AGREEMENT THAT HAS BEEN PRESENTED HERE TODAY,] DID THE GOVERNMENT TENDER TO COUNSEL FOR THE DEFENDANT ANY [OTHER] FORMAL PLEA AGREEMENT OFFER?

44. DEFENSE COUNSEL, DID YOU RECEIVE ANY FORMAL PLEA AGREEMENT OFFER FROM THE GOVERNMENT THAT YOU DID NOT COMMUNICATE TO THE DEFENDANT?

45. HAS ANYONE MADE A THREAT TO YOU OR ANYONE ELSE THAT HAS FORCED YOU TO WAIVE OR GIVE UP ANY OF THE RIGHTS WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT TODAY?

46. HAS ANYONE MADE ANY PROMISE TO YOU OTHER THAN THE PROMISES MADE IN THE PLEA AGREEMENT THAT HAS CAUSED YOU TO WAIVE OR GIVE UP ANY OF THE RIGHTS WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT TODAY?

47. DEFENDANT, HAS ANYONE MADE A THREAT TO YOU OR TO ANYONE ELSE THAT IS CAUSING YOU TO PLEAD GUILTY?

IF YES, WHAT WAS THE THREAT AND WHO MADE IT?

48. DEFENDANT, HAS ANYONE MADE ANY PROMISE (OTHER THAN THOSE IN THE PLEA AGREEMENT) THAT IS CAUSING YOU TO PLEAD GUILTY?

(If yes): WHAT WAS THAT PROMISE AND WHO MADE IT?

49. HAS ANYONE MADE ANY PREDICTION OR PROMISE TO YOU AS TO WHAT YOUR ACTUAL SENTENCE WILL BE OTHER THAN WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN TOLD ABOUT THE MINIMUM OR MAXIMUM POSSIBLE SENTENCE?

(IF YES): WHAT WAS IT AND WHO MADE IT?

50. HAS ANYTHING I HAVE SAID HERE TODAY, OTHER THAN WHAT I HAVE TOLD YOU ABOUT THE MINIMUM OR MAXIMUM SENTENCE, SUGGESTED TO YOU WHAT YOUR ACTUAL SENTENCE WILL BE?

51. HAVE YOU BEEN INSTRUCTED BY YOUR LAWYER, THE LAWYER FOR THE GOVERNMENT, OR ANYONE ELSE TO RESPOND UNTRUTHFULLY TO ANY QUESTION I HAVE ASKED YOU?

HAVE YOU, IN FACT, ANSWERED TRUTHFULLY TO ALL OF THE QUESTIONS I HAVE ASKED YOU TODAY?

DEFENDANT, DO YOU HAVE ANY PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL OR MENTAL ILLNESS OR CONDITION WHICH YOU THINK COULD OR MIGHT AFFECT YOUR ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND ANYTHING THAT WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT TODAY? HAVE YOU UNDERSTOOD EVERYTHING WE'VE TALKED ABOUT TODAY?

52. AUSA, WHAT IN SUMMARY WOULD BE THE GOVERNMENT'S EVIDENCE AS TO THIS CHARGE, AND THE ELEMENTS OF THE OFFENSE CHARGED WHICH THE GOVERNMENT MUST PROVE AT TRIAL?

DEFENDANT, IN A MOMENT, I INTEND TO ASK YOU WHETHER YOU AGREE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S SUMMARY OF WHAT YOU DID. BUT BEFORE I ASK YOU, I MUST ADVISE YOU THAT YOUR ANSWERS MAY LATER BE USED AGAINST YOU IN A PROSECUTION FOR PERJURY OR MAKING A FALSE STATEMENT IF YOU DO NOT ANSWER TRUTHFULLY.

53. DEFENDANT, DO YOU AGREE WITH THE PROSECUTION'S SUMMARY OF WHAT YOU DID?

(If no): WITH WHAT DO YOU DISAGREE?

54. ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS YOU WISH TO MAKE?

