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15	v. HOVIK SIMITIAN,					
16 17	Defendant.					
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	<ol> <li>This constitutes the plea agreement between HOVIK SIMITIAN ("defendant") and the Criminal Fraud Section of the United States Department of Justice and the United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California (collectively the "USAO"), in the above-captioned case. This agreement is limited to the USAO and cannot bind any other federal, state, local, or foreign prosecuting, enforcement, administrative, or regulatory authorities. <u>DEFENDANT'S OBLIGATIONS</u></li> <li>Defendant agrees to:</li> </ol>					

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a. At the earliest opportunity requested by the USAO and
 provided by the Court, appear and plead guilty to count one of the
 indictment in <u>United States v. Hovik Simitian</u>, CR No. 14-0567-BRO,
 which charges defendant with conspiracy to commit health care fraud,
 in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1349.

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b. Not contest facts agreed to in this agreement.

7 c. Abide by all agreements regarding sentencing contained
8 in this agreement.

9 d. Appear for all court appearances, surrender as ordered 10 for service of sentence, obey all conditions of any bond, and obey 11 any other ongoing court order in this matter.

e. Not commit any crime; however, offenses that would be
excluded for sentencing purposes under United States Sentencing
Guidelines ("U.S.S.G." or "Sentencing Guidelines") § 4A1.2(c) are not
within the scope of this agreement.

16 f. Be truthful at all times with Pretrial Services, the
17 United States Probation Office, and the Court.

g. Pay the applicable special assessments at or before
the time of sentencing unless defendant lacks the ability to pay and
prior to sentencing submits a completed financial statement on a form
to be provided by the USAO.

h. Not seek the discharge of any restitution obligation,
in whole or in part, in any present or future bankruptcy proceeding.

THE USAO'S OBLIGATIONS

3. The USAO agrees to:

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a. Not contest facts agreed to in this agreement.

b. Abide by all agreements regarding sentencing containedin this agreement.

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c. At the time of sentencing, move to dismiss the remaining counts of the indictment as against defendant. Defendant agrees, however, that at the time of sentencing the Court may consider any dismissed charges in determining the applicable Sentencing Guidelines range, the propriety and extent of any departure from that range, and the sentence to be imposed.

d. At the time of sentencing, provided that defendant
demonstrates an acceptance of responsibility for the offense up to
and including the time of sentencing, recommend a two-level reduction
in the applicable Sentencing Guidelines offense level, pursuant to
U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1, and recommend and, if necessary, move for an
additional one-level reduction if available under that section.

13 Recommend that defendant be sentenced to a term of e. imprisonment no higher than the low end of the applicable Sentencing 14 15 Guidelines range, provided that the offense level used by the Court 16 to determine that range is, after credit for acceptance of 17 responsibility under U.S.S.G. Section 3E1.1, 29 or higher and 18 provided that the Court does not depart downward in offense level or 19 criminal history category. For purposes of this agreement, the low end of the Sentencing Guidelines range is that defined by the 20 21 Sentencing Table in U.S.S.G. Chapter 5, Part A.

## NATURE OF THE OFFENSE

4. Defendant understands that for defendant to be guilty of
the crime charged in Count One, that is, a violation of Title 18,
United States Code, Section 1349, the following must be true:

26 (a) Between in or around February 2010 and June 2014,
27 there was an agreement between two or more persons to commit the

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crime of health care fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States
 Code, Section 1347; and

3 (b) Defendant became a member of the conspiracy knowing
4 its object and intending to help accomplish it.

5 5. Defendant further understands that for defendant to have 6 committed the crime of health care fraud, the following must be true:

7 (a) Defendant knowingly and willfully participated in a
8 scheme or plan to defraud a health care benefit program, namely
9 Medicare, or a scheme or plan for obtaining money or property from
10 Medicare by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations,
11 or promises;

12 (b) The statements made or facts omitted as part of the 13 scheme were material; that is, they had a natural tendency to 14 influence, or were capable of influencing, the health care benefit 15 program to part with money or property;

16 (c) Defendant acted with the intent to defraud; that is, 17 the intent to deceive or cheat; and

(d) The scheme involved the delivery of or payment forhealth care benefits, items, or services.

