

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL, : No. 2451 Disciplinary Docket No. 3
: :
Petitioner : No. 27 DB 2018
: :
v. : Attorney Registration No. 68750
: :
CLYDE KEVIN MIDDLETON, : (Columbia County)
: :
Respondent :

ORDER

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 9th day of August, 2018, upon consideration of the Verified Statement of Resignation, Clyde Kevin Middleton is disbarred on consent from the Bar of this Commonwealth, see Pa.R.D.E. 215, and he shall comply with the provisions of Pa.R.D.E. 217. Respondent shall pay costs to the Disciplinary Board pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 208(g).

A True Copy Patricia Nicola
As Of 08/09/2018

Attest: 
Chief Clerk
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF
THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL,	:	
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v.	:	No. 27 DB 2018
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CLYDE KEVIN MIDDLETON,	:	Atty. Registration No. 68750
	:	
Respondent	:	(Columbia County)

RESIGNATION
UNDER Pa.R.D.E. 215

CLYDE KEVIN MIDDLETON hereby tenders his unconditional resignation from the practice of law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in conformity with Pa.R.D.E. 215 ("Enforcement Rules") and further states as follows:


1. He is an attorney admitted in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, having been admitted to the bar on or about November 18, 1993. His attorney registration number is 68750. By Order dated April 3, 2018, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court temporarily suspended his license pending further criminal proceedings.

2. He desires to submit his resignation as a member of said bar.

3. His resignation is freely and voluntarily rendered; he is not being subjected to coercion or duress and he is fully aware of the implications of submitting this resignation.

4. He acknowledges that he is fully aware of his right to consult and employ counsel to represent him in the instant

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proceeding. He has not retained, ~~consulted with and acted upon the~~ 
~~advice of~~ counsel in connection with his decision to execute the
within resignation.

5. He is aware that disciplinary proceedings have been instituted against him pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 214 as a result of his guilty plea to 18 U.S.C. § 371- Conspiracy to Introduce and Deliver Misbranded Drugs. See United States v. Clyde Kevin Middleton, Case 4:13-cr-00222-MWB, United States District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania.

6. He acknowledges that the material facts upon which the disciplinary proceedings are predicated, which are set forth in the Plea Agreement [Docket No. 432] and the Judgment [Docket No. 468], attached hereto as Exhibit "A," are true.

7. He submits the within resignation because he knows that he could not successfully defend himself against the charges of professional misconduct relating to his criminal conviction set forth in the attached exhibit.

8. He is fully aware that the submission of this Resignation Statement is irrevocable and that he can only apply for reinstatement to the practice of law pursuant to the provisions of Enforcement Rule 218(b) and (c).

9. He is aware that pursuant to Enforcement Rule 215(c) the fact that he has tendered his resignation shall become a matter of public record immediately upon delivery of the resignation

statement to Disciplinary Counsel or the Secretary of the Board.

10. Upon entry of the order disbarring him on consent, he will promptly comply with the notice, withdrawal, resignation, trust account, and cease-and-desist provisions of Enforcement Rule 217 (a), (b), (c) and (d).

11. After entry of the order disbarring him on consent, he will file a verified statement of compliance as required by Enforcement Rule 217(e) (1).

12. He is aware that the waiting period for eligibility to apply for reinstatement to the practice of law under Enforcement Rule 218(b) shall not begin until he files the verified statement of compliance required by Enforcement Rule 217(e) (1), and if the order of disbarment contains a provision that makes the disbarment retroactive to an earlier date, then the waiting period will be deemed to have begun on that earlier date.

It is understood that the statements made herein are subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S.A, Section 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Signed this 16TH day of JULY, 2018.


CLYDE KEVIN MIDDLETON

WITNESS:


Zahar Skach

VERIFICATION

The statements contained in the foregoing Resignation Statement under Rule 215, Pa.R.D.E. are true and correct to the best of my knowledge or information and belief and are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities

6-20-18
Date

Marie C. Dooley /kc
Marie C. Dooley
Disciplinary Counsel
Attorney Reg. No. 203681

7/16/2018
Date

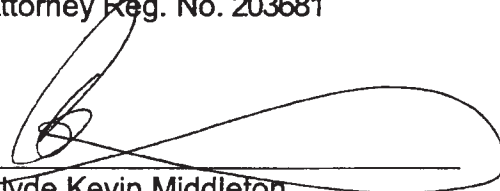

Clyde Kevin Middleton
Respondent
Attorney Registration No. 68750

EXHIBIT A

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Middle District of Pennsylvania

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
v.
CLYDE KEVIN MIDDLETON

JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE

Case Number: 4:13-CR-00222-09

USM Number: 72507-067

G. Scott Gardner, Esquire

Defendant's Attorney

THE DEFENDANT:

- [X] pleaded guilty to count(s) Six of the Indictment
[] pleaded nolo contendere to count(s) which was accepted by the court.
[] was found guilty on count(s) after a plea of not guilty.

