

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

LAURA JANKE,

Defendant.

Criminal No. 19-CR-10081-IT

ASSENTED TO MOTION FOR A RULE 11 HEARING

The United States of America, by and through its undersigned counsel, together with Defendant Laura Janke, by and through Stephen Huggard, counsel for Defendant Janke, file Defendant's executed plea and cooperation agreements, attached to this motion as exhibits. The parties further request a Rule 11 hearing at the convenience of the Court.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW E. LELLING
United States Attorney

By: *Eric S. Rosen*
ERIC S. ROSEN
Assistant U.S. Attorney

Date: April 23, 2019

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the parties have met and conferred about this motion for a Rule 11 hearing, and that this document filed through the ECF system will be sent electronically to the registered participants identified on the Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF) and mailed to all those not participating in ECF.

Dated: April 23, 2019

By: /s/ Eric S. Rosen
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April 11, 2019

Stephen Huggard, Esq.
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Boston, Massachusetts 02210

Re: United States v. Laura Janke

Dear Mr. Huggard:

The United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts (“the U.S. Attorney”) and your client, Laura Janke (“Defendant”), agree as follows:

1. Change of Plea

No later than May 30, 2019, Defendant will plead guilty to the one count in the Indictment charging her with conspiracy to commit racketeering, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1962(d). Defendant admits that she committed the crime specified in that count and is in fact guilty of that crime. Defendant also agrees to waive venue, to waive any applicable statute of limitations, and to waive any legal or procedural defects in the Indictment. Defendant does not dispute the accuracy of the Indictment.

The U.S. Attorney agrees that, based upon the information known to the U.S. Attorney’s Office at this time, no further criminal charges will be brought against Defendant in connection with the conduct set forth in the Indictment.

2. Penalties

Defendant faces the following maximum penalties: incarceration for 20 years; supervised release for three years; a fine of \$250,000, or twice the gross gain or loss, whichever is greater; a mandatory special assessment of \$100; restitution; and forfeiture to the extent charged in the Indictment.

3. Sentencing Guidelines

The parties agree, based on the following calculations, that Defendant's total "offense level" under the Guidelines is 18:

- a) Defendant's base offense level is 7, because Defendant is pleading guilty to an offense of conviction with statutory maximum term of imprisonment of 20 years or more (USSG §§ 2E1.1(a)(2) & 2B1.1(a)(1));
- b) Defendant's offense level is increased by 12, because the gain or loss from the offense of conviction is more than \$250,000, but not more than \$550,000 (USSG § 2B1.1(b)(1)(G));
- c) Defendant's offense level is increased by 2, because Defendant abused a position of trust (USSG § 3B1.3); and
- d) Defendant's offense level is decreased by 3, because Defendant has accepted responsibility for her crime (USSG § 3E1.1).

Defendant understands that the Court is not required to follow this calculation, and that Defendant may not withdraw her guilty plea if Defendant disagrees with how the Court calculates the Guidelines or with the sentence the Court imposes.

Defendant also understands that the government will object to any reduction in her sentence based on acceptance of responsibility if: (a) at sentencing, Defendant does not clearly accept responsibility for the crime she is pleading guilty to committing; or (b) by the time of sentencing, Defendant has committed a new federal or state offense, or has in any way obstructed justice.

If, after signing this Agreement, Defendant's criminal history score or Criminal History Category are reduced, the U.S. Attorney reserves the right to seek an upward departure under the Guidelines.

Nothing in this Plea Agreement affects the U.S. Attorney's obligation to provide the Court and the U.S. Probation Office with accurate and complete information regarding this case.

4. Sentence Recommendation

The U.S. Attorney agrees to recommend the following sentence to the Court:

- a) incarceration at the low end of the Guidelines as calculated by the parties in Paragraph 3;
- b) a fine or other financial penalty within the Sentencing Guidelines range;
- c) 12 months of supervised release;

- d) a mandatory special assessment of \$100, which Defendant must pay to the Clerk of the Court by the date of sentencing;
- e) restitution in an amount to be determined by the Court at sentencing; and
- f) forfeiture as set forth in Paragraph 6.

