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9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
10 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Case No. 19CR1850-AJB

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

PLEA AGREEMENT

14 JOHN TIMOTHY EARNEST,

15 Defendant.

16 IT IS HEREBY AGREED between the plaintiff, UNITED STATES OF
17 AMERICA, through its counsel, and Defendant JOHN TIMOTHY EARNEST, with
18 the advice and consent of Patrick J. Burke and Ellis M. Johnston III,
19 counsel for Defendant, as follows:

20 I

21 THE PLEA

22 Defendant agrees to plead guilty to counts 1 to 113 of the
23 Indictment charging Defendant with obstruction of free exercise of
24 religious beliefs (counts 1 to 54; 18 U.S.C. 247(a)(2), 247(d)(1), and
25 247(d)(3)); hate crime acts (counts 55 to 108; 18 U.S.C. 249(a)(1)(B));
26 attempted damage to religious property (count 109; 18 U.S.C. 247(a)(1)
27 and 247(d)(3)); and using, carrying, and discharging a firearm during
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Plea Agreement

Def. Initials

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1 and in relation to a crime of violence (counts 110 to 113; 18 U.S.C.
2 924(c) and 924(j)). The Indictment is incorporated herein.

3 This plea agreement is conditioned upon approval by the Attorney
4 General of the United States. Absent such approval, this agreement is
5 void and unenforceable by either party. The signature of government
6 counsel on this agreement does not constitute a recommendation to the
7 Attorney General that this agreement should be approved. If the Attorney
8 General does not approve this agreement, it is not admissible in any
9 phase of any proceeding, for any purpose, by either party.

10 In addition, the attached addendum shall govern forfeiture and
11 restitution in this case.

12 II

13 NATURE OF THE OFFENSES

14 A. ELEMENTS EXPLAINED

15 The offenses to which Defendant is pleading guilty have the
16 following elements:

17 Counts 1 to 54 - 1) Defendant intentionally obstructed the
18 person identified in the count in the enjoyment of that person's
19 free exercise of religious beliefs, 2) Defendant used force (or,
20 for counts 2 to 54, threat of force), and 3) the offense was in or
21 affected interstate commerce.

22 In addition, for count 1, Defendant's acts resulted in the death
23 of the person identified in the count.

24 In addition, for counts 2 to 4, Defendant's acts included an
25 attempt to kill the person identified in the count; resulted in
26 bodily injury to the person identified in the count; or included
27 the use, attempted use, or threatened use of a dangerous weapon.

28 In addition, for counts 5 to 54, Defendant's acts included an
attempt to kill the person identified in the count; or the use,
attempted use, or threatened use of a dangerous weapon.

1 Counts 55 to 58 - 1) Defendant willfully caused bodily injury
2 to the person identified in the count, and 2) Defendant did so
because of the actual or perceived race of any person.

3 In addition, for count 55, Defendant's acts resulted in the
4 death of the person identified in the count.

5 In addition, for counts 56 to 58, Defendant's acts included an
attempt to kill the person identified in the count.

6 Counts 59 to 108 - 1) Defendant willfully attempted to cause
7 bodily injury to the person identified in the count through the
8 use of a firearm, 2) Defendant did so because of the actual or
perceived race of any person, and 3) Defendant's acts included an
9 attempt to kill the person identified in the count.

10 Count 109 - 1) Defendant intentionally attempted to damage or
11 destroy religious real property because of the religious character
of the property, 2) the offense was in or affected interstate or
12 foreign commerce, and 3) the act included the use of fire.

13 Count 110 to 113 - 1) Defendant knowingly used, carried, or
14 discharged a firearm, and 2) Defendant did so during and in
relation to a crime of violence specified in the count.

15 In addition, for count 110, Defendant caused the death of and
16 unlawfully killed with malice aforethought the person identified
in the count through the use of the firearm.

17 "Attempt" or "attempted" as used above means Defendant intended
18 to commit the crime and took a substantial step towards committing
the crime.

19 B. ELEMENTS UNDERSTOOD AND ADMITTED - FACTUAL BASIS

20 Defendant has fully discussed the facts of this case with defense
21 counsel. Defendant has committed each element of the crimes and admits
22 that there is a factual basis for this guilty plea. The following facts
23 are true and undisputed:

- 24 1. On March 24, 2019, Defendant tried to damage and burn down
25 the Dar-ul-Arqam mosque in Escondido, California by
26 setting fire to it because of his hatred for Muslims and
the religious character of the building. Defendant
27 identified the mosque as a target through research on the
Internet, used the Internet to navigate to the mosque,
28 and traveled by vehicle on the freeway to the mosque.

