

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
PANAMA CITY DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CASE NO.: 5:19cr84-RH

EDWARD NEWTON
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PLEA AGREEMENT

1. PARTIES TO AGREEMENT

This agreement is entered into, by, and between, EDWARD NEWTON as the Defendant, GARY ROBERTS as attorney for the Defendant, and the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Florida. This agreement specifically excludes and does not bind any other state or federal agency, including other United States Attorneys and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, from asserting any civil, criminal, or administrative claim against the Defendant.

2. TERMS

The parties agree to the following terms:

a. The Defendant will plead guilty to Count One (Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud) and Counts Two through Sixteen, inclusive (Wire Fraud). As to each count, the Defendant faces a maximum statutory penalty of up to 20 (twenty) years

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imprisonment; up to three (3) years of supervised release; a fine of not more than \$250,000; a \$100 special monetary assessment; restitution; and forfeiture. The Defendant agrees to pay the special monetary assessment on or before the date of sentencing.

b. That by voluntarily pleading guilty to the charges in the Indictment the Defendant, as to the counts pled herein, knowingly waives and gives up constitutional rights which attend a Defendant on trial in a criminal case. These constitutional rights include: the right to plead not guilty; the right to have a judge and/or jury determine guilt on the evidence presented; the right to compel the government to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt; the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses; the right not to be compelled to incriminate oneself; the right to testify; the right to present evidence; and the right to compel the attendance of witnesses.

c. The Defendant is pleading guilty because the Defendant is in fact guilty of the charges alleged in Count One through Count Sixteen, inclusive, of the Indictment. In pleading guilty, the Defendant acknowledges that were this case to go to trial, the government would present evidence to support the charges beyond a reasonable doubt.

d. Upon the Court's adjudication of guilt of the Defendant for the charged crimes, the United States Attorney, Northern District of Florida, will not file any further criminal charges against the Defendant arising out of the same transactions or occurrences to which the Defendant has pled. The Defendant agrees that substantial evidence exists to support the charges.

e. Nothing in this agreement shall protect the Defendant in any way from prosecution for any offense committed after the date of this agreement.

f. If the Defendant is not a citizen of the United States, the Defendant understands that this conviction will adversely affect the Defendant's immigration status and may lead to deportation/removal from the United States.

g. The parties agree that the sentence to be imposed is left solely to the discretion of the Court, which is required to consult the United States Sentencing Guidelines and take them into account when sentencing the Defendant. The parties further understand and agree that the Court's discretion in imposing sentence is limited only by the statutory maximum sentence prescribed by statute for the offenses.

h. Both parties reserve the right to advise the Court and other authorities of their versions of the circumstances surrounding the offenses committed by the Defendant.

3. SENTENCING

a. Defendant understands that any prediction of the sentence that may be imposed is not a guarantee or binding promise. Due to the variety and complexity of issues that may arise at sentencing, the sentence may not be subject to accurate prediction.

b. The parties understand and agree that either party may offer additional evidence relevant to sentencing issues. However, the Court is not limited to consideration of the facts and events provided by the parties. Adverse rulings or a sentence greater than anticipated shall not be grounds for withdrawal of the Defendant's pleas.

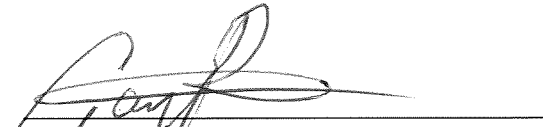
c. The parties reserve the right to appeal any sentence imposed.

CONCLUSION

The Defendant enters this agreement knowingly, voluntarily, and upon advice of counsel.

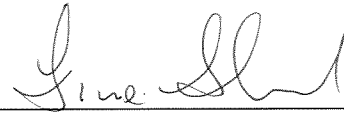

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