

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
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 v.) DOCKET NO. 3:13cr335
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) **PLEA AGREEMENT**
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 DAWN WRIGHT OLIVARES)
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NOW COMES the United States of America, by and through Anne M. Tompkins, United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina, and the defendant, Dawn Wright Olivares, in person and through counsel, Brian S. Cromwell and Sarah F. Hutchins and respectfully inform the Court that they have reached an agreement pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure (“Rule”) 11. References to the United States herein mean the United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina.

I. Plea

1. The defendant agrees to enter a voluntary plea of guilty to Counts One and Two as set forth in the Bill of Information, and admits to being in fact guilty of securities fraud conspiracy as charged in Count One and tax evasion as charged in Count Two.

2. The defendant understands that each and every provision set forth below is a material term of the plea agreement. The defendant’s failure to fully comply with any provision of the plea agreement or attempt to withdraw the guilty plea (i) will relieve the United States of its obligations under the Plea Agreement, but the defendant will not be relieved of the defendant’s obligations or allowed to withdraw the guilty plea; (ii) may constitute the defendant’s failure to accept responsibility under U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1; and (iii) will permit the United States to proceed on any dismissed, pending, superseding or additional charges.

II. Sentence

3. The defendant is aware that the statutory minimum and maximum sentences for each count are as follows:

Count One (securities & wire fraud conspiracy): a maximum term of five (5) years imprisonment, \$250,000 fine, or both, and no more than three years supervised release.

Count Two (tax fraud conspiracy): a maximum term of five (5) years imprisonment, \$250,000 fine, or both, and no more than three years supervised release.

4. The defendant understands that a violation of supervised release may subject the defendant to an additional period of incarceration.

5. The defendant is aware that the Court: (a) will consider the advisory *United States Sentencing Guidelines [U.S.S.G.]* in determining the sentence; (b) has not yet determined the sentence and any estimate of the likely sentence is a prediction rather than a promise; (c) has the final discretion to impose any sentence up to the statutory maximum for each count; and (d) is not bound by recommendations or agreements by the United States. Knowing this, the defendant understands that the defendant may not withdraw the plea as a result of the sentence imposed.

6. Pursuant to Rule 11(c)(1)(B), the parties agree that they will jointly recommend that the Court make the following findings and conclusions as to the U.S.S.G.:

a. The amount of loss related to Count One is in excess of \$400,000,000. In light of the loss amount and the statutory maximum for the offenses of conviction (120 months), the parties have not determined the portion of the loss that was known to or reasonably foreseeable by the defendant.

b. The Government agrees that the defendant's entry of plea is timely for purposes of U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1(b).

c. The parties agree that either party may seek a variance from the "applicable guideline range" (U.S.S.G. § 5C1.1).

d. The United States will inform the Court and the probation office of all facts pertinent to the sentencing process and will present any evidence requested by the Court.

7. The defendant agrees to the following with respect to financial disclosures, monetary penalties, forfeiture and restitution:

a. To pay full restitution, regardless of the resulting loss amount, to all victims directly or indirectly harmed by the defendant's "relevant conduct," including conduct pertaining to any dismissed counts or uncharged conduct, as defined by U.S.S.G. § 1B1.3, regardless of whether such conduct constitutes an "offense" under 18 U.S.C. §§ 2259, 3663 or 3663A. The defendant understands that such restitution will be included in the Court's Order of Judgment and an unanticipated amount of a restitution order will not serve as grounds to withdraw the defendant's guilty plea.

b. To make full disclosure of all current and projected assets to the U.S. Probation Office immediately and prior to the termination of the defendant's supervised

release or probation, such disclosures to be shared with the U.S. Attorney's Office, including the Financial Litigation Unit, for any purpose.

c. To truthfully complete under penalty of perjury within thirty days of the execution of this Plea Agreement a financial statement provided by the U.S. Attorney's Office and to update the statement with material changes within seven days of the change.

d. That monetary penalties imposed by the Court will be (i) subject to immediate enforcement as provided for in 18 U.S.C. § 3613, and (ii) submitted to the Treasury Offset Program so that any federal payment or transfer of returned property the defendant receives may be offset and applied to federal debts but will not affect the periodic payment schedule.