1 Defendant used items purchased from a national retailer
2 to commit the crime, including a gas can and spray paint
3 used to paint a message outside the mosque. The mosque
4 was a destination for and frequently hosted overnight
missionaries, including from out of state; seven such
missionaries were asleep in the mosque when Defendant set
fire to it.

5 2. Starting no later than March 2019, Defendant used the
6 Internet to research synagogues in San Diego County as
7 potential targets to attack because of his hatred for
8 Jews. On about April 5, 2019, Defendant started writing
9 an "open letter" explaining his planned attack was
10 motivated by hatred for Jews. From April 6 to April 9,
11 Defendant purchased a Go-Pro camera, tactical helmet,
12 duffle bag, and tactical vest from an Internet seller for
13 use in the attack. The items were later shipped to his
14 residence. After using the Internet to navigate to and
15 scout other synagogues, on April 8, Defendant used the
16 Internet to navigate to and scout, for the first time,
17 the Chabad of Poway in Poway, California. Among other
18 things, the Chabad operated a gift shop, provided pre-
19 school services for fees, and operated a non-profit arm
20 of an international charity that provided support to
21 individuals with special needs.

22 3. On April 13, 2019, Defendant purchased a Smith and Wesson
23 M&P 15 assault rifle (serial number -950) and additional
24 10-round magazines from a San Diego gun store. On April
25 26, Defendant picked up the rifle from the gun store. The
26 rifle had been manufactured in Illinois, assembled in
27 Massachusetts, and shipped to California.

28 4. On April 27, 2019, Defendant advised others of his
intended attack through a posting to an Internet forum.
The posting linked to Defendant's Facebook page which
contained the open letter. Among other things, Defendant
said in the letter, "I can only kill so many Jews" and "I
only wish I killed more."

5. That same day, Defendant drove to the Chabad of Poway.
Armed with the rifle and wearing the tactical vest with
additional magazines, and carrying 60 rounds of .223
caliber ammunition total, Defendant entered the Chabad
and emptied his initial 10-round magazine by firing at
occupants of the Chabad present for religious services.
Two rounds struck and killed L.G-K. Rounds struck Y.G. in
the hands; Y.G. permanently lost a finger. Other rounds

1 struck objects that fragmented, wounding A.P. and N.D.
 2 Y.G., A.P., and N.D. were hospitalized as a result. The
 3 individuals in counts 1-54 of the Indictment (repeated in
 4 counts 55 to 108) were at the Chabad during and targeted
 5 by Defendant because they were, and Defendant perceived
 6 them to be, Jewish.

6. After emptying the initial magazine, Defendant fled when
 occupants of the Chabad rushed him. Defendant's actions
 were captured on video.

7 III

8 PENALTIES

9 The crimes to which Defendant is pleading guilty carry the
 10 following penalties, per count:

- 11 A. Counts 1 to 54: 1) a maximum of a death sentence or, if the
 12 death penalty is not sought or does not apply, life in prison;
 13 2) a maximum \$250,000 fine; 3) a mandatory special assessment
 14 of \$100 per count, and 4) a term of supervised release of up
 15 to five years.
- 16 B. Counts 55 to 108: 1) a maximum of life in prison, 2) a maximum
 17 \$250,000 fine; 3) a mandatory special assessment of \$100 per
 18 count, and 4) a term of supervised release of up to five
 19 years.
- 20 C. Count 109: 1) a maximum of 20 years in prison, 2) a maximum
 21 \$250,000 fine; 3) a mandatory special assessment of \$100 per
 22 count, and 4) a term of supervised release of up to three
 23 years.
- 24 D. Count 110: 1) a maximum of a death sentence or, if the death
 25 penalty is not sought or does not apply, life in prison; 2)
 26 a maximum \$250,000 fine; 3) a mandatory special assessment of
 27 \$100 per count, and 4) a term of supervised release of up to
 28 five years.
- E. Counts 111 to 113: 1) a maximum of life in prison and a
 mandatory minimum of 10 years in prison, consecutive to any
 other sentence of imprisonment; 2) a maximum \$250,000 fine;
 3) a mandatory special assessment of \$100 per count, and 4)
 a term of supervised release of up to five years.

