UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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The defendant represents to the Court:

1. My full true name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I am \_\_\_\_\_ years of age. I have gone to school up to and including \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. My most recent occupation has been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I request that all proceedings against me be in my true name.
2. I am represented by a lawyer. His/her/their name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. I received and read a copy of the indictment/information. If applicable: An interpreter who speaks \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ read it to me in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and I have discussed it with my lawyer.

I fully understand every charge made against me. I understand these charges to be as follows: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. I have told my lawyer all the facts and circumstances known to me about the charges made against me in the indictment/information. I believe that my lawyer is fully informed on all such matters.
2. I know that the Court must be satisfied that there is a factual basis for a plea of “GUILTY” before my plea can be accepted. I represent to the Court that I took the following actions in connection with the charges made against me in Count[s] \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and that these facts are true and correct:

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1. My lawyer has counseled and advised me on the nature of each charge, all lesser included charges, all penalties and consequences of each charge, all possible defenses that I may have in this case and constitutional rights I am waiving.
2. I understand that my constitutional rights are as follows:
3. the right to plead not guilty or, having already so pleaded, to persist in that plea;
4. the right to a jury trial;
5. the right to be represented by counsel—and if necessary, have the Court appoint counsel—at trial and at every other stage of the proceeding; and
6. the right at trial to confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses, to testify and present evidence, to compel the attendance of witnesses, to be protected from compelled self-incrimination, and to remain silent, such that if I do not take the witness stand, no inference of guilt may be drawn from such failure and the jury must be so advised.
7. I know that I may plead “NOT GUILTY” to any offense charged against me and exercise all my rights as listed above.
8. I know that if I plead “GUILTY,” I am giving up all the trial rights enumerated in paragraph 7 and that there will be no trial either before a court or jury.

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1. I know that if I plead “GUILTY,” the result of my plea is more than just an admission or confession of guilt. I understand that it will result in my conviction, and the Court may impose the same punishment as if I had pleaded “NOT GUILTY,” stood trial and been convicted by a jury.
2. My lawyer has informed me that the maximum and minimum, if any, punishments which the law provides for the offense charged in Count(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are as follows: (For multiple counts, include the following information for each count)
3. Maximum prison sentence: \_\_\_\_\_\_ years
4. Mandatory minimum prison sentence (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_\_ years
5. Maximum supervised release term: \_\_\_\_\_\_ years
6. Minimum supervised release term (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_\_ years
7. Mandatory special assessment: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. Restitution: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
9. Maximum fine equal to the greater of the following:

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| (1) $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | (generally $250,000 for a felony, $100,000 for a Class A misdemeanor, or $5,000 for a Class B misdemeanor or lower; see 18 U.S.C. § 3571(b)); or |
| (2) $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | (twice the gross pecuniary gain I derived from the offense; see 18 U.S.C. § 3571(d)); or |
| (3) $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | (twice the gross pecuniary loss caused by the offense to another person or persons; see 18 U.S.C. § 3571(d)). |

*If applicable*: I understand that, because I am pleading guilty to more than one count, the Court may order the sentences on those counts to run consecutively.

I understand that if I violate any condition of supervised release, the release may be revoked, and I may be sentenced to all or part of the term of supervised release imposed in addition to any other term of imprisonment which I have received. I understand that if I violate any term of probation, the probation may be revoked, and I may be sentenced up to the maximum statutory term of imprisonment for the offense.

I understand that I may be assessed the costs of confinement and/or supervision. I understand I may be ordered to pay restitution in an amount determined by the Court.