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#### PENALTIES AND RESTITUTION

21 6. Defendant understands that the statutory maximum sentence
22 that the Court can impose for a violation of Title 18, United States
23 Code, Section 1349, as charged in Count One, is: 10 years'
24 imprisonment; a three-year period of supervised release; a fine of
25 \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or gross loss resulting from the
26 offense, whichever is greatest; and a mandatory special assessment of
27 \$100.

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1 7. Defendant understands that he will be required to pay full restitution to Medicare, the victim of the offense to which defendant 2 is pleading guilty. Defendant agrees that, in return for the USAO's 3 compliance with its obligations under this agreement, the Court may 4 5 order restitution to persons other than the victim(s) of the offenses to which defendant is pleading guilty and in amounts greater than 6 those alleged in the counts to which the defendant is pleading 7 In particular, defendant agrees that the Court may order 8 quilty. 9 restitution to any victim of any of the following for any losses 10 suffered by that victim as a result: (a) any relevant conduct, as 11 defined in U.S.S.G. § 1B1.3, in connection with the offense to which 12 defendant is pleading guilty; and (b) any counts dismissed pursuant to this agreement as well as all relevant conduct, as defined in 13 U.S.S.G. § 1B1.3, in connection with those counts. The parties 14 15 currently believe that the applicable amount of restitution is at 16 least \$1,668,559, but recognize and agree that this amount could change based on facts that come to the attention of the parties prior 17 18 to sentencing. Defendant further agrees that defendant will not seek 19 the discharge of any restitution obligation, in whole or in part, in any present or future bankruptcy proceeding. 20

8. Defendant understands that supervised release is a period of time following imprisonment during which defendant will be subject to various restrictions and requirements. Defendant understands that if defendant violates one or more of the conditions of any supervised release imposed, defendant may be returned to prison for all or part of the term of supervised release authorized by statute for the offense that resulted in the term of supervised release, which could

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result in defendant serving a total term of imprisonment greater than
 the statutory maximum stated above.

9. 3 Defendant understands that, by pleading guilty, defendant may be giving up valuable government benefits and valuable civic 4 rights, such as the right to vote, the right to possess a firearm, 5 6 the right to hold office, and the right to serve on a jury. 7 Defendant understands that once the court accepts defendant's guilty plea, it will be a federal felony for defendant to possess a firearm 8 or ammunition. Defendant understands that the conviction in this 9 case may also subject defendant to various other collateral 10 consequences, including but not limited to revocation of probation, 11 parole, or supervised release in another case and suspension or 12 13 revocation of a professional license. Defendant understands that unanticipated collateral consequences will not serve as grounds to 14 15 withdraw defendant's guilty plea.

16 10. Defendant understands that, if defendant is not a United States citizen, the felony conviction in this case may subject 17 defendant to: removal, also known as deportation, which may, under 18 some circumstances, be mandatory; denial of citizenship; and denial 19 20 of admission to the United States in the future. The court cannot, 21 and defendant's attorney also may not be able to, advise defendant fully regarding the immigration consequences of the felony conviction 22 in this case. Defendant understands that unexpected immigration 23 consequences will not serve as grounds to withdraw defendant's guilty 24 25 plea.

#### FACTUAL BASIS

27 11. Defendant admits that defendant is, in fact, guilty of the
28 offense to which defendant is agreeing to plead guilty. Defendant

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and the USAO agree to the statement of facts provided below and agree that this statement of facts is sufficient to support a plea of guilty to the charge described in this agreement and to establish the Sentencing Guidelines factors set forth in paragraphs 13 and 14 below but is not meant to be a complete recitation of all facts relevant to the underlying criminal conduct or all facts known to either party that relate to that conduct.

8 At all times relevant to this plea agreement, the Medicare 9 Program ("Medicare") was a federal health care benefit program, as 10 defined by Title 18, United States Code, Section 24(b).