1 In addition, Defendant shall be subject to an order of restitution
2 to victims of the offense.

3 IV

4 **DEFENDANT'S WAIVER OF TRIAL RIGHTS AND**
5 **UNDERSTANDING OF CONSEQUENCES**

6 This guilty plea waives Defendant's right at trial to:

- 7 A. Continue to plead not guilty and require the Government to
8 prove the elements of the crime beyond a reasonable doubt;
9 B. A speedy and public trial by jury;
10 C. The assistance of counsel at all stages;
11 D. Confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses;
12 E. Testify and present evidence and to have witnesses testify on
13 behalf of Defendant; and,
14 F. Not testify or have any adverse inferences drawn from the
15 failure to testify.

16 V

17 **DEFENDANT'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

18 Any information establishing the factual innocence of Defendant
19 known to the undersigned prosecutor in this case has been turned over
20 to Defendant. The Government will continue to provide such information
21 establishing the factual innocence of Defendant.

22 If this case proceeded to trial, the Government would be required
23 to provide impeachment information for its witnesses. In addition, if
24 Defendant raised an affirmative defense, the Government would be
25 required to provide information in its possession that supports such a
26 defense. By pleading guilty Defendant will not be provided this
27 information, if any, and Defendant waives any right to this information.
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1 Defendant will not attempt to withdraw the guilty plea or to file a
2 collateral attack based on the existence of this information.

3 VI

4 **DEFENDANT'S REPRESENTATION THAT GUILTY**
5 **PLEA IS KNOWING AND VOLUNTARY**

6 Defendant represents that:

- 7 A. Defendant has had a full opportunity to discuss all the facts
8 and circumstances of this case with defense counsel and has
9 a clear understanding of the charges and the consequences of
10 this plea. By pleading guilty, Defendant may be giving up,
11 and rendered ineligible to receive, valuable government
12 benefits and civic rights, such as the right to vote, the
13 right to possess a firearm, the right to hold office, and the
14 right to serve on a jury. The conviction in this case may
15 subject Defendant to various collateral consequences,
16 including but not limited to revocation of probation, parole,
17 or supervised release in another case; debarment from
18 government contracting; and suspension or revocation of a
19 professional license, none of which can serve as grounds to
20 withdraw Defendant's guilty plea.
- 21 B. No one has made any promises or offered any rewards in return
22 for this guilty plea, other than those contained in this
23 agreement or otherwise disclosed to the Court.
- 24 C. No one has threatened Defendant or Defendant's family to
25 induce this guilty plea.
- 26 D. Defendant is pleading guilty because Defendant is guilty and
27 for no other reason.

28 VII

AGREEMENT LIMITED

21 This plea agreement is limited to the United States Attorney's
22 Office for the Southern District of California and the United States
23 Department of Justice and cannot bind any other authorities in any type
24 of matter, although the Government will bring this plea agreement to
25 the attention of other authorities if requested by Defendant.

VIII

APPLICABILITY OF SENTENCING GUIDELINES

The sentence imposed will be based on the factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a). In imposing the sentence, the sentencing judge must consult the United States Sentencing Guidelines (Guidelines) and take them into account. Defendant has discussed the Guidelines with defense counsel and understands that the Guidelines are only advisory, not mandatory. The Court may impose a sentence more severe or less severe than otherwise applicable under the Guidelines, up to the maximum in the statute of conviction. The sentence cannot be determined until a presentence report is prepared by the U.S. Probation Office and defense counsel and the Government have an opportunity to review and challenge the presentence report. Nothing in this plea agreement limits the Government's duty to provide complete and accurate facts to the district court and the U.S. Probation Office. Defendant may request the start of a presentence investigation by U.S. Probation before entry of his guilty plea.

IX

SENTENCE IS WITHIN SOLE DISCRETION OF JUDGE

This plea agreement is made pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11(c)(1)(B). The sentence is within the sole discretion of the sentencing judge who may impose the maximum sentence provided by statute. It is uncertain at this time what Defendant's sentence will be. The Government has not made and will not make any representation about what sentence Defendant will receive. Any estimate of the probable sentence by defense counsel is not a promise and is not binding on the Court. Any recommendation by the Government at sentencing also is not

binding on the Court. If the sentencing judge does not follow any of the parties' sentencing recommendations, Defendant will not withdraw the plea.