8. With regard to each and every asset listed in the Bill of Information or seized in a related investigation or administrative, state, or local action the defendant stipulates and agrees:

a. To its forfeiture herein, if necessary as substitute property under 21 U.S.C. § 853(p), as made applicable by 18 U.S.C. § 982(b)(1) or any other statute, or in a separate administrative or civil judicial proceeding. The United States may use the value of forfeited property for restitution but is not required to do so.

b. That the defendant has or had a possessory interest or other legal interest in each item or property.

c. To the Magistrate Judge conducting all proceedings necessary for any civil forfeiture of the property, including entry of judgment, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §636(c).

d. That the property may be returned to the true owner or treated as abandoned property.

e. To assist the United States in the recovery of all assets by (i) taking whatever steps are necessary or requested by the United States to pass clear title to the United States; (ii) preventing the disbursement of any moneys and sale of any property or assets; (iii) not encumbering or transferring any real estate after the defendant's signing of this plea agreement; and (iv) directing all financial institutions to turn over and surrender to the United States all funds and records regarding accounts listed in any document signed by defendant pursuant to this plea agreement, as criminal proceeds or substitute property.

9. The defendant waives all rights to notice of forfeiture under Rule 32.2 and of any other action or proceeding regarding such assets. The defendant consents and waives all rights to compliance by the United States with any applicable deadlines under 18 U.S.C. § 983(a). Any related administrative claim filed by the defendant is hereby withdrawn.

10. If the United States discovers that the defendant has not fully disclosed all assets, the United States may seek forfeiture of any subsequently-discovered assets, and the defendant agrees to the immediate forfeiture of any such assets.

11. The defendant further agrees to participate in the Inmate Financial Responsibility Program to fulfill all financial obligations due and owing under this agreement and the law.

III. Procedure

12. The defendant agrees that a duly-qualified federal Magistrate Judge may conduct the hearing required by Rule 11.

13. The parties stipulate to the facts as set out in the Bill of Information, as the factual basis for the offense, as required by Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(b)(3). The defendant stipulates that the Court may use the offense conduct set out in the Bill of Information to establish a factual basis for the defendant's plea.

IV. Waivers

14. The defendant is aware that the law provides certain limited rights to withdraw a plea of guilty, has discussed these rights with defense counsel and knowingly and expressly waives any right to withdraw the plea once the Magistrate Judge has accepted it.

15. The defendant acknowledges that Rule 11(f) and Fed. R. of Evid. 408 and 410 are rules which ordinarily limit the admissibility of statements made by a defendant in the course of plea discussions. The defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives these rights and agrees that any statements made in the course of the defendant's guilty plea or this plea agreement (in part or in its entirety, at the sole discretion of the United States) will be admissible against the defendant for any purpose in any criminal or civil proceeding if the defendant fails to enter or attempts to withdraw the defendant's guilty plea, or in any post-conviction proceeding challenges the voluntary nature of the guilty plea.

16. The defendant agrees that by pleading guilty, the defendant is expressly waiving the right: (a) to be tried by a jury; (b) to be assisted by an attorney at trial; (c) to confront and cross-examine witnesses; and (d) not to be compelled to incriminate him or herself.

17. The defendant has discussed with his attorney: (1) defendant's rights pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3742, 28 U.S.C. § 2255, and similar authorities to contest a conviction and/or sentence through an appeal or post-conviction after entering into a plea agreement; (2) whether there are potential issues relevant to an appeal or post-conviction action; and (3) the possible impact of any such issue on the desirability of entering into this plea agreement.

18. The defendant, in exchange for the concessions made by the United States in this plea agreement, waives all such rights to contest the conviction except for: (1) claims of ineffective assistance of counsel or (2) prosecutorial misconduct. The defendant also knowingly

and expressly waives all rights conferred by 18 U.S.C. § 3742 or otherwise to appeal whatever sentence is imposed with the two exceptions set forth above. The defendant agrees that the United States preserves all its rights and duties as set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3742(b).

19. The defendant waives all rights, whether asserted directly or by a representative, to request or to receive from any department or agency any records pertaining to the investigation or prosecution of this case, including without limitation any records that may be sought under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, or the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a.

