## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY STATE OF MISSOURI

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3. I have received a copy of the information (charge against me). I have read the information and have discussed it with my lawyer. I fully understand every charge made against me.

4. I told my lawyer all the facts and circumstances known to me about the charges made against me in the information. I believe that my lawyer is fully informed on all such matters.

5. I know that the Court must be satisfied that there is a factual basis for a **PLEA OF GUILTY** before my plea can be accepted. I represent to the Court that I did the following acts in connection with the charge made against me:

(In the above space, defendant must set out in detail what he/she did. If more space is needed, add a separate page.)

6. My lawyer has counseled and advised with me on the nature of each charge, on all lesser included charges, if any and all possible defenses that I might have in this case.

7. I know that I may plead **NOT GUILTY** to any offense charged against me and I can persist in a plea of **NOT GUILTY**. If I plead **NOT GUILTY** the Constitution guarantees me, among other possible rights, (a) The right to a speedy and public trial by jury; (b) The right to see and hear all witnesses called to testify against me and to cross examine all witnesses; (c) The right to use the power and process of the Court to compel the production of any evidence, including the attendance of any witnesses in my favor; (d) The right to have the assistance of a lawyer at all stages of the proceedings; (e) The right not to be compelled to incriminate myself; (f) The right to take the witness stand at my sole option; and, if I do not take the witness stand, no inference of guilt may be drawn from such failure. If I plead Guilty, I waive (give up) all these rights.

8. I know that if I plead **GUILTY**, there will be no trial either before a Court or jury, and the Court may impose the same punishment as if I had pleaded **NOT GUILTY**, stood trial and been convicted by a jury.

9. I know that in the State of Missouri the State must prove my guilt beyond a reasonable doubt and to the satisfaction of the jury and that all twelve (12) jurors must vote to convict me in order for me to be found **GUILTY**. However, by pleading **GUILTY**, I waive (give up) my right to trial by jury.

10. I know that I may be entitled to take this case out of this County and have it tried before a jury in some other County; also, I know that I may be entitled to disqualify a Judge of this Court and have a different judge hear my case or accept my plea.

11. My lawyer informed me that the range of punishment which the law provides is \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ years imprisonment, or \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ months in the County jail, or a fine not exceeding \$\_\_\_\_\_ or both the fine and confinement in jail or prison.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand I will be subject to lifetime supervision by Probation and Parole as a result of my plea of guilty to the charge(s).

(Defendant's Signature)

12. If I am on probation or parole in this or any other Court, I know that by pleading **GUILTY** here my probation or parole may be revoked and I may be required to serve time in that case which may be consecutive, that is, in addition, to any sentence imposed upon me in this case.

13. I declare that no officer or agent of any branch of government: (Federal, State, or Local) has promised or suggested that I will receive a lighter sentence, or probation, or any other form of leniency if I plead **GUILTY**, except as follows:

The Prosecuting Attorney promised that if I plead GUILTY he will do the following:

(Here insert any promises or concessions made to the defendant or his/her attorney. If none, insert, "No promises or concessions made to me or my attorney.")

If anyone else made any promises or suggestions, except as noted in the previous sentences, I know that he has no authority to do it. I know that the sentence I will receive is solely a matter within the control of the Judge. I hope to receive lenience, but I am prepared to accept any punishment permitted by law which the Court sees fit to impose. However, I respectfully request the Court to consider, in mitigation of punishment, that I have voluntarily entered a **PLEA OF GUILTY**.

14. Neither I, nor any of my friends or loved ones, have been mistreated, threatened, coerced, or forced in any manner or by any means to get me to plead guilty , nor were there any promises, inducements or representations made except as set forth in paragraph 13 above.

15. I understand that if I am not a citizen of the United States, a plea of guilty to the crime charged may result in deportation, exclusion from admission to the United States , or denial of naturalization as a United States citizen.

16. I believe that my lawyer has done all that anyone could do to counsel and assist me, and **I AM SATISFIED WITH THE ADVICE AND HELP HE HAS GIVEN ME.** 

Defendant

17. I know that the Court will not permit anyone to plead **GUILTY** who maintains he is entirely innocent and with that in mind and because **I AM GUILTY** and do not believe that I could be found innocent by a jury, I wish to plead **GUILTY** and respectfully request the Court to accept my **PLEA OF GUILTY**.

18. My mind is clear and I am not mentally ill. I am not under the influence of alcohol or drugs and I am not under a doctor's care. The only drugs, medicines or pills that I took within the past seven (7) days are:

(If none, so state.)

19. I do not have any complaints against any law enforcement officials concerning my treatment while in jail; I had sufficient food, water, medical care and bedding; and I was not mistreated by any inmate while in jail. There are no exceptions to any of these statements except:

(If none, so state.)

## 20. I OFFER MY PLEA OF GUILTY FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY AND OF MY OWN ACCORD AND WITH FULL UNDERSTANDING OF ALL MATTERS SET FORTH IN THE INFORMATION AND IN THIS PETITION AND EVERYTHING STATED HEREIN IS TRUE.

21. I have read, and my attorney has explained to me, this Petition to Enter Plea of Guilty, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

Each of these four (4) pages were signed by me in open Court in the presence of my attorney this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

Defendant