1. I know that the sentence I will receive will be decided solely by the Judge. I understand that the Judge will make no decision regarding my sentence until the Judge has read and considered the pre-sentence investigation report prepared and submitted to the Court by the Probation Department. I also understand that the Court and counsel cannot promise me now what sentence will be imposed. I understand that in deciding what sentence it will impose, the Court will calculate my sentencing range under the Sentencing Guidelines. I understand that while the Court is not bound to apply the Guidelines, it must take them into consideration when sentencing me, together with the factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a).
2. I understand that under provisions of certain criminal statutes, certain property of mine may be forfeited to the United States. I have been advised by my lawyer whether, and to what extent, my property may be subject to forfeiture.
3. If I am on probation, supervised release or parole in this or any other Court, I know that by pleading guilty here, my probation, release or parole may be revoked, and I may be required to serve time in that case, which may be consecutive (that is, in addition to) any sentence imposed upon me in this case.
4. I declare that no officer or agent of any branch of government (federal, state or local) has promised or suggested that I will receive a lighter sentence, or probation, or any other form of leniency, nor have any other promises been made if I plead “GUILTY” except as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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If anyone else made such a promise or suggestion, except as noted in the previous sentence, I know that it was entirely without authority or effect.

1. I believe that my lawyer has done all that a lawyer could do to counsel and assist me, and I am satisfied with the advice and help he/she/they has given me.
2. I know that the Court will not permit anyone to plead “GUILTY” who maintains he/she/they is innocent and, with that in mind and because I am “GUILTY,” I respectfully request the Court to accept my plea of “GUILTY” and to have the clerk enter my plea of “GUILTY” as follows:

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1. My mind is clear. I am not under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and I am not under a doctor’s care. The only drugs, medicines, or pills that I have taken within the past seven days are:

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(*If none, so state*.)

1. I confirm that my decision to plead guilty is made voluntarily, and no one coerced or threatened me to enter into this Agreement. I offer my plea of “GUILTY” freely and voluntarily and of my own accord, and with full understanding of all the matters set forth in the indictment/information, in this application, and in the certificate of my lawyer which is attached to this application. In offering my plea of “GUILTY,” I freely and voluntarily waive (that is, give up) the constitutional rights guaranteed to me as stated in paragraph 7 above.
2. I waive the reading of the indictment/information in open court, and I request the Court to enter my plea of “GUILTY” as set forth in Paragraph 17 of this application.
3. I understand that the Court will address me personally in open court to determine the voluntariness of my guilty plea and to establish a factual basis for it. I understand that the Court may place me under oath, and that the government may use any false statements that I make under oath against me in a prosecution for perjury or false statement (which is a felony).
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I am proficient enough in English to read the above and have read and fully understand it.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I am not proficient enough in English. I speak and understand \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which is my native language. The above was read to me in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I fully understand it. Signed by me in open court in the presence of my attorney this\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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| Defendant |

**CERTIFICATE OF COUNSEL**

I have fully explained to my client the charges in the indictment/information in the case, the defenses he/she may have to the charges, all of the information set forth in this application, and all the rights that a criminal defendant has. In my opinion, my client understands the charges, the defenses, the information in this application, and the rights he or she is giving up by pleading guilty, and, based on the information now known to me, his/her decision to plead guilty is knowing and voluntary Signed by me in open court in the presence of the above-named defendant after a full discussion of the contents of this certificate with the defendant this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_ .

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| Attorney for the Defendant |

**INTERPRETER CERTIFICATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, hereby certify that I am a certified \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ language interpreter and that I accurately translated this plea agreement to the defendant, he/she/they told me that he/she/they understood it, and I am satisfied that his/her/their answer is true and correct.

Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**ORDER**

I find that:

1. The defendant enters this plea of guilty freely and voluntarily and not out of ignorance, inadvertence, fear or coercion.
2. The defendant understands and knowingly, freely and voluntarily waives his/her constitutional rights.
3. The defendant freely and voluntarily executed the attached Application and fully understands its contents.
4. The defendant has admitted the essential elements of the crime charged. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the defendant’s plea of “GUILTY” entered in open court be accepted and entered as requested in this Application and as recommended in the certificate signed by the defendant’s lawyer.

Done in open court this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

**TRINA L. THOMPSON**

United States District Judge