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PARTIES' SENTENCING RECOMMENDATIONS

A. SENTENCING GUIDELINE CALCULATIONS

Although the Guidelines are only advisory and just one factor the Court will consider under 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) in imposing a sentence, the parties will jointly recommend the following Base Offense Level, Specific Offense Characteristics, and Adjustments:

Counts 1 and 55

1. Base offense level [2H1.1, 2A1.1]	43
2. Hate crime [3A1.1(a)]	+3

Count 110

1. Base offense level [2A1.1]	43
2. Hate crime [3A1.1(a)]	+3

Counts 2 and 56

1. Base offense level [2H1.1, 2A2.1]	33
2. Permanent bodily injury [2A2.1(b)(1)(A)]	+4
3. Hate crime [3A1.1(a)]	+3

Counts 3 and 57

1. Base offense level [2H1.1, 2A2.1]	33
2. Serious bodily injury [2A2.1(b)(1)(B)]	+2
3. Hate crime [3A1.1(a)]	+3

Counts 4 and 58

1. Base offense level [2H1.1, 2A2.1]	33
2. Serious bodily injury [2A2.1(b)(1)(B)]	+2
3. Hate crime [3A1.1(a)]	+3

Groups

Counts 1, 55, and 110 form one group, OL 46
[3D1.2(a), 3D1.3(a)]

Counts 2 and 56 form one group, OL 40
[3D1.2(a), 3D1.3(a)]

Counts 3 and 57 form one group, OL 38
[3D1.2(a), 3D1.3(a)]

Counts 4 and 58 form one group, OL 38
[3D1.2(a), 3D1.3(a)]

Remaining groups are 9+ levels below OL 46

Highest group offense level [3D1.4]	46
2.5 Units [3D1.4]	+3
Acceptance of responsibility [3E1.1]	-3
Total offense level	46

B. ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY

Despite paragraph A above, the Government need not recommend an adjustment for Acceptance of Responsibility if Defendant engages in conduct inconsistent with acceptance of responsibility including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Fails to truthfully admit a complete factual basis as stated in the plea at the time the plea is entered, or falsely denies, or makes a statement inconsistent with, the factual basis set forth in this agreement;
2. Falsely denies prior criminal conduct or convictions;
3. Is untruthful with the Government, the Court or probation officer; or
4. Breaches this plea agreement in any way.

C. NO FURTHER ADJUSTMENTS AND SENTENCE REDUCTIONS INCLUDING THOSE UNDER 18 U.S.C. § 3553

Defendant may not request or recommend additional downward adjustments, departures, or variances from the Sentencing Guidelines under 18 U.S.C. § 3553.

D. NO AGREEMENT AS TO CRIMINAL HISTORY CATEGORY

The parties have no agreement as to Defendant's Criminal History Category.

1 E. "FACTUAL BASIS" AND "RELEVANT CONDUCT" INFORMATION

2 The facts in the "factual basis" paragraph of this agreement are
3 true and may be considered as "relevant conduct" under USSG § 1B1.3 and
4 as the nature and circumstances of the offense under 18 U.S.C.
5 § 3553(a)(1).

6 F. PARTIES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING CUSTODY

7 The parties will both recommend a sentence of life in prison
8 consecutive to (followed by) 30 years of imprisonment.

9 G. SPECIAL ASSESSMENT/FINE/RESTITUTION/FORFEITURE

10 1. Special Assessment

11 The parties will jointly recommend that Defendant pay a special
12 assessment in the amount of \$11,300. Special assessments shall be paid
13 through the office of the Clerk of the District Court by bank or
14 cashier's check or money order made payable to the "Clerk, United States
15 District Court."

16 2. Fine

17 The parties will not recommend imposition of a fine due to
18 Defendant's limited financial prospects and because the cost of
19 collection, even considering the Inmate Responsibility Program, likely
20 would exceed the amounts that could reasonably be expected to be
21 collected.

22 G. PROGRAMS OR TREATMENT

23 The government will not object to requests by Defendant for
24 placement in any specific programs or treatment.

1 **XI**

2 **WAIVER OF APPEAL, COLLATERAL ATTACK, AND INFORMATION ACCESS**

3 Defendant waives (gives up) all rights to appeal and to
4 collaterally attack every aspect of the conviction and sentence,
5 including any restitution order up to \$100,000. This waiver includes,
6 but is not limited to, any argument that the statute of conviction or
7 Defendant's prosecution is unconstitutional and any argument that the
8 facts of this case do not constitute the crime charged. The only
9 exception is Defendant may collaterally attack the conviction or
10 sentence on the basis that Defendant received ineffective assistance of
11 counsel or was prejudiced by prosecutorial misconduct. If Defendant
12 appeals, the Government may support on appeal the sentence or
13 restitution order imposed.