In addition, the parties agree jointly to recommend the following special condition of any term of supervised release or probation:

During the period of supervised release or probation, Defendant must, within six months of sentencing or release from custody, whichever is later:

- a) cooperate with the Examination and Collection Divisions of the IRS;
- b) provide to the Examination Division all financial information necessary to determine Defendant's prior tax liabilities;
- c) provide to the Collection Division all financial information necessary to determine Defendant's ability to pay;
- d) file accurate and complete tax returns for those years for which returns were not filed or for which inaccurate returns were filed; and
- e) make a good faith effort to pay all delinquent and additional taxes, interest, and penalties.

5. Waiver of Appellate Rights and Challenges to Conviction or Sentence

Defendant has the right to challenge her conviction and sentence on "direct appeal." This means that Defendant has the right to ask a higher court (the "appeals court") to look at what happened in this case and, if the appeals court finds that the trial court or the parties made certain mistakes, overturn Defendant's conviction or sentence. Also, in some instances, Defendant has the right to file a separate civil lawsuit claiming that serious mistakes were made in this case and that her conviction or sentence should be overturned.

Defendant understands that she has these rights, but now agrees to give them up. Specifically, Defendant agrees that:

- a) She will not challenge her conviction on direct appeal or in any other proceeding, including in a separate civil lawsuit; and

- b) She will not challenge her sentence, including any court orders related to forfeiture, restitution, fines or supervised release, on direct appeal or in any other proceeding, including in a separate civil lawsuit.

Defendant understands that, by agreeing to the above, she is agreeing that her conviction and sentence will be final when the Court issues a written judgment after the sentencing hearing in this case. That is, after the Court issues a written judgment, Defendant will lose the right to appeal or otherwise challenge her conviction and sentence, regardless of whether she later changes her mind or finds new information that would have led her not to agree to give up these rights in the first place.

Defendant acknowledges that she is agreeing to give up these rights at least partly in exchange for concessions the U.S. Attorney is making in this Agreement.

The parties agree that, despite giving up these rights, Defendant keeps the right to later claim that her lawyer rendered ineffective assistance of counsel, or that the prosecutor engaged in misconduct serious enough to entitle Defendant to have her conviction or sentence overturned.

6. Forfeiture

Defendant understands that the Court will, upon acceptance of Defendant's guilty plea, enter an order of forfeiture as part of Defendant's sentence, and that the order of forfeiture may include assets directly traceable to Defendant's offense, assets used to facilitate Defendant's offense, substitute assets and/or a money judgment equal to the value of the property derived from, or otherwise involved in, the offense.

The assets to be forfeited specifically include, without limitation, the following:

- a. \$134,213.90 in United States currency, to be entered in the form of an Order of Forfeiture (Money Judgment).

Defendant admits that \$134,213.90 is subject to forfeiture on the grounds that it is equal to the amount of proceeds the defendant derived from the offense.

Defendant acknowledges and agrees that the amount of the forfeiture money judgment represents proceeds the Defendant obtained (directly or indirectly), and/or facilitating property and/or property involved in, the crimes to which Defendant is pleading guilty and that, due at least in part to the acts or omissions of Defendant, the proceeds or property have been transferred to, or deposited with, a third party, spent, cannot be located upon exercise of due diligence, placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court, substantially diminished in value, or commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty. Accordingly, Defendant agrees that the United States is entitled to forfeit as "substitute assets" any other assets of Defendant up to the value of the now missing directly forfeitable assets.

Defendant agrees to consent to the entry of an order of forfeiture for such property and waives the requirements of Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 11(b)(1)(J), 32.2, and 43(a) regarding notice of the forfeiture in the charging instrument, advice regarding the forfeiture at the change-of-plea hearing, announcement of the forfeiture at sentencing, and incorporation of the forfeiture in the judgment. Defendant understands and agrees that forfeiture shall not satisfy or affect any fine, lien, penalty, restitution, cost of imprisonment, tax liability or any other debt owed to the United States.

If the U.S. Attorney requests, Defendant shall deliver to the U.S. Attorney within 30 days after signing this Plea Agreement a sworn financial statement disclosing all assets in which Defendant currently has any interest and all assets over which Defendant has exercised control, or has had any legal or beneficial interest. Defendant further agrees to be deposed with respect to Defendant's assets at the request of the U.S. Attorney. Defendant agrees that the United States Department of Probation may share any financial information about the Defendant with the United States Attorney's Office.

Defendant also agrees to waive all constitutional, legal, and equitable challenges (including direct appeal, habeas corpus, or any other means) to any forfeiture carried out in accordance with this Plea Agreement.