Beginning in or around February 2010, and continuing through in or around June 2014, in Los Angeles County, within the Central District of California, and elsewhere, defendant, together with others, knowingly combined, conspired, and agreed to commit health care fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1347. The criminal conspiracy operated, in substance, in the following manner:

18 Defendant was the owner and manager of three clinics, Columbia Medical Group, Inc., Life Care Medical Clinic, and Safe Health 19 Medical Clinic (collectively, the "Clinics"), which were located at 20 1211 N. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California. As the owner and 21 22 manager of the Clinics, defendant was responsible for the day-to-day 23 operation of the Clinics. Defendant also signed and submitted to 24 Medicare enrollment documentation that listed defendant as an 25 authorized official, manager, and CFO of the Clinics.

During the course of the conspiracy, defendant and coconspirator Anahit Shatvoryan ("Shatvoryan"), paid illegal kickbacks to patient recruiters or "marketers" who defendant knew solicited

individuals with Medicare benefits, known as "Medicare 1 beneficiaries," to bring them to the Clinics. Defendant and co-2 3 conspirator Shatvoryan paid the patient recruiters an illegal kickback of \$150 to \$200 for each patient that they recruited and 4 referred to the Clinics. During the course of the conspiracy, 5 defendant knew it was illegal for marketers to recruit Medicare 6 7 beneficiaries and bring them to the Clinics, and for defendant and co-conspirator Shatvoryan to pay kickbacks to the marketers in 8 9 exchange for patient referrals.

10 Once the Medicare beneficiaries were at the Clinics, acting at the direction of defendant and co-conspirator Shatvoryan, the Clinics 11 12 at times provided the Medicare beneficiaries with medically unnecessary services. At other times, again at the direction of 13 14defendant and co-conspirator Shatvoryan, the Medicare beneficiaries received no services. In both scenarios, defendant and co-15 16 conspirator Shatvoryan would submit, and cause the submission of, 17 false and fraudulent claims to Medicare for services that defendant 18 knew were not medically necessary and/or never actually provided to the Medicare beneficiaries. These services included, among others, 19 20 urinary incontinence tests, and studies of anorectal pressure 21 generated by muscles surrounding the anus ("anorectal pressure tests"). For instance, during the time that defendant worked at the 22 Clinics, defendant knew that neither urinary incontinence tests nor 23 24 anorectal pressure tests were conducted at the Clinics.

Additionally, defendant and others, including co-conspirator Shatvoryan, would complete documentation necessary for the billing of services that defendant knew were not provided to the Medicare beneficiaries. For instance, for the billing of the urinary

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incontinence test, defendant and co-conspirator Shatvoryan would 1 2 falsely document that the tests had been performed, when in fact, defendant knew that the tests were never performed on the 3 beneficiaries. In addition, in completing superbills to be provided 4 5 to the Clinics' billing company, defendant and co-conspirator Shatvoryan would include services such as the urinary incontinence 6 test, and others, that defendant knew were never actually provided to 7 the Medicare beneficiaries. Defendant and co-conspirator Shatvoryan 8 9 would submit all paperwork, including the superbills, to the Clinics' billing company to bill Medicare on behalf of the Clinics. Defendant 10 knew that the superbills and all other forms and information provided 11 12 to the billing company would be used by the billing company to bill Medicare for false and fraudulent claims for services that were not 13 medically necessary and never actually provided to the Medicare 14 beneficiaries. 15

As a direct result of defendant's conduct, defendant and his coconspirators, including co-conspirator Shatvoryan, submitted and caused the submission of approximately \$4,526,791 in false and fraudulent claims to Medicare, and Medicare paid approximately \$1,668,559 on those claims.

Defendant committed all of the above acts knowingly and willfully, and with the intent to defraud.

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#### SENTENCING FACTORS

12. Defendant understands that in determining defendant's
sentence the Court is required to calculate the applicable Sentencing
Guidelines range and to consider that range, possible departures
under the Sentencing Guidelines, and the other sentencing factors set
forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a). Defendant understands that the

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Sentencing Guidelines are advisory only, that defendant cannot have any expectation of receiving a sentence within the calculated Sentencing Guidelines range, and that after considering the Sentencing Guidelines and the other § 3553(a) factors, the Court will be free to exercise its discretion to impose any sentence it finds appropriate up to the maximum set by statute for the crime of conviction.