14 Defendant also waives (gives up) all rights to request or receive
15 from any department or agency of the United States any records
16 pertaining to the investigation or prosecution of this case, including
17 any records that may be sought under the Freedom of Information Act, 5
18 U.S.C. 552, or the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a.

19 **XII**

20 **BREACH OF THE PLEA AGREEMENT**

21 Defendant and Defendant's attorneys know the terms of this
22 agreement and shall raise, before the sentencing hearing is complete,
23 any claim that the Government has not complied with this agreement.
24 Otherwise, such claims shall be deemed waived (that is, deliberately
25 not raised despite awareness that the claim could be raised), cannot
26 later be made to any court, and if later made to a court, shall
27 constitute a breach of this agreement.

1 Defendant breaches this agreement if Defendant violates or fails
2 to perform any obligation under this agreement. The following are non-
3 exhaustive examples of acts constituting a breach:

- 4 1. Failing to plead guilty pursuant to this agreement;
- 5 2. Failing to fully accept responsibility as established in
6 Section X, paragraph B, above;
- 7 3. Failing to appear in court;
- 8 4. Attempting to withdraw the plea;
- 9 5. Failing to abide by any court order related to this case;
- 10 6. Appealing (which occurs if a notice of appeal is filed)
11 or collaterally attacking the conviction or sentence in
12 violation of Section XI of this plea agreement; or
- 13 7. Engaging in additional criminal conduct from the time of
14 arrest until the time of sentencing.

15 If Defendant breaches this plea agreement, Defendant will not be
16 able to enforce any provisions, and the Government will be relieved of
17 all its obligations under this plea agreement.

18 Additionally, if Defendant breaches this plea agreement: (i) any
19 statements made by Defendant, under oath, at the guilty plea hearing
20 (before either a Magistrate Judge or a District Judge); (ii) the factual
21 basis statement in Section II.B in this agreement; and (iii) any
22 evidence derived from such statements, are admissible against Defendant
23 in any prosecution of, or any action against, Defendant. This includes
24 the prosecution of the charges that are the subject of this plea
25 agreement and any other charges pursued because of a breach by the
26 Defendant. Additionally, Defendant knowingly, voluntarily, and
27 intelligently waives any argument that the statements and any evidence
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1 derived from the statements should be suppressed, cannot be used by the
2 Government, or are inadmissible under the United States Constitution,
3 any statute, Rule 410 of the Federal Rules of Evidence, Rule 11(f) of
4 the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, and any other federal rule.

5 **XIII**

6 **CONTENTS AND MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENT**

7 This plea agreement embodies the entire agreement between the
8 parties and supersedes any other agreement, written or oral. No
9 modification of this plea agreement shall be effective unless in writing
10 signed by all parties.

11 **XIV**

12 **DEFENDANT AND COUNSEL FULLY UNDERSTAND AGREEMENT**

13 By signing this agreement, Defendant certifies that Defendant has
14 read it (or that it has been read to Defendant in Defendant's native
15 language). Defendant has discussed the terms of this agreement with
16 defense counsel and fully understands its meaning and effect.

XV

DEFENDANT SATISFIED WITH COUNSEL

Defendant has consulted with counsel and is satisfied with counsel's representation. This is Defendant's independent opinion, and Defendant's counsel did not advise Defendant about what to say in this regard.

RANDY S. GROSSMAN
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Counsel for Earnest

IN ADDITION TO THE FOREGOING PROVISIONS TO WHICH I AGREE, I SWEAR UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FACTS IN THE "FACTUAL BASIS" SECTION ABOVE ARE TRUE.

DATED: 6/3/21

JOHN TIMOTHY EARNEST
Defendant

Approved By:

ANDREW R. HADEN
Assistant U.S. Attorney

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FINANCIAL ADDENDUM

Defendant's conviction will include financial penalties, specifically forfeiture and restitution. This Financial Addendum is incorporated into and part of Defendant's plea agreement, and the additional terms and warnings below apply.