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses:

Table with 4 columns: Title & Section, Nature of Offense, Offense Ended, Count. Row 1: 18 U.S.C. § 371, Conspiracy to Introduce and Deliver Misbranded Drugs, 10/31/2013, 6

The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 8 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

- [] The defendant has been found not guilty on count(s)
[X] Count(s) 1, 2, 7 and 8 [] is [X] are dismissed on the motion of the United States.

It is ordered that the defendant must notify the United States attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant must notify the court and United States attorney of material changes in economic circumstances.

3/12/2018
Date of Imposition of Judgment
Matthew W. Brann
Signature of Judge

Matthew W. Brann, United States District Judge
Name and Title of Judge

3/12/2018
Date

DEFENDANT: CLYDE KEVIN MIDDLETON
CASE NUMBER: 4:13-CR-00222-09

IMPRISONMENT

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of:

Eighteen (18) months.

The court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:

The Court recommends that the BOP place the Defendant at USP Canaan Satellite Camp.

The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.

The defendant shall surrender to the United States Marshal for this district:

at _____ a.m. p.m. on _____.

as notified by the United States Marshal.

The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons:

before 2 p.m. on 4/11/2018.

as notified by the United States Marshal.

as notified by the Probation or Pretrial Services Office.

RETURN

I have executed this judgment as follows:

Defendant delivered on _____ to _____
at _____, with a certified copy of this judgment.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL

By _____
DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL

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ADDITIONAL IMPRISONMENT TERMS

1) During the term of imprisonment, the fine is payable every three (3) months in an amount, after a telephone allowance, equal to 50 percent of the funds deposited into the defendant's inmate trust fund account.

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STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

As part of your supervised release, you must comply with the following standard conditions of supervision. These conditions are imposed because they establish the basic expectations for your behavior while on supervision and identify the minimum tools needed by probation officers to keep informed, report to the court about, and bring about improvements in your conduct and condition.

1. You must report to the probation office in the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside within 72 hours of your release from imprisonment, unless the probation officer instructs you to report to a different probation office or within a different time frame.
2. After initially reporting to the probation office, you will receive instructions from the court or the probation officer about how and when you must report to the probation officer, and you must report to the probation officer as instructed.
3. You must not knowingly leave the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside without first getting permission from the court or the probation officer.
4. You must answer truthfully the questions asked by your probation officer.
5. You must live at a place approved by the probation officer. If you plan to change where you live or anything about your living arrangements (such as the people you live with), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
6. You must allow the probation officer to visit you at any time at your home or elsewhere, and you must permit the probation officer to take any items prohibited by the conditions of your supervision that he or she observes in plain view.
7. You must work full time (at least 30 hours per week) at a lawful type of employment, unless the probation officer excuses you from doing so. If you do not have full-time employment you must try to find full-time employment, unless the probation officer excuses you from doing so. If you plan to change where you work or anything about your work (such as your position or your job responsibilities), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer at least 10 days in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
8. You must not communicate or interact with someone you know is engaged in criminal activity. If you know someone has been convicted of a felony, you must not knowingly communicate or interact with that person without first getting the permission of the probation officer.
9. If you are arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours.
10. You must not own, possess, or have access to a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or dangerous weapon (i.e., anything that was designed, or was modified for, the specific purpose of causing bodily injury or death to another person such as nunchakus or tasers).
11. You must not act or make any agreement with a law enforcement agency to act as a confidential human source or informant without first getting the permission of the court.
12. If the probation officer determines that you pose a risk to another person (including an organization), the probation officer may require you to notify the person about the risk and you must comply with that instruction. The probation officer may contact the person and confirm that you have notified the person about the risk.
13. You must follow the instructions of the probation officer related to the conditions of supervision.
14. You must notify the court of any material change in your economic circumstances that might affect your ability to pay restitution, fines, or special assessments.

U.S. Probation Office Use Only

A U.S. probation officer has instructed me on the conditions specified by the court and has provided me with a written copy of this judgment containing these conditions. For further information regarding these conditions, see *Overview of Probation and Supervised Release Conditions*, available at: www.uscourts.gov.

Defendant's Signature _____

Date _____

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SUPERVISED RELEASE

Upon release from imprisonment, you will be on supervised release for a term of :

One (1) year.

MANDATORY CONDITIONS

1. You must not commit another federal, state or local crime.
2. You must not unlawfully possess a controlled substance.
3. You must refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. You must submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the court.
 - The above drug testing condition is suspended, based on the court's determination that you pose a low risk of future substance abuse. *(check if applicable)*
4. You must make restitution in accordance with 18 U.S.C. §§ 3663 and 3663A or any other statute authorizing a sentence of restitution. *(check if applicable)*
5. You must cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer. *(check if applicable)*
6. You must comply with the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (34 U.S.C. § 20901, et seq.) as directed by the probation officer, the Bureau of Prisons, or any state sex offender registration agency in the location where you reside, work, are a student, or were convicted of a qualifying offense. *(check if applicable)*
7. You must participate in an approved program for domestic violence. *(check if applicable)*

You must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as well as with any other conditions on the attached page.