8 13. Defendant and the USAO agree to the following applicable9 Sentencing Guidelines factors:

10	Base Offense Level:	6	[U.S.S.G. § 2B1.1(a)(2)]
11	Loss Amount: More than \$2.5 million but		
12	less than \$7 million	18	[U.S.S.G. § 2B1.1(b)(1)(J)]
13	Aggravating role:	4	[U.S.S.G. § 3B1.1(a)]
14	Health care fraud:	2	[U.S.S.G. § 3B1.1(b)(7)]
15	Abuse of trust:	2	[U.S.S.G. § 3B1.3]
16	Acceptance of responsibility:	-3	[U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1]
17	Total Offense Level:	29	

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14. On April 9, 2015, the Sentencing Commission approved amendments to the Sentencing Guidelines that will go into effect on November 1, 2015, unless modified or disapproved by Act of Congress. If defendant's sentencing were governed by those amendments, defendant and the USAO agree the following applicable Sentencing Guidelines factors would apply:

 Base Offense Level:
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 [U.S.S.G. § 2B1.1(a)(2)]

 Loss Amount:
 More than \$3.5 million but

 less than \$9.5 million
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 [U.S.S.G. § 2B1.1(b)(1)(J)]

 Aggravating role:
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 [U.S.S.G. § 3B1.1(a)]

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1	Health care fraud:	2	[U.S.S.G. § 3B1.1(b)(7)]
2	Abuse of trust:	2	[U.S.S.G. § 3B1.3]
3	Acceptance of responsibility:	- 3	[U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1]
4	Total Offense Level:	29	

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The USAO will agree to a two-level downward adjustment for acceptance of responsibility (and, if applicable, move for an additional onelevel downward adjustment under U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1(b)) only if the conditions set forth in paragraph 3(d) are met. Subject to paragraph 26 below, defendant and the USAO agree not to argue, either orally or in writing, that any other specific offense characteristics, adjustments, or departures relating to the offense level be imposed. Defendant agrees, however, that if, after signing this agreement but prior to sentencing, defendant were to commit an act, or the USAO were to discover a previously undiscovered act committed by defendant prior to signing this agreement, which act, in the judgment of the USAO, constituted obstruction of justice within the meaning of U.S.S.G. § 3C1.1, the USAO would be free to seek the enhancement set forth in that section.

15. Defendant understands that there is no agreement as to defendant's criminal history or criminal history category.

16. Defendant and the USAO reserve the right to argue for a sentence outside the sentencing range established by the Sentencing Guidelines based on the factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(6), and (a)(7).

#### WAIVER OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

17. Defendant understands that by pleading guilty, defendant gives up the following rights:

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1 2 a. The right to persist in a plea of not guilty.

b. The right to a speedy and public trial by jury.

3 c. The right to be represented by counsel -- and if 4 necessary have the court appoint counsel -- at trial. Defendant 5 understands, however, that, defendant retains the right to be 6 represented by counsel -- and if necessary have the court appoint 7 counsel -- at every other stage of the proceeding.

8 d. The right to be presumed innocent and to have the
9 burden of proof placed on the government to prove defendant guilty
10 beyond a reasonable doubt.

e. The right to confront and cross-examine witnessesagainst defendant.

f. The right to testify and to present evidence in
opposition to the charges, including the right to compel the
attendance of witnesses to testify.

16 g. The right not to be compelled to testify, and, if 17 defendant chose not to testify or present evidence, to have that 18 choice not be used against defendant.

h. Any and all rights to pursue any affirmative defenses,
Fourth Amendment or Fifth Amendment claims, and other pretrial
motions that have been filed or could be filed.

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#### WAIVER OF APPEAL OF CONVICTION

18. Defendant understands that, with the exception of an appeal based on a claim that defendant's guilty plea was involuntary, by pleading guilty defendant is waiving and giving up any right to appeal defendant's conviction on the offense to which defendant is pleading guilty.