Defendant hereby waives and releases any claims Defendant may have to any vehicles, currency, or other personal property seized by the United States, or seized by any state or local law enforcement agency and turned over to the United States, during the investigation and prosecution of this case, and consents to the forfeiture of all such assets.

7. Civil Liability

This Plea Agreement does not affect any civil liability, including any tax liability, Defendant has incurred or may later incur due to her criminal conduct and guilty plea to the charge specified in Paragraph 1 of this Agreement.

8. Breach of Plea Agreement

Defendant understands that if she breaches any provision of this Agreement, Defendant cannot use that breach as a reason to withdraw her guilty plea. Defendant's breach, however, would give the U.S. Attorney the right to be released from his commitments under this Agreement, and would allow the U.S. Attorney to pursue any charges that were, or are to be, dismissed under this Agreement.

If Defendant breaches any provision of this Agreement, the U.S. Attorney would also have the right to use against Defendant any of Defendant's statements, and any information or materials she provided to the government during investigation or prosecution of her case. The U.S. Attorney would have this right even if the parties had entered any earlier written or oral agreements or understandings about this issue.

Finally, if Defendant breaches any provision of this Agreement, she thereby waives any defenses based on the statute of limitations, constitutional protections against pre-indictment delay, and the Speedy Trial Act, that Defendant otherwise may have had to any charges based on conduct occurring before the date of this Agreement.

9. Who is Bound by Plea Agreement

This Agreement is only between Defendant and the U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts. It does not bind the Attorney General of the United States or any other federal, state, or local prosecuting authorities.

10. Modifications to Plea Agreement

This Agreement can be modified or supplemented only in a written memorandum signed by both parties, or through proceedings in open court.

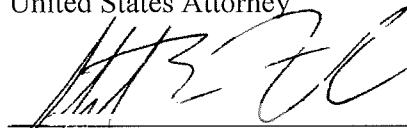
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If this letter accurately reflects the agreement between the U.S. Attorney and Defendant, please have Defendant sign the Acknowledgment of Plea Agreement below. Please also sign below as Witness. Return the original of this letter to Assistant U.S. Attorney Eric S. Rosen.

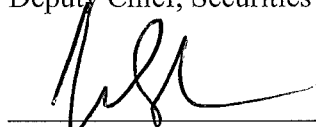
Sincerely,

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By:



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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PLEA AGREEMENT

I have read this letter and discussed it with my attorney. The letter accurately presents my agreement with the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts. There are no unwritten agreements between me and the United States Attorney's Office, and no United States government official has made any unwritten promises or representations to me in connection with my guilty plea. I have received no prior offers to resolve this case.

I understand the crime I am pleading guilty to, and the maximum penalties for that crime. I have discussed the Sentencing Guidelines with my lawyer and I understand the sentencing ranges that may apply.

I am satisfied with the legal representation my lawyer has given me and we have had enough time to meet and discuss my case. We have discussed the charge against me, possible defenses I might have, the terms of this Agreement and whether I should go to trial.

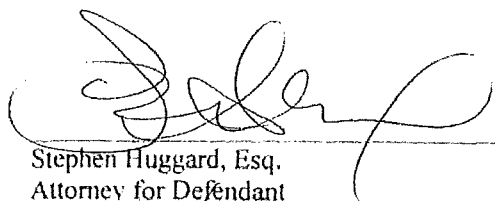
I am entering into this Agreement freely and voluntarily and because I am in fact guilty of the offense. I believe this Agreement is in my best interest.



Laura Janke
Defendant

Date: 4/21/19

I certify that Laura Janke has read this Agreement and that we have discussed what it means. I believe Laura Janke understands the Agreement and is entering into it freely, voluntarily, and knowingly. I also certify that the U.S. Attorney has not extended any other offers regarding a change of plea in this case.