V. Assistance to United States

20. The Defendant understands that the statutory maximum for the offenses of conviction (120 months) recognizes the cooperation she has and will continue to provide to the United States which is a material term of this plea agreement. Nonetheless, the United States is not precluded from making, in its sole discretion, a downward departure motion pursuant to U.S.S.G. 5K1.1 as set forth in the provisions below.

21. If requested by the United States, but only if so requested, the defendant agrees to cooperate with the United States, including but not limited to the following:

a. The defendant will provide truthful information about the subject charges and about any other criminal activity within the defendant's knowledge to any United States agent or agency that the United States designates.

b. The defendant will testify truthfully in any trial, hearing, or grand jury proceeding, including, but not limited to, testimony against any co-defendants, as the United States designates. Should the defendant testify at the request of the United States, the defendant hereby waives payment of any witness fees or expenses.

c. The defendant will be reasonably available for debriefing and pre-trial conferences as the United States may require.

d. The defendant will provide to the United States all documents or materials of any kind in the defendant's possession or under the defendant's care, custody, or control relating directly or indirectly to all areas of inquiry and investigation.

e. The defendant understands that the United States desires only truthful and accurate information and testimony and, in fact, that knowingly giving false information or testimony can be prosecuted as an additional criminal offense.

f. The defendant will not violate any federal, state, or local law, or any order of any court, including any conditions of pretrial, pre-sentence, or post-sentence release.

g. The defendant's obligation under this section is a continuing one, and will continue after sentencing until all investigations and/or prosecutions to which the defendant's cooperation may be relevant have been completed.

22. The United States agrees that nothing that the defendant discloses pursuant to the Plea Agreement will be used against the defendant in any other criminal proceeding, except:

- a. information regarding crimes of violence;
- b. in a prosecution for any crime committed by the defendant after the effective date of this plea agreement;
- c. as necessary in a prosecution for false statements, perjury, obstruction of justice, or in any proceeding for impeachment, rebuttal, or countering a defense (whether presented through opening statements, cross-examination, or otherwise);
- d. by making indirect use of any information that the defendant provides, including investigative leads or other witnesses. However, if there is an agreement pursuant to U.S.S.G. §1B1.8, information directly or indirectly derived from the defendant pursuant to this agreement shall not be used in determining the applicable guideline range.

23. Nothing in this agreement places any obligation on the United States to seek the defendant's cooperation or assistance. If the defendant so assists the United States:

- a. The United States, in its sole discretion, will determine whether said assistance has been substantial.
- b. Upon a determination that the defendant has rendered substantial assistance, the United States may make a motion pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 5K1.1 for imposition of a sentence below the applicable Sentencing Guidelines or pursuant to Rule35(b) for a reduction in the defendant's term of imprisonment. The United States may also, within its sole discretion, move the Court pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3553(e) and/or Rule35(b) to impose a sentence below any applicable statutory mandatory minimum
- c. Any determination that the defendant has failed to provide substantial assistance or has knowingly provided false information is within the sole discretion of the United States, and the defendant waives all objections and rights of appeal or collateral attack of such a determination. The defendant understands that if the United States makes a motion for reduction of sentence, the motion is not binding on the District Court.

VI. Conclusion

24. This agreement is effective and binding once signed by the defendant, the defendant's attorney, and an attorney for the United States. The defendant agrees to entry of this plea agreement at the date and time scheduled by the Court.

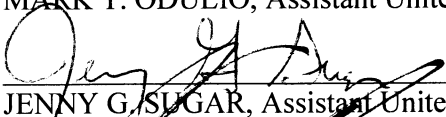
25. There are no agreements, representations, or understandings between the parties in this case, other than those explicitly set forth in this Plea Agreement, or as noticed to the Court during the plea colloquy and contained in writing in a separate document signed by all parties.

SO AGREED:



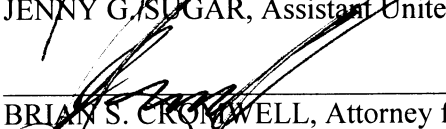
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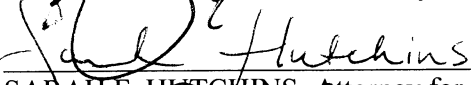
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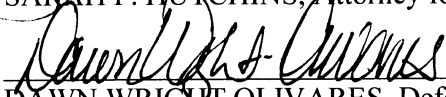
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