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

- 1) You shall apply all monies received from income tax refunds, lottery winnings, judgments, and/or other anticipated or unexpected financial gains to the outstanding court-ordered financial obligation;
- 2) You must provide the probation officer access to any requested financial information and authorize the release of any financial information. The probation office may share financial information with the U.S. Attorney's Office;
- 3) You must not incur new credit charges, or open additional lines of credit without the approval of the probation officer;
- 4) If the judgment imposes a financial penalty, you must pay the financial penalty in accordance with the Schedule of Payments sheet of this judgment. You must also notify the court of any changes in economic circumstances that might affect the ability to pay this financial penalty; and
- 5) In the event the fine is not paid in full prior to the commencement of supervised release, the defendant shall, as a condition of supervised release, satisfy the amount due in monthly installments of no less than \$100, to commence 30 days after release from confinement.

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CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES

The defendant must pay the total criminal monetary penalties under the schedule of payments on Sheet 6.

	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>JVTA Assessment*</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>Restitution</u>
TOTALS	\$ 100.00	\$	\$ 1,000.00	\$

- The determination of restitution is deferred until _____. An Amended Judgment in a Criminal Case (AO 245C) will be entered after such determination.
- The defendant must make restitution (including community restitution) to the following payees in the amount listed below.

If the defendant makes a partial payment, each payee shall receive an approximately proportioned payment, unless specified otherwise in the priority order or percentage payment column below. However, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal victims must be paid before the United States is paid.

<u>Name of Payee</u>	<u>Total Loss**</u>	<u>Restitution Ordered</u>	<u>Priority or Percentage</u>
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TOTALS	\$ _____	0.00	\$ _____	0.00
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- Restitution amount ordered pursuant to plea agreement \$ _____
- The defendant must pay interest on restitution and a fine of more than \$2,500, unless the restitution or fine is paid in full before the fifteenth day after the date of the judgment, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f). All of the payment options on Sheet 6 may be subject to penalties for delinquency and default, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(g).
- The court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and it is ordered that:
 - the interest requirement is waived for the fine restitution.
 - the interest requirement for the fine restitution is modified as follows:

* Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015, Pub. L. No. 114-22.
 ** Findings for the total amount of losses are required under Chapters 109A, 110, 110A, and 113A of Title 18 for offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994, but before April 23, 1996.

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SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Having assessed the defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties is due as follows:

- A Lump sum payment of \$ 100.00 due immediately, balance due
 - not later than _____, or
 - in accordance with C, D, E, or F below; or
- B Payment to begin immediately (may be combined with C, D, or F below); or
- C Payment in equal _____ (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ _____ over a period of _____ (e.g., months or years), to commence _____ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after the date of this judgment; or
- D Payment in equal _____ (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ _____ over a period of _____ (e.g., months or years), to commence _____ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment to a term of supervision; or
- E Payment during the term of supervised release will commence within _____ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment. The court will set the payment plan based on an assessment of the defendant's ability to pay at that time; or
- F Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties:

During the term of imprisonment, the fine is payable every three (3) months in an amount, after a telephone allowance, equal to 50 percent of the funds deposited into the defendant's inmate trust fund account. In the event the fine is not paid in full prior to the commencement of supervised release, the defendant shall, as a condition of supervised release, satisfy the amount due in monthly installments of no less than \$100, to commence 30 days after release from confinement.

Unless the court has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is due during the period of imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalties, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the clerk of the court.

The defendant shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.

Joint and Several

Defendant and Co-Defendant Names and Case Numbers (including defendant number), Total Amount, Joint and Several Amount, and corresponding payee, if appropriate.

The defendant shall pay the cost of prosecution.

The defendant shall pay the following court cost(s):

The defendant shall forfeit the defendant's interest in the following property to the United States:
Forfeiture pursuant to the Second Superseding Indictment as detailed in the Final Order of Forfeiture dated January 4, 2018.

Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) fine principal, (5) fine interest, (6) community restitution, (7) JVT A assessment, (8) penalties, and (9) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : NO. 4:CR-13-0222
: :
v. : (JUDGE BRANN)
: :
CLYDE KEVIN MIDDLETON, : (ELECTRONICALLY FILED)
Defendant : :

PLEA AGREEMENT

The following Plea Agreement is entered by the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania and the above-captioned defendant. Any reference to the United States or to the Government in this Agreement shall mean the Office of the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

A. Violation(s), Penalties, and Dismissal of Other Counts

1. Guilty plea. The defendant agrees to plead guilty to Count Six of the Second Superseding Indictment, which charges the defendant with a violation of Title 18, United States Code, § 371, conspiracy to introduce/deliver misbranded drugs with intent to defraud and mislead. The maximum penalty for that offense is imprisonment for a period of five (5) years, a fine of \$250,000, a maximum term of supervised release

of three (3) years, which shall be served at the conclusion of, and in addition to, any term of imprisonment, as well as the costs of prosecution, imprisonment, probation, or supervised release ordered, denial of certain federal benefits, and an assessment in the amount of \$100. At the time the guilty plea is entered, the defendant shall admit to the court that the defendant is, in fact, guilty of the offense(s) charged in that count. After sentencing, the United States will move for dismissal of any remaining counts of the indictment. The defendant agrees, however, that the United States may, at its sole election, reinstate any dismissed charges, or seek additional charges, in the event that any guilty plea entered or sentence imposed pursuant to this Agreement is subsequently vacated, set aside, or invalidated by any court. The defendant further agrees to waive any defenses to reinstatement of any charges, or to the filing of additional charges, based upon laches, the assertion of speedy trial rights, any applicable statute of limitations, or any other ground. The calculation of time under the Speedy Trial Act for when trial must commence is tolled as of the date of the defendant's signing of this Plea Agreement.