A. Forfeiture

i. In addition to the penalties outlined in the plea agreement, federal law states Defendant must forfeit to the United States all firearms and ammunition involved in the commission of the offenses charged in counts 1 to 113 of the Indictment.

ii. As part of Defendant's guilty plea to counts 1 to 113 of the Indictment, Defendant consents to the forfeiture allegations of the Indictment and agrees to forfeit a Smith & Wesson Model M&P 15 Sport II semi-automatic rifle, serial number ending -950, and approximately 50 rounds of .223 caliber ammunition.

iii. Defendant owns all the property in paragraph A.ii and admits such property was involved in the commission of the offenses in counts 1 to 108 and 110 to 113 and is subject to forfeiture to the United States pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c).

iv. Defendant consents and agrees to the immediate entry of a preliminary order of forfeiture upon entry of the guilty plea. Defendant agrees that upon entry of the preliminary order of forfeiture, such order shall be final as to Defendant. Defendant agrees to immediately withdraw any claims in pending administrative or civil forfeiture proceedings to properties seized in connection with this case that are directly or indirectly related to the criminal conduct. Defendant agrees

1 to execute all documents requested by the Government to facilitate or
2 complete the forfeiture process. Defendant further agrees not to con-
3 test, or to assist any other person or entity in contesting, the for-
4 feiture of property seized in connection with this case. Contesting or
5 assisting others in contesting the forfeiture shall constitute a mate-
6 rial breach of the plea agreement, relieving the Government of all its
7 obligations under the agreement including but not limited to its agree-
8 ment to recommend an adjustment for Acceptance of Responsibility.

9 v. Defendant consents and agrees to the entry of orders of
10 forfeiture for such property and waives the requirements of Federal
11 Rules of Criminal Procedure 32.2 and 43(a) regarding notice of the
12 forfeiture in the charging instrument, announcement of the forfeiture
13 at sentencing, and incorporation of the forfeiture in the judgment.
14 Defendant understands that the forfeiture of assets is part of the
15 sentence that may be imposed in this case and waives any failure by the
16 Court to advise defendant of this, pursuant to Rule 11(b)(1)(J), at the
17 time the Court accepts the guilty plea(s).

18 vi. Defendant agrees to take all steps as requested by the
19 United States to pass clear title to forfeitable assets to the United
20 States and to testify truthfully in any judicial forfeiture proceeding.

21 vii. Defendant agrees that the forfeiture provisions of this
22 plea agreement are intended to, and will, survive defendant, notwith-
23 standing the abatement of any underlying criminal conviction after the
24 execution of this agreement. The forfeitability of any particular prop-
25 erty pursuant to this agreement shall be determined as if defendant had
26 survived, and that determination shall be binding upon defendant's
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1 heirs, successors and assigns until the agreed forfeiture, including
2 any agreed money judgment amount, is collected in full.

3 **B. Restitution**

4 i. The crimes to which Defendant is pleading guilty require
5 an order from the Court pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3663A that Defendant
6 make mandatory restitution to the victim of the offenses of conviction
7 or the estates of the victims.

8 ii. The amount of restitution ordered by the Court shall
9 include restitution to any person directly harmed by the Defendant's
10 criminal conduct.

11 iii. The parties estimate the amount of restitution will be
12 \$100,000. Defendant understands that this is only an estimate, and the
13 Court may impose restitution of any amount. Defendant agrees that a
14 restitution award in an unanticipated amount is not grounds to withdraw
15 Defendant's guilty plea. The defendant also agrees that nothing in this
16 plea agreement or restitution addendum limits the Government's duty to
17 provide complete and accurate facts to the district court and the U.S.
18 Probation Office to calculate restitution.

19 iv. Defendant agrees that notwithstanding any court order,
20 the restitution is due and payable in full and delinquent until paid in
21 full. Any payment schedule imposed by the Court establishes only a
22 minimum obligation, and does not foreclose the United States from ex-
23 ercising all legal actions, remedies, and process available to collect
24 the restitution judgment, including but not limited to remedies pursuant
25 to 18 U.S.C. §§ 3613 and 3664(m)(1)(A). Defendant will make a good faith
26 effort to pay the full restitution. Defendant further agrees that the
27 restitution judgment may be executed against his property wherever it
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1 is held and Defendant waives all rights to contest the enforcement of
2 the judgment against any and all property owned by defendant or in which
3 he has an interest. Defendant consents to the entry of the restitution
4 judgment into the Treasury Offset Program and waives all notices of the
5 Treasury Offset Program, all notices of offset, and all rights to con-
6 test any offsets.

