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*PPC
12/4/08*

Re: *United States v. Katherine Christianson*
Case No. 08-CR-107-C-01

Dear Mr. Maciolek:

This is the proposed plea agreement between the defendant and the United States in this case.

1. The defendant agrees to plead guilty to Count 2 of the indictment in this case. This count charges a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2 & 1361, which carries maximum penalties of 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, a three-year period of supervised release, a \$100 special assessment and the entry of an appropriate restitution order. In addition to these maximum penalties, any violation of a supervised release term could lead to an additional term of imprisonment pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3583. The defendant agrees to pay the special assessment at or before sentencing. The defendant understands that the Court will enter an order pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3013 requiring the immediate payment of the special assessment. In an appropriate case, the defendant could be held in contempt of court and receive an additional sentence for failing to pay the special assessment as ordered by the Court.

2. The defendant acknowledges, by pleading guilty, that she is giving up the following rights: (a) to plead not guilty and to persist in that plea; (b) to a jury trial; (c) to be represented by counsel--and if necessary have the Court appoint counsel--at trial and at every other stage of the trial proceedings; (d) to confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses; (e) to be protected from compelled self-incrimination; (f) to testify and present evidence; and (g) to compel the attendance of witnesses.

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3. The defendant understands that: (a) there may be evidence in this case that could be subjected to DNA testing; and (b) she could petition the District Court under 18 U.S.C. § 3600 for DNA testing of evidence after conviction in this case. By her signature below, the defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives her right to post-conviction DNA testing of all evidence in this case.

4. The defendant agrees to make a full, complete and truthful statement regarding her involvement in criminal conduct, as well as the involvement of all other individuals known to the defendant. The defendant agrees to testify fully and truthfully at any trials or hearings. The defendant understands that this plea agreement is not conditioned upon the outcome of any trial. This agreement is, however, contingent upon complete and truthful testimony in response to questions asked by the Court, the prosecutor or lawyers for any party.

5. If the defendant provides substantial assistance before sentencing, the United States agrees to move the Court to impose a sentence reflecting that assistance. If the defendant provides substantial assistance after sentencing, the United States agrees to move the Court pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 35 to reduce the defendant's sentence to reflect that assistance. The decision whether to make such a request based upon substantial assistance rests entirely within the discretion of the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Wisconsin. The defendant acknowledges that even if the United States makes such a request, the Court is not required to reduce the defendant's sentence.

6. The United States further agrees that the defendant's statements made pursuant to this plea agreement will not be directly used against the defendant. However, direct use of financial disclosures made by the defendant pursuant to this plea agreement is permitted. Moreover, indirect use of all statements is permitted. This indirect use includes pursuing leads based upon information provided by the defendant, as well as the use of the statements themselves for impeachment and rebuttal purposes, should the defendant, at any point, be allowed to withdraw her guilty plea. These indirect uses are permitted if the defendant testifies inconsistently with the substance of these statements or otherwise presents a position inconsistent with these statements.

7. The parties agree, pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11(c)(1)(C), that the provisions of USSG § 1B1.8 apply to this case and that information provided by the defendant under the terms of this plea agreement will not be used to determine her sentence, except as otherwise indicated in USSG § 1B1.8(b).

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8. The United States agrees that this guilty plea will completely resolve all possible federal criminal violations that have occurred in the Western District of Wisconsin provided that both of the following conditions are met: (a) the criminal conduct relates to the conduct described in the indictment; and (b) the criminal conduct was known to the United States as of the date of this plea agreement. This agreement not to prosecute is limited to those types of cases for which the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Wisconsin has exclusive decision-making authority. The defendant also understands that the United States will make its full file available to the Probation Office for its use in preparing the presentence report. The United States also agrees to move to dismiss the remaining count of the indictment at the time of sentencing.

9. The United States agrees to recommend that the Court, in computing the advisory Sentencing Guideline range, and in sentencing the defendant, give the defendant the maximum available reduction for acceptance of responsibility. This recommendation is based upon facts currently known to the United States and is contingent upon the defendant accepting responsibility according to the factors set forth in USSG § 3E1.1. The United States is free to withdraw this recommendation if the defendant has previously engaged in any conduct which is unknown to the United States and is inconsistent with acceptance of responsibility, or if she engages in any conduct between the date of this plea agreement and the sentencing hearing which is inconsistent with acceptance of responsibility. This recommendation is contingent on the defendant signing this plea letter on or before November 7, 2008.

10. The defendant agrees to pay restitution for all losses relating to the offense of conviction and all losses covered by the same course of conduct or common scheme or plan as the offense of conviction. The exact restitution figure will be agreed upon by the parties prior to sentencing or, if the parties are unable to agree upon a specific figure, restitution will be determined by the Court at sentencing. The defendant further agrees that the full amount of restitution is due and payable immediately. Defendant acknowledges that immediate payment means payment in good faith (see *McGhee v. Clark*, 166 F.3d 884 (7th Cir. 1999)) from the liquidation of all non-exempt assets (see 18 U.S.C. § 3613(a)), beginning immediately.

11. The defendant agrees to complete the enclosed financial statement and return it to this office within one week of the guilty plea hearing. The defendant also agrees that the probation office may disclose to the United States the net worth and cash flow statements to be completed by the defendant in connection with the preparation of the presentence report, together with all supporting documents.

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12. In the event of an appeal by either party, the United States reserves the right to make arguments in support of or in opposition to the sentence imposed by the Court.

13. The defendant understands that sentencing discussions are not part of the plea agreement. The defendant should not rely upon the possibility of a particular sentence based upon any sentencing discussions between defense counsel and the United States.

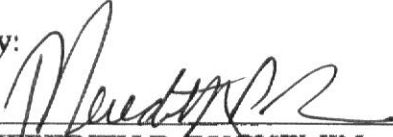
14. If your understanding of our agreement conforms with mine as set out above, would you and the defendant please sign this letter and return it to me. By her signature below, the defendant acknowledges her understanding that the United States has made no promises or guarantees regarding the sentence which will be imposed. The defendant also acknowledges her understanding that the Court is not required to accept any recommendations which may be made by the United States and that the Court can impose any sentence up to and including the maximum penalties set out above.

15. All plea agreements must be approved by the United States Attorney or her designee. This plea proposal has not yet been approved. Consequently, I have not signed this proposed plea agreement and the final acceptance is conditioned upon supervisory approval. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

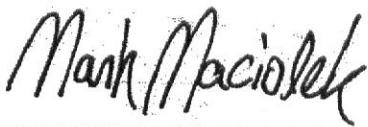
Very truly yours,

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United States Attorney

By:


MEREDITH P. DUCHEMIN
Assistant United States Attorney

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MARK MACIOLEK
Attorney for the Defendant

November 8, 2008
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KATHERINE CHRISTIANSON

Defendant

11/8/08

Date

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Enclosure