2. No Further Prosecution, Except Tax Charges. The United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania agrees that it will not bring any other criminal charges against the defendant directly arising out of the defendant's involvement in the offense(s) described above. However, nothing in this Agreement will limit prosecution for criminal tax charges, if any, arising out of those offenses.

B. Fines and Assessments

3. Fine. The defendant understands that the court may impose a fine pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984. The willful failure to pay any fine imposed by the court, in full, may be considered a breach of this Plea Agreement. Further, the defendant acknowledges that willful failure to pay the fine may subject the defendant to additional criminal violations and civil penalties pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, § 3611, et seq.

4. Alternative Fine. The defendant understands that under the alternative fine section of Title 18, United States Code, § 3571, the

maximum fine quoted above may be increased if the court finds that any person derived pecuniary gain or suffered pecuniary loss from the offense and that the maximum fine to be imposed, if the court elects to proceed in this fashion, could be twice the amount of the gross gain or twice the amount of the gross loss resulting from the offense.

5. Inmate Financial Responsibility Program. If the court orders a fine or restitution as part of the defendant's sentence, and the sentence includes a term of imprisonment, the defendant agrees to voluntarily enter the United States Bureau of Prisons-administered program known as the Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, through which the Bureau of Prisons will collect up to 50% of the defendant's prison salary, and up to 50% of the balance of the defendant's inmate account, and apply that amount on the defendant's behalf to the payment of the outstanding fine and restitution orders.

6. Special Assessment. The defendant understands that the court will impose a special assessment of \$100, pursuant to the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, § 3013. No later than the date of sentencing, the defendant or defendant's counsel shall mail a

check in payment of the special assessment directly to the Clerk, United States District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania. If the defendant intentionally fails to make this payment, that failure may be treated as a breach of this Plea Agreement and may result in further prosecution, the filing of additional criminal charges, or a contempt citation.

7. Collection of Financial Obligations. In order to facilitate the collection of financial obligations imposed in connection with this case, the defendant consents and agrees:

(a) to fully disclose all assets in which the defendant has an interest or over which the defendant has control, directly or indirectly, including those held by a spouse, nominee, or other third party;

(b) to submit to interviews by the Government regarding the defendant's financial status;

(c) to submit a complete, accurate, and truthful financial statement, on the form provided by the Government, to the United States Attorney's Office no later than 14 days following entry of the guilty plea;

- (d) whether represented by counsel or not, to consent to contact by and communication with the Government, and to waive any prohibition against communication with a represented party by the Government regarding the defendant's financial status;
- (e) to authorize the Government to obtain the defendant's credit reports in order to evaluate the defendant's ability to satisfy any financial obligations imposed by the court; and
- (f) to submit any financial information requested by the Probation Office as directed, and to the sharing of financial information between the Government and the Probation Office.

C. Sentencing Guidelines Calculation

8. Determination of Sentencing Guidelines. The defendant and counsel for both parties agree that the United States Sentencing Commission Guidelines, which took effect on November 1, 1987, and its amendments, as interpreted by *United States v. Booker*, 543 U.S. 220 (2005), will apply to the offense or offenses to which the defendant is pleading guilty. The defendant further agrees that any legal and

factual issues relating to the application of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines to the defendant's conduct, including facts to support any specific offense characteristic or other enhancement or adjustment and the appropriate sentence within the statutory maximums provided for by law, will be determined by the court after briefing, a pre-sentence hearing, and/or a sentencing hearing.

9. Acceptance of Responsibility– Three Levels. If the defendant can adequately demonstrate recognition and affirmative acceptance of responsibility to the Government as required by the Sentencing Guidelines, the Government will recommend that the defendant receive a three-level reduction in the defendant's offense level for acceptance of responsibility. The third level, if applicable, shall be within the discretion of the Government under U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1. The failure of the court to find that the defendant is entitled to a three-level reduction shall not be a basis to void this Plea Agreement.

10. Specific Sentencing Guidelines Recommendations. With respect to the application of the Sentencing Guidelines to the defendant's conduct, the parties agree to recommend as follows:

(1) Under U.S.S.G. §§ 2N2.1; 2B1.1, the Total Offense Level is 17, based upon a loss amount of not less than \$250,000 but not greater than \$550,000, a 2-level mass marketing enhancement, and a 3-level reduction for acceptance of responsibility.

(2) Based upon a Total Offense Level 17 and a Criminal History Category I, the guideline imprisonment range is 24 to 30 months.

