

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

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Case No: _____

**WAIVER OF RIGHTS AND CONSENT TO PLEA/SENTENCING
BY VIDEO CONFERENCE**

I acknowledge that I have a right to appear before a United States District Judge in person when pleading guilty or being sentenced. *See United States v. Navarro*, 169 F.3d 228, 239 (5th Cir. 1999) (holding that a court may not sentence a defendant by video conference unless the defendant consents). I further acknowledge that I may waive the right to plead guilty or be sentenced in person before the District Judge, under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 43(c).

I have discussed the implications of waiving these rights with my attorney, and I understand the consequences of such a waiver. I am choosing to knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waive my rights to plead guilty or be sentenced in person. I consent to the Court accepting my guilty plea and/or sentencing me via video conference.

I am waiving my rights and consenting of my own free will and volition. Nobody, including my attorney, has coerced or improperly influenced me in my decision to waive my rights and consent to a guilty plea or sentencing via video conference.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 2020, in Houston, Texas.

Defendant

Defense Counsel