7 v. Restitution shall be paid through the Office of the Clerk
8 of the District Court by bank or cashier's check or money order refer-
9 encing the criminal case number and made payable to the "Clerk, United
10 States District Court."

11 **C. Additional Terms**

12 i. Defendant agrees to waive all constitutional and statu-
13 tory challenges (including direct appeal, habeas corpus, or any other
14 means) to any forfeiture carried out or any restitution ordered pursuant
15 to this agreement, including any claim that the forfeiture or restitu-
16 tion constitutes an excessive fine or punishment under the United States
17 Constitution.

18 ii. The United States may run credit and other financial
19 reports on Defendant using public and non-public databases and share
20 such information with the Court and the U.S. Probation Office. Defendant
21 also authorizes the Internal Revenue Service to transmit to the United
22 States Attorney's Office copies of Defendant's income tax returns from
23 2018 until the restitution is paid in full, and Defendant will promptly
24 execute any documents necessary to carry out this authorization. Not
25 later than 30 days after execution of the plea agreement, Defendant
26 shall complete and provide to the United States, under penalty of per-
27 jury, a financial disclosure form listing all Defendant's current and
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1 projected assets and financial interests valued at more than \$1,000.
2 These include all assets]and financial interests in which Defendant has
3 an interest (or had an interest prior to April 27, 2019), direct or
4 indirect, whether held in Defendant's name or in the name of another,
5 in any property, real or personal. Defendant shall also identify all
6 assets valued at more than \$5,000 which have been transferred to any
7 third party since April 27, 2019, including the location of the assets,
8 the identity of the third party or parties, and the amount of consid-
9 eration received by the Defendant for the transferred assets.

10 iii. From the date this financial addendum is executed until
11 the restitution is paid in full, Defendant shall notify the Asset Re-
12 covery Section of the United States Attorney's Office of (i) any in-
13 terest in property worth more than \$1,000 that Defendant obtains, di-
14 rectly or indirectly, and (ii) any interest in property owned directly
15 or indirectly by Defendant worth over \$1,000 that Defendant intends to
16 transfer. This obligation covers any interest in property obtained under
17 any other name or entity, including a trust, partnership, or corpora-
18 tion.

19 iv. Defendant understands that the restitution is delinquent
20 until paid in full. Until the restitution is paid in full, Defendant
21 shall immediately notify the Asset Recovery Section, United States At-
22 torney's Office, of any material change in Defendant's financial con-
23 dition.

24 v. Defendant consents to the immediate recording of judg-
25 ment liens as the United States deems appropriate as to all financial
26 penalties imposed by the Court.

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1 Defendant understands that the main plea agreement and this
 2 financial addendum embody the entire plea agreement between the parties
 3 and supersedes any other agreement, written or oral.

4 6/3/21
 5 Date

John T. Earnest
 JOHN TIMOTHY EARNEST
 Defendant

6 6/10/21
 7 Date

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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) Criminal No. 19CR1850-AJB
11 Plaintiff,)
12 v.) **CONSENT TO RULE 11 PLEA**
13 JOHN EARNEST) **IN A FELONY CASE BEFORE**
14 Defendant.) **UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE**
15) **JUDGE**

16 I have been advised by my attorney and by the
17 United States Magistrate Judge of my right to enter my
18 plea in this case before a United States District
19 Judge. I hereby declare my intention to enter a plea
20 of guilty in the above case, and I request and consent
21 to have my plea taken by a United States Magistrate
22 Judge pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of
23 Criminal Procedure.

24 I understand that if my plea of guilty is taken by
25 the United States Magistrate Judge, and the Magistrate
26 Judge recommends that the plea be accepted, the
27 assigned United States District Judge will then decide
28 whether to accept or reject any plea agreement I may

1 have with the United States and will adjudicate guilt
2 and impose sentence.

3 I further understand that any objections to the
4 Magistrate Judge's findings and recommendation must be
5 filed within 14 days of the entry of my guilty plea.
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8 Dated: 9/1/21



Defendant

11 Dated: 9.1.21


Attorney for Defendant

14 The United States Attorney consents to have the
15 plea in this case taken by a United States Magistrate
16 Judge pursuant to Criminal Local Rule 11.1.
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18 Dated: 9/8/21


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