The parties agree that a sentence within this range of the Sentencing Guidelines is a reasonable sentence under the facts and circumstances of this case. The defendant understands that none of these recommendations is binding upon either the court or the United States Probation Office, which may make different findings as to the application of the Sentencing Guidelines to the defendant's conduct. The defendant further understands that the United States will provide the court and the United States Probation Office all information in its possession that it deems relevant to the application of the Sentencing Guidelines to the defendant's conduct.

D. Sentencing Recommendation

11. Joint Sentencing Recommendation. The defendant and the United States agree that an imprisonment term within the range of not less than 24 months, but not more 30 months is a reasonable prison sentence under all the circumstances of this case, and both parties agree to recommend that the Court impose a prison term within that stipulated guideline imprisonment range. The defendant reserves the right to recommend a sentence at the low end of that range and the government reserves the right to recommend the top of that range. The defendant and the United States further agree not to make any requests for a variance from this stipulated range. The parties will also recommend that the Court impose a term of supervised release within the guideline range to follow the imprisonment term; a fine within the guidelines range; and a \$100 special assessment.

E. Forfeiture of Assets

12. Forfeiture. The present indictment seeks forfeiture of the defendant's interests in certain assets. In the event the United States

seeks to forfeit those assets through a civil proceeding, the defendant understands that dismissal of the criminal forfeiture allegation in no way limits the United States from proceeding civilly against any assets owned or held by the defendant or any other party. Defendant agrees to settle any civil and criminal forfeiture matters arising out of the offense of conviction and its relevant conduct. The defendant agrees that the defendant's property constitutes proceeds of, is derived from proceeds traceable to, or was used in any manner or part to commit or facilitate the commission of the offense of conviction and its relevant conduct.

Defendant further agrees to the following:

- (a) Forfeiture of all properties, real and personal listed in the Forfeiture Allegation of the Indictment/Information;
- (b) Immediate entry of the preliminary order of forfeiture and/or the filing of a civil complaint by the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, § 981;
- (c) Waiver of the right to personal service of all process and naming of undersigned counsel as agent for service of all process;

- (d) Waiver of the right to appear and contest any portion of the forfeiture proceedings, including but not limited to, any motion or proceeding for substitute assets;
- (e) The filing and entry of a consent decree of forfeiture;
- (f) Disclosure, no later than upon signing this Agreement, of all persons and entities holding an equitable or legal interest in the property, real or personal, subject to forfeiture pursuant to this Agreement;
- (g) Concurrence in any motion necessary to be filed and signing any documents necessary to effectuate forfeiture;
- (h) Payment of costs associated with the seizure, storage, and maintenance of the any asset being returned to the defendant as a result of this Agreement;
- (i) In the event any assets are being returned to the defendant, such return does not amount to having “substantially prevailed” in the pursuit of any claim, and to make no claim against the United States or any of its agencies or employees, including claims for attorney’s fees and costs of litigation;

(j) Waiver of any double jeopardy challenges the defendant may have to any administrative or civil forfeiture actions, pending or completed, arising out of the course of conduct forming the basis for the forfeitures.

(k) Waiver of all constitutional, legal, and equitable claims arising out of and/or defenses to the forfeiture of this property in any proceeding, including any claim of Innocent Ownership and any claim or defense under the Eighth Amendment, including any claim of excessive fine.

13. Disclosure of Assets. This Agreement is being entered by the United States on the basis of the express representation that the defendant is making full and complete disclosure of all assets over which the defendant exercises control. The defendant agrees to submit to a polygraph examination by an examiner selected by the Government to verify the defendant's complete and candid compliance with this provision of the Plea Agreement. The defendant also understands that a failure to make a full disclosure or lack of candor revealed by a polygraph examination would constitute a breach of this Plea

Agreement, subjecting the defendant to the sanctions set forth in this Plea Agreement. Conditioned upon such full disclosure, the United States agrees not to seek the seizure/forfeiture of any of the defendant's assets other than those set forth in this Agreement.

14. No Further Forfeiture. As the result of the forfeitures set forth above, the United States agrees not to seek forfeiture of any other asset known to the United States by defendant's disclosure to belong to the defendant or the defendant's family. This Agreement does not prevent the Internal Revenue Service from the collection of taxes or the seizure of assets to satisfy those taxes.

15. Forfeiture of Interests/Passage of Clear Title/Destruction Order. By this Agreement, the defendant agrees to forfeit all interests in the assets set forth above and to take whatever steps are necessary to pass clear title of those assets to the United States. These steps include but are not limited to surrender of title; signing of a consent decree; stipulating to facts regarding the transfer and basis for the forfeitures; and concurrence in any motion and signing any document necessary to effectuate such transfers.