Stephen Huggard, Esq.
Attorney for Defendant

Date: 4/22/19



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Re: United States v. Laura Janke
Cooperation Agreement

UNDER SEAL

Dear Mr. Huggard:

This letter sets forth the understanding between the United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts (“the U.S. Attorney”) and your client, Laura Janke (“Defendant”), concerning Defendant’s cooperation with the U.S. Attorney in the above-referenced case. This Cooperation Agreement supplements, but does not supersede, the Plea Agreement between the parties dated April 11, 2019 (“Plea Agreement”). Defendant and the U.S. Attorney further understand and agree that the original of this Cooperation Agreement shall be maintained by the U.S. Attorney, but may be later disclosed pursuant to the U.S. Attorney’s discovery obligations, or submitted to the District Court under seal, with notice to Defendant. In addition, Defendant and the U.S. Attorney understand and agree that the U.S. Attorney will submit this Cooperation Agreement to the U.S. Probation Office for its use in preparing the Presentence Report. Nothing in this Cooperation Agreement affects the U.S. Attorney’s obligation to provide the Court and the U.S. Probation Office with accurate and complete information regarding this case.

The Cooperation Agreement is as follows:

1. Terms of Cooperation

Defendant agrees to cooperate fully with law enforcement agents and government attorneys. Defendant must provide complete and truthful information to all law enforcement personnel. If Defendant’s testimony is requested, Defendant must testify truthfully and completely before any grand jury, and at any hearing and trial. Defendant must answer all questions posed by any law enforcement agents and government attorneys and must not withhold any information. Defendant must not attempt to protect any person or entity through false information or omission,

or to implicate falsely any person or entity. Upon request, Defendant must furnish all documents, objects and other evidence in Defendant's possession, custody or control that are relevant to the government's inquiries.

Defendant understands that she has a right to have counsel present when communicating with representatives of the government about the criminal conduct with which Defendant has been charged. To facilitate Defendant's cooperation, Defendant hereby knowingly and voluntarily waives this right with respect to all debriefings by law enforcement agents and government attorneys and all appearances to testify. Defendant or Defendant's counsel may revoke this waiver with a specific request at any time without otherwise affecting the terms or enforceability of this Cooperation Agreement.

To ensure that the Court has all relevant sentencing information, Defendant waives any rights to prompt sentencing and will join in any requests by the U.S. Attorney that sentencing be postponed until Defendant's cooperation is complete. Defendant understands that the date of Defendant's sentencing is within the sole discretion of the Court and that this Cooperation Agreement may require Defendant's cooperation to continue even after Defendant has been sentenced. Defendant's failure to continue to cooperate pursuant to the terms of this Cooperation Agreement after sentence is imposed shall constitute a breach of this Cooperation Agreement by Defendant.

2. Substantial Assistance Motion

Should Defendant provide substantial assistance in the investigation or prosecution of another person who has committed a criminal offense, the U.S. Attorney agrees that, at or before sentencing, the U.S. Attorney will file a motion under USSG § 5K1.1 to recommend that the Court impose a sentence below the advisory Guidelines sentencing range.

The determination whether Defendant has provided substantial assistance rests solely in the discretion of the U.S. Attorney and is not subject to appeal or review. The U.S. Attorney will make this determination based on the truthfulness and value of Defendant's assistance, regardless of the outcome or result of any proceeding or trial. The U.S. Attorney reserves the right to decline to file a motion pursuant to USSG § 5K1.1 if Defendant violates any condition of pretrial release, violates any of the requirements of honesty and candor detailed in Paragraph 1 above, or engages in any criminal conduct after the date Defendant signs this Cooperation Agreement and/or the Plea Agreement. Defendant may not withdraw her guilty plea if the U.S. Attorney determines that Defendant has not rendered substantial assistance or otherwise declines to file a motion pursuant to USSG § 5K1.1 for any of the reasons listed above, or if the Court refuses to grant the U.S. Attorney's motion for a downward departure.

3. Sentence Recommendation with Substantial Assistance

If Defendant provides substantial assistance, subject to all of the provisions of Paragraphs 1 and 2 above, the U.S. Attorney will advise the Court of the full nature, extent, and value of the assistance provided by Defendant. In such an event, the U.S. Attorney reserves the right to recommend a particular sentence or sentencing range, or to make no recommendation at Defendant's sentencing, subject to the requirements of Paragraph 2 above. In no case will the U.S. Attorney's recommendation exceed that set forth in Paragraph 4 of the Plea Agreement between the parties.

Any sentencing recommendation the U.S. Attorney may make based upon Defendant's substantial assistance is not binding upon the Court. Rather, the sentence to be imposed is within the Court's sole discretion. Should the Court decline to follow the U.S. Attorney's sentencing recommendation (if any), the U.S. Attorney reserves the right to defend the Court's sentence in any direct appeal or future challenge (collateral or otherwise).