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## LIMITED MUTUAL WAIVER OF APPEAL OF SENTENCE

2 Defendant agrees that, provided the Court imposes a total 19. 3 term of imprisonment on all counts of conviction of no more than 108 4 months, defendant gives up the right to appeal all of the following: 5 (a) the procedures and calculations used to determine and impose any 6 portion of the sentence; (b) the term of imprisonment imposed by the 7 Court; (c) the fine imposed by the court, provided it is within the statutory maximum; (d) the amount and terms of any restitution order, 8 provided it requires payment of no more than \$1,668,559; (e) the term 9 of probation or supervised release imposed by the Court, provided it 10 11 is within the statutory maximum; and (f) any of the following 12 conditions of probation or supervised release imposed by the Court: 13 the conditions set forth in General Orders 318, 01-05, and/or 05-02 14 of this Court; the drug testing conditions mandated by 18 U.S.C. 15 §§ 3563(a)(5) and 3583(d); and the alcohol and drug use conditions 16 authorized by 18 U.S.C. § 3563(b)(7).

17 20. The USAO agrees that, provided (a) all portions of the 18 sentence are at or below the statutory maximum specified above and 19 (b) the Court imposes a term of imprisonment of no less than 87 20 months, the USAO gives up its right to appeal any portion of the 21 sentence, with the exception that the USAO reserves the right to 22 appeal the following: the amount of restitution ordered if that 23 amount is less than \$1,668,559.

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#### RESULT OF WITHDRAWAL OF GUILTY PLEA

25 21. Defendant agrees that if, after entering a guilty plea
26 pursuant to this agreement, defendant seeks to withdraw and succeeds
27 in withdrawing defendant's guilty plea on any basis other than a
28 claim and finding that entry into this plea agreement was

involuntary, then the USAO will be relieved of all of its obligations 1 under this agreement; and (b) should the USAO choose to pursue any 2 charge or any civil, administrative, or regulatory action that was 3 either dismissed or not filed as a result of this agreement, then 4 (i) any applicable statute of limitations will be tolled between the 5 date of defendant's signing of this agreement and the filing 6 commencing any such action; and (ii) defendant waives and gives up 7 all defenses based on the statute of limitations, any claim of pre-8 indictment delay, or any speedy trial claim with respect to any such 9 action, except to the extent that such defenses existed as of the 10 date of defendant's signing this agreement. 11

### EFFECTIVE DATE OF AGREEMENT

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13 22. This agreement is effective upon signature and execution of
14 all required certifications by defendant, defendant's counsel, and a
15 United States Department of Justice Trial Attorney.

BREACH OF AGREEMENT

Defendant agrees that if defendant, at any time after the 17 23. signature of this agreement and execution of all required 18 certifications by defendant, defendant's counsel, and a United States 19 Department of Justice Trial Attorney, knowingly violates or fails to 20 perform any of defendant's obligations under this agreement ("a 21 breach"), the USAO may declare this agreement breached. All of 22 defendant's obligations are material, a single breach of this 23 agreement is sufficient for the USAO to declare a breach, and 24 defendant shall not be deemed to have cured a breach without the 25 express agreement of the USAO in writing. If the USAO declares this 26 agreement breached, and the Court finds such a breach to have 27 occurred, then: (a) if defendant has previously entered a guilty plea 28

pursuant to this agreement, defendant will not be able to withdraw
 the guilty plea, and (b) the USAO will be relieved of all its
 obligations under this agreement.

4 24. Following the Court's finding of a knowing breach of this
5 agreement by defendant, should the USAO choose to pursue any charge
6 or any civil, administrative, or regulatory action that was either
7 dismissed or not filed as a result of this agreement, then:

a. Defendant agrees that any applicable statute of
9 limitations is tolled between the date of defendant's signing of this
10 agreement and the filing commencing any such action.

b. Defendant waives and gives up all defenses based on the statute of limitations, any claim of pre-indictment delay, or any speedy trial claim with respect to any such action, except to the extent that such defenses existed as of the date of defendant's signing this agreement.

16 Defendant agrees that: (i) any statements made by c. 17 defendant, under oath, at the guilty plea hearing (if such a hearing occurred prior to the breach); (ii) the agreed to factual basis 18 statement in this agreement; and (iii) any evidence derived from such 19 20 statements, shall be admissible against defendant in any such action 21 against defendant, and defendant waives and gives up any claim under 22 the United States Constitution, any statute, Rule 410 of the Federal Rules of Evidence, Rule 11(f) of the Federal Rules of Criminal 23 Procedure, or any other federal rule, that the statements or any 24 25 evidence derived from the statements should be suppressed or are 26 inadmissible.