16. Destruction Order/Waivers. The defendant further agrees, should the United States deem it appropriate, to the destruction of the items seized during the course of the investigation. The defendant agrees that the items may be destroyed by the investigative agency with or without a court order authorizing the destruction of the items seized. If the United States determines that a destruction order should be obtained, the defendant and defendant's counsel hereby concur in a motion for such an order. The defendant further agrees to waive all interest in the assets in any administrative or judicial forfeiture proceeding, whether criminal or civil, state or federal. The defendant consents and waives all rights to compliance by the United States with any applicable deadlines under 18 U.S.C. § 983(a). Any related administrative claim filed by the defendant is hereby withdrawn. The defendant agrees to consent to the entry of orders of forfeiture for such property and waives the requirements of Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 32.2 and 43(a) regarding notice of the forfeiture in the charging instrument, announcement of the forfeiture at sentencing, and incorporation of forfeiture in the judgment.

F. Victims' Rights and Restitution

17. Victims' Rights. The defendant understands that pursuant to the Victim and Witness Protection Act, the Crime Victims' Rights Act, the Justice for All Act, and the regulations promulgated under those Acts by the Attorney General of the United States, crime victims have the following rights:

- (a) The right to be reasonably protected from the accused;
- (b) The right to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of any public court proceeding or any parole proceeding involving the crime, or of any release or escape of the accused;
- (c) The right not to be excluded from any such public court proceeding, unless the court, after receiving clear and convincing evidence, determines that testimony by the victim would be altered materially if the victim heard other testimony at that proceeding;
- (d) The right to be reasonably heard at any public hearing in the district court involving release, plea, sentencing, or any parole

proceeding. The defendant understands that the victim's comments and recommendations at any of these proceedings may be different than those of the parties to this Agreement;

(e) The reasonable right to confer with the attorney for the Government in the case. The defendant understands that the victim's opinions and recommendations given to the attorney for the Government may be different than those presented by the United States as a consequence of this Agreement;

(f) The right to full and timely restitution as provided for by law. The attorney for the Government is required to "fully advocate the rights of victims on the issue of restitution unless such advocacy would unduly prolong or complicate the sentencing proceeding," and the court is authorized to order restitution by the defendant including, but not limited to, restitution for property loss, economic loss, personal injury, or death;

(g) The right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay; and

(h) The right to be treated with fairness and with respect for the victim's dignity and privacy.

18. Restitution. The defendant acknowledges that, pursuant to the Mandatory Restitution Act of April 24, 1996, Title 18, United States Code, § 3663A, the court is required in all instances to order full restitution to all victims for the losses those victims have suffered as a result of the defendant's conduct. The defendant also agrees that the Government will seek and the court may impose an order of restitution as to victims of the defendant's relevant conduct. With respect to the payment of restitution, the defendant further agrees that, as part of the sentence in this matter, the defendant shall be responsible for making payment of restitution in full, unless the defendant can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the court that the defendant's economic circumstances do not allow for the payment of full restitution in the foreseeable future, in which case the defendant will be required to make partial restitution payments. In addition to the schedule of payments that may be established by the court, the Defendant understands and agrees that, pursuant to the Mandatory Victims Restitution Act of 1996 and the Justice For All Act of 2004, victims of Federal Crime are entitled to full and timely restitution. As such, these payments do not

preclude the government from using other assets or income of the Defendant to satisfy the restitution obligation. The Defendant understands and agrees that the United States Attorney's Office, by and through the Financial Litigation Unit, has the obligation and the right to pursue any legal means, including but not limited to, submission of the debt to the Treasury Offset Program, to collect the full amount of restitution owed to the victim(s) in a timely fashion. Although the defendant may reserve the right to contest the amount of restitution owed, the defendant agrees to take all steps to facilitate collection of all restitution, including submitting to debtor's exams as directed by the Government. Towards this goal, the defendant agrees to waive any further notice of forfeiture and agrees that the United States may, at its sole election, elect to pursue civil and/or criminal forfeiture in the amount of the victim restitution owed in this case, and the court may enter both a restitution order and a forfeiture judgment in the amount of any unpaid restitution found by the court to be due and owing at the time of sentencing in this matter. The defendant consents to the filing of any civil complaint or superseding information which

may be necessary to perfect a forfeiture order and further stipulates and agrees that the defendant's guilty plea constitutes an admission to all matters legally and factually necessary for entry of a forfeiture order in this case. The parties agree that any restitution payments obtained by the United States or the victim will be applied by the United States to reduce both the restitution obligation in this case and the amount of the outstanding forfeiture order entered by the court. The parties further agree that the Government will recommend that any assets recovered through forfeiture proceedings be remitted to crime victims to reduce the defendant's restitution obligation in this case. The defendant acknowledges that the making of any payments does not preclude the Government from using other assets or income of the defendant to satisfy the restitution obligations. The defendant understands that the amount of restitution calculated for purposes of Chapter 5 of the Sentencing Guidelines might be different than the amount of loss calculated for purposes of Chapter 2 of the Sentencing Guidelines.

G. Information Provided to Court and Probation Office

19. Background Information for Probation Office. The defendant understands that the United States will provide to the United States Probation Office all information in its possession that the United States deems relevant regarding the defendant's background, character, cooperation, if any, and involvement in this or other offenses.