4. Letter Immunity

In return for Defendant's full and truthful cooperation, the U.S. Attorney agrees not to use any information provided by Defendant pursuant to this Cooperation Agreement or pursuant to the proffer letter dated March 25, 2019 (or any information directly or indirectly derived therefrom) against Defendant in any criminal case except in a prosecution: (1) for perjury or obstruction of justice, or for making a false statement after the date of this Cooperation Agreement or the Plea Agreement; or (2) for an act of physical violence against the person of another, or conspiracy to commit any such act of violence. The U.S. Attorney reserves the right to respond fully and accurately to all requests for information by the Court and U.S. Probation Office in this case. All such disclosures, however, shall be made subject to the constraints identified in USSG § 1B1.8(a) and its commentary on the use of this information by the Court and U.S. Probation Office. Regardless of the provisions of USSG § 1B1.8(b)(5) and its commentary, the U.S. Attorney agrees to take the position at sentencing that information provided by Defendant pursuant to this Cooperation Agreement and the Plea Agreement should not be used as a basis for the Court to refuse to depart downward.

5. Breach of Cooperation Agreement

If the U.S. Attorney determines that Defendant has breached this Cooperation Agreement by making any false, incomplete or misleading statement, or by providing any false, incomplete or misleading information to any law enforcement personnel, grand jury or court, the U.S. Attorney may terminate this Cooperation Agreement and/or the Plea Agreement as set forth in Paragraph 8 of the Plea Agreement; may pursue any and all of the remedies for breach set forth in Paragraph 8 of the Plea Agreement; and may prosecute Defendant for any and all offenses that could be charged against Defendant in the District of Massachusetts, including, but not limited to, false statements and perjury.

6. Complete Cooperation Agreement

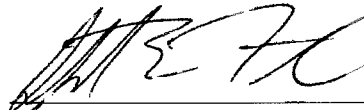
This letter contains the complete supplemental agreement between the parties relating to Defendant's cooperation in this matter. No other promises, representations or agreements have been made other than those set forth in this Cooperation Agreement, the proffer letter dated March 25, 2019, which is superseded by this Cooperation Agreement as to any statements made after the date of this Cooperation Agreement, and the Plea Agreement. This Cooperation Agreement can be modified or supplemented only in a written document signed by the parties or on the record in court.

If this letter accurately reflects the cooperation agreement between the U.S. Attorney and Defendant, please have Defendant sign the Acknowledgment of Agreement below. Please also sign below as Witness. Return the original of this letter to Assistant U.S. Attorney Eric S. Rosen.

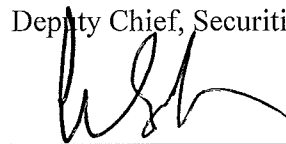
Sincerely,

ANDREW E. LELLING
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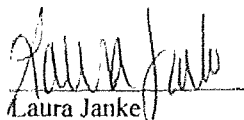
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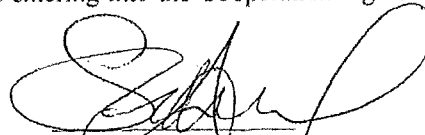
I have read this Cooperation Agreement in its entirety and discussed it with my attorney. I hereby acknowledge that it fully sets forth my cooperation agreement with the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts. I further state that no additional promises or representations have been made to me by any official of the United States in connection with this matter other than those set forth in the Plea Agreement dated April 11, 2019 and the proffer letter dated March 25, 2019. I understand the crime to which I have agreed to plead guilty, the maximum penalties for that offense, and the Sentencing Guideline penalties potentially applicable to it. I am satisfied with the legal representation provided to me by my attorney. We have had sufficient time to meet and discuss my case. We have discussed the charge against me, possible defenses I might have, the terms of this Cooperation Agreement (and the April 11, 2019 Plea Agreement), and whether I should go to trial. I am entering into this Cooperation Agreement freely, voluntarily, and knowingly.



Laura Janke
Defendant

Date: 4/21/19

I certify that Laura Janke has read this Cooperation Agreement, and that we have discussed both its meaning and its relationship to the Plea Agreement dated April 11, 2019. I believe she understands the Cooperation Agreement and is entering into the Cooperation Agreement freely, voluntarily, and knowingly.



Stephen Huggard, Esq.
Attorney for Defendant

Date: 4/22/19