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# COURT AND PROBATION OFFICE NOT PARTIES

2 25. Defendant understands that the Court and the United States
3 Probation Office are not parties to this agreement and need not
4 accept any of the USAO's sentencing recommendations or the parties'
5 agreements to facts or sentencing factors.

26. Defendant understands that both defendant and the USAO are 6 7 free to: (a) supplement the facts by supplying relevant information to the United States Probation Office and the Court, (b) correct any 8 and all factual misstatements relating to the Court's Sentencing 9 Guidelines calculations and determination of sentence, and (c) argue 10 on appeal and collateral review that the Court's Sentencing 11 12 Guidelines calculations and the sentence it chooses to impose are not 13 error, although each party agrees to maintain its view that the 14 calculations in paragraphs 13 and 14 are consistent with the facts of 15 this case. While this paragraph permits both the USAO and defendant to submit full and complete factual information to the United States 16 Probation Office and the Court, even if that factual information may 17 be viewed as inconsistent with the facts agreed to in this agreement, 18 this paragraph does not affect defendant's and the USAO's obligations 19 20 not to contest the facts agreed to in this agreement.

Defendant understands that even if the Court ignores any 21 27. 22 sentencing recommendation, finds facts or reaches conclusions 23 different from those agreed to, and/or imposes any sentence up to the 24 maximum established by statute, defendant cannot, for that reason, withdraw defendant's guilty plea, and defendant will remain bound to 25 fulfill all defendant's obligations under this agreement. Defendant 26 27 understands that no one -- not the prosecutor, defendant's attorney, or the Court -- can make a binding prediction or promise regarding 28

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1	the sentence defendant will receive, except that it will be within			
2	the statutory maximum.			
3	NO ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS			
4	28. Defendant understands that, except as set forth herein,			
5	there are no promises, understandings, or agreements between the USAO			
6	and defendant or defendant's attorney, and that no additional			
7	promise, understanding, or agreement may be entered into unless in a			
8	writing signed by all parties or on the record in court.			
9	PLEA AGREEMENT PART OF THE GUILTY PLEA HEARING			
10	29. The parties agree that this agreement will be considered			
11	part of the record of defendant's guilty plea hearing as if the			
12	entire agreement had been read into the record of the proceeding.			
13	AGREED AND ACCEPTED			
14 15	UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA			
16	EILEEN M. DECKER			
17	United States Attorney			
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## CERTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT

I have read this agreement in its entirety. I have had enough 3 time to review and consider this agreement, and I have carefully and 4 thoroughly discussed every part of it with my attorney. I understand 5 the terms of this agreement, and I voluntarily agree to those terms. 6 I have discussed the evidence with my attorney, and my attorney has 7 advised me of my rights, of possible pretrial motions that might be 8 filed, of possible defenses that might be asserted either prior to or 9 at trial, of the sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), 10 of relevant Sentencing Guidelines provisions, and of the consequences 11 of entering into this agreement. No promises, inducements, or 12 representations of any kind have been made to me other than those 13 contained in this agreement. No one has threatened or forced me in any way to enter into this agreement. I am satisfied with the representation of my attorney in this matter, and I am pleading guilty because I am guilty of the charges and wish to take advantage of the promises set forth in this agreement, and not for any other

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# CERTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY

I am Hovik Simitian's attorney. I have carefully and thoroughly discussed every part of this agreement with my client. Further, I have fully advised my client of his rights, of possible pretrial

motions that might be filed, of possible defenses that might be asserted either prior to or at trial, of the sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), of relevant Sentencing Guidelines provisions, and of the consequences of entering into this agreement. To my knowledge: no promises, inducements, or representations of any kind have been made to my client other than those contained in this agreement; no one has threatened or forced my client in any way to enter into this agreement; my client's decision to enter into this agreement is an informed and voluntary one; and the factual basis set forth in this agreement is sufficient to support my client's entry of a guilty plea pursuant to this agreement. 8/6/15 Jilbert Tahmazian Date Attorney for Defendant Hovik Simitia