20. Objections to Pre-Sentence Report. The defendant understands that pursuant to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania "Policy for Guideline Sentencing" both the United States and defendant must communicate to the Probation Officer within fourteen (14) days after disclosure of the pre-sentence report any objections they may have as to material information, sentencing classifications, sentencing guideline ranges, and policy statements contained in or omitted from the report. The defendant agrees to meet with the United States at least five (5) days prior to sentencing in a good faith attempt to resolve any substantive differences. If any issues remain unresolved, they shall be communicated to the Probation Officer for inclusion in an addendum to

the pre-sentence report. The defendant agrees that unresolved substantive objections will be decided by the court after briefing, or a pre-sentence hearing, or at the sentencing hearing where the standard of proof will be a preponderance of the evidence, and the Federal Rules of Evidence, other than with respect to privileges, shall not apply under Fed. R. Evid. 1101(d)(3), and the court may consider any reliable evidence, including hearsay. Objections by the defendant to the pre-sentence report or the court's rulings, will not be grounds for withdrawal of a plea of guilty.

21. Relevant Sentencing Information. At the sentencing, the United States will be permitted to bring to the court's attention, and the court will be permitted to consider, all relevant information about the defendant's background, character and conduct, including the conduct that is the subject of the charges that the United States has agreed to dismiss, and the nature and extent of the defendant's cooperation, if any. The United States will be entitled to bring to the court's attention and the court will be entitled to consider any failure by the defendant to fulfill any obligation under this Agreement.

22. Non-Limitation on Government's Response. Nothing in this Agreement shall restrict or limit the nature or content of the United States' motions or responses to any motions or appeals filed on behalf of the defendant. Nor does this Agreement in any way restrict the government in responding to any request by the court for briefing, argument or presentation of evidence regarding the application of Sentencing Guidelines to the defendant's conduct, including but not limited to, requests for information concerning possible sentencing departures.

H. Appeal Waiver

23. Conditional Appeal Waiver. The defendant is aware that Title 28, United States Code, § 1291 affords a defendant the right to appeal a judgment of conviction and sentence; and that Title 18, United States Code, § 3742(a) affords a defendant the right to appeal the sentence imposed. Acknowledging all of this, the defendant knowingly waives the right to appeal the conviction and sentence, on the express condition that the Court does not impose a period of imprisonment

greater than 30 months. In the event the Court imposes a period of imprisonment greater than 30 months, the defendant retains the right to appeal the conviction and sentence. This conditional waiver includes any and all possible grounds for appeal, whether constitutional or non-constitutional, including, but not limited to, the manner in which that sentence was determined in light of United States v. Booker, 543 U.S. 220 (2005). The defendant further acknowledges that this conditional appeal waiver is binding only upon the defendant and that the United States retains its right to appeal in this case.

H. Court Not Bound by Plea Agreement

24. Court Not Bound by Terms. The defendant understands that the court is not a party to and is not bound by this Agreement, or any recommendations made by the parties. Thus, the court is free to impose upon the defendant any sentence up to and including the maximum sentence of imprisonment for five (5) years, a fine of \$250,000, a maximum term of supervised release of up to three (3) years, which shall be served at the conclusion of and in addition to any

term of imprisonment, the costs of prosecution, denial of certain federal benefits, and assessments totaling \$100.

25. No Withdrawal of Plea Based on Sentence or Recommendations. If the court imposes a sentence with which the defendant is dissatisfied, the defendant will not be permitted to withdraw any guilty plea for that reason alone, nor will the defendant be permitted to withdraw any pleas should the court decline to follow any recommendations by any of the parties to this Agreement.

I. Breach of Plea Agreement by Defendant

26. Breach of Agreement. In the event the United States believes the defendant has failed to fulfill any obligations under this Agreement, then the United States shall, in its discretion, have the option of petitioning the court to be relieved of its obligations. Whether the defendant has completely fulfilled all of the obligations under this Agreement shall be determined by the court in an appropriate proceeding during which any disclosures and documents provided by the defendant shall be admissible, and during which the United States

shall be required to establish any breach by a preponderance of the evidence. In order to establish any breach by the defendant, the United States is entitled to rely on statements and evidence given by the defendant during the cooperation phase of this Agreement, if any.

27. Remedies for Breach. The defendant and the United States agree that in the event the court concludes that the defendant has breached the Agreement:

(a) The defendant will not be permitted to withdraw any guilty plea tendered under this Agreement and agrees not to petition for withdrawal of any guilty plea;

(b) The United States will be free to make any recommendations to the court regarding sentencing in this case;

(c) Any evidence or statements made by the defendant during the cooperation phase of this Agreement, if any, will be admissible at any trials or sentencings;

(d) The United States will be free to bring any other charges it has against the defendant, including any charges originally brought against the defendant or which may have been under investigation at

the time of the plea. The defendant waives and hereby agrees not to raise any defense to the reinstatement of these charges based upon collateral estoppel, Double Jeopardy, or other similar grounds.