55. DO YOU STILL WISH TO PLEAD GUILTY TO _____? IS THAT BECAUSE YOU ARE GUILTY OF _____?

56. DEFENSE COUNSEL, IS THIS CONSISTENT WITH YOUR ADVICE?

57. MR. /MS. [DEFENDANT], ARE YOU SATISFIED IN ALL RESPECTS WITH THE ADVICE AND REPRESENTATION OF WHICH YOUR LAWYER, DEFENSE COUNSEL, HAS PROVIDED TO YOU?

58. DEFENDANT, DID YOU _____
_____, AS SET FORTH IN COUNT(S) ___ OF THE INDICTMENT FILED AT CRIMINAL NO. _____, WHICH I SUMMARIZED FOR YOU A FEW MINUTES AGO? HOW DO YOU PLEAD TO THAT CHARGE?

THE COURT FINDS THAT THE DEFENDANT IS COMPETENT, THAT HE/SHE KNOWS AND UNDERSTANDS HIS/HER RIGHTS TO A JURY TRIAL AND WHAT IT MEANS TO GIVE UP THOSE RIGHTS, THAT HE/SHE KNOWS WHAT THE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM PENALTIES ARE, THAT SHE/HE UNDERSTANDS THE PROVISIONS OF HER/HIS PLEA AGREEMENT AND HAS AGREED TO THEM, THAT THERE IS A FACTUAL BASIS FOR THE PLEA, AND THAT HE/SHE IS ENTERING IT KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY. THE COURT THEREFORE ACCEPTS THE DEFENDANT'S GUILTY PLEA TO _____ AND HEREBY ADJUDGES [FULL NAME OF DEFENDANT] GUILTY OF THE CRIME SET FORTH IN COUNT ___ OF THE REFERENCED CRIMINAL INDICTMENT.

DEFENDANT, SINCE YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU ARE IN FACT GUILTY AS CHARGED IN COUNT(S) ___ OF THE INDICTMENT, SINCE YOU KNOW YOUR RIGHT TO A TRIAL, SINCE YOU KNOW WHAT THE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM POSSIBLE PENALTIES ARE, AND SINCE YOU ARE VOLUNTARILY PLEADING GUILTY, THE COURT ACCEPTS YOUR GUILTY PLEA AND ENTERS A JUDGMENT OF GUILTY ON YOUR PLEA.

(HAVE THE DEFENDANT AND DEFENSE COUNSEL SIGN THE CHANGE OF PLEA DOCUMENT AND INTERROGATE ON SIGNATURES.)

THE COURT ORDERS A PRE-SENTENCE INVESTIGATION REPORT TO BE PREPARED BY THE UNITED STATES OFFICE OF PROBATION AND PRETRIAL SERVICES. DEFENDANT, THAT REPORT WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT TO THE COURT IN ITS DECISION AS TO WHAT YOUR SENTENCE WILL BE. PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, YOU AND YOUR ATTORNEY WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE THE REPORT, AND YOU WILL HAVE THE RIGHT AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT INFORMATION TO THE COURT CONCERNING ANY MATTERS IN THE REPORT WHICH YOU DISPUTE. THE UNITED STATES WILL BE AFFORDED THAT SAME OPPORTUNITY.

THE COURT IS CONFIDENT THAT COUNSEL ARE AWARE OF THE PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN THE RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CONCERNING THE METHOD OF THE RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES CONCERNING FACTORS RELEVANT TO THE SENTENCING, AND THAT COUNSEL WILL FULLY COMPLY WITH THESE PROVISIONS.

SENTENCING IS SET FOR _____ AT __:___.M.

DEFENSE COUNSEL, IS THERE ANY OTHER MATTER YOU OR DEFENDANT WISH TO BRING TO MY ATTENTION?

AUSA, IS THERE ANY OTHER MATTER YOU WISH TO BRING TO MY ATTENTION?

[REVIEW CUSTODY AND BOND STATUS AND TERMS]

THESE PROCEEDINGS ARE ADJOURNED.