28. Violation of Law While Plea or Sentence Pending. The defendant understands that it is a condition of this Plea Agreement that the defendant refrain from any further violations of state, local, or federal law while awaiting plea and sentencing under this Agreement. The defendant acknowledges and agrees that if the government receives information that the defendant has committed new crimes while awaiting plea or sentencing in this case, the government may petition the court and, if the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the defendant has committed any other criminal offense while awaiting plea or sentencing, the Government shall be free at its sole election to either: (a) withdraw from this Agreement; or (b) make any sentencing recommendations to the court that it deems appropriate. The defendant further understands and agrees that, if the court finds that the defendant has committed any other offense while awaiting plea or sentencing, the defendant will not be permitted to withdraw any guilty

pleas tendered pursuant to this Plea Agreement, and the government will be permitted to bring any additional charges which it may have against the defendant.

J. Licensing, Resignation, and Disbarment

29. Status of Professional License. It is further understood and agreed that the status of any professional license held by the defendant is not protected by this Agreement and is a matter solely within the discretion of the appropriate licensing authority. The United States may in its discretion provide to any such licensing authority any documents and information in its possession.

K. Other Provisions

30. Agreement Not Binding on Other Agencies. Nothing in this Agreement shall bind any other United States Attorney's Office, state prosecutor's office, or federal, state or local law enforcement agency.

31. No Civil Claims or Suits. The defendant agrees not to pursue or initiate any civil claims or suits against the United States of

America, its agencies or employees, whether or not presently known to the defendant, arising out of the investigation, prosecution or cooperation, if any, covered by this Agreement, including but not limited to any claims for attorney's fees and other litigation expenses arising out of the investigation and prosecution of this matter. By the defendant's guilty plea in this matter the defendant further acknowledges that the Government's position in this litigation was taken in good faith, had a substantial basis in law and fact and was not vexatious.

32. Plea Agreement Serves Ends of Justice. The United States is entering into this Plea Agreement with the defendant because this disposition of the matter fairly and adequately addresses the gravity of the series of offenses from which the charges are drawn, as well as the defendant's role in such offenses, thereby serving the ends of justice.

33. Merger of All Prior Negotiations. This document states the complete and only Plea Agreement between the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania and the defendant in this case, and is binding only on the parties to this Agreement and supersedes all

prior understandings or plea offers, including the plea agreements sent to defense counsel on November 17, 2015 and August 28, 2017, whether written or oral. This agreement cannot be modified other than in writing that is signed by all parties or on the record in court. No other promises or inducements have been or will be made to the defendant in connection with this case, nor have any predictions or threats been made in connection with this plea. Pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the defendant certifies that the defendant's plea is knowing and voluntary, and is not the result of force or threats or promises apart from those promises set forth in this written Plea Agreement.

34. Defendant is Satisfied with Assistance of Counsel. The Defendant agrees that the defendant has discussed this case and this plea agreement in detail with the defendant's attorney who has advised the defendant of the defendant's Constitutional and other trial and appeal rights, the nature of the charges, the elements of the offenses the United States would have to prove at trial, the evidence the United States would present at such trial, possible defenses, the advisory

Sentencing Guidelines and other aspects of sentencing, potential losses of civil rights and privileges, and other potential consequences of pleading guilty in this case. The defendant agrees that the defendant has had sufficient time and opportunity to discuss all aspects of the case in detail with the defendant's attorney and has told the attorney everything the defendant knows about the charges, any defenses the defendant may have to the charges, and all personal and financial circumstances in possible mitigation of sentence. The defendant agrees that the defendant is satisfied with the legal services and advice provided to the defendant by the defendant's attorney.

35. Deadline for Acceptance of Plea Agreement. The original of this Agreement must be signed by the defendant and defense counsel and received by the United States Attorney's Office on or before 12:00 p.m., September 14, 2017, otherwise the offer may, in the sole discretion of the Government, be deemed withdrawn.

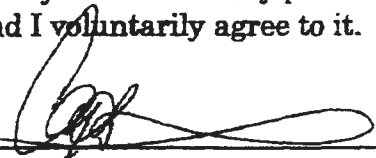
36. Required Signatures. None of the terms of this Agreement shall be binding on the Office of the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania until signed by the defendant and

defense counsel and then signed by the United States Attorney or his designee.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I have read this agreement and carefully reviewed every part of it with my attorney. I fully understand it and I voluntarily agree to it.

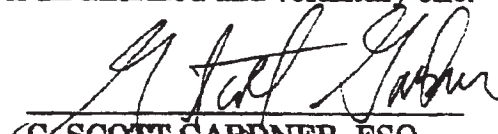
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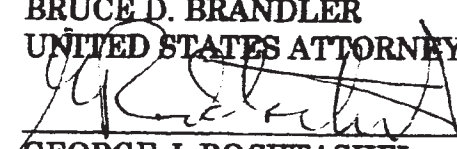
I am the defendant's counsel. I have carefully reviewed every part of this agreement with the defendant. To my knowledge, my client's decision to enter into this agreement is an informed and voluntary one.

9/13/17
Date



G. SCOTT GARDNER, ESQ.
Counsel for Defendant

9-13-2017
Date

BRUCE D. BRANDLER
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
By: 

GEORGE J. ROCKTASHEL
ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the *Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania: Case Records of the Appellate and Trial Courts* that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

Submitted by: office of Disciplinary Counsel
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