IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, vs. MARK GRODS, Defendant.))))) (CR No. 21-437) Washington, D.C.) June 30, 2021) 2:12 p.m.)))	
TRANSCRIPT OF PLEA AGREEMENT HEARING PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE HONORABLE AMIT P. MEHTA UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE		
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PROCEEDINGS 1 2 COURTROOM DEPUTY: All rise. The Honorable 3 Amit P. Mehta presiding. 4 THE COURT: Please be seated, everyone. 5 COURTROOM DEPUTY: Your Honor, this is Criminal 6 Case No. 21-437, United States of America versus Mark Grods. 7 Troy Edwards for the government. Brian Lockwood for the defense. 8 Christine Schuck on behalf of Pretrial Services. 9 10 The defendant is present for this hearing. 11 THE COURT: Okay. Counsel, good afternoon again. 12 Mr. Grods, am I pronouncing your last name 13 correctly? 14 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 15 THE COURT: Mr. Grods, welcome, and good afternoon 16 to you. 17 All right. I understand that Mr. Grods is 18 prepared to enter a plea; is that correct? 19 MR. LOCKWOOD: Yes, Your Honor. 20 THE COURT: Okay. 21 Just two things before we proceed; one is, I think 22 the plea agreement just needs a small correction -- and it's 23 a minor one. On page 4, the top of page 4 indicates the 24 fine range for this as 20,000 to \$250,000. I believe, I 25 double-checked, but I think it's 20,000 to 200,000. And I

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     that, but I'm pretty sure that's what it is.
               MR. EDWARDS: That's correct, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: Okay.
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               Why don't you all just take a quick two seconds to
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     interlineate the plea agreement to make that change. And
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     I'll ask Mr. Grods to just initial it with his counsel and
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     have the government counsel initial the change as well.
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               MR. EDWARDS: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: Okay. Thanks, everyone.
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               And then one other preliminary matter, and I did
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     the same thing with Mr. Young's counsel.
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               Mr. Lockwood, if I could just confirm with you a
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     few legal issues and that there's no objection from the
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     defense regarding these legal issues, and the first is, with
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     respect to 18 U.S.C. 1512(c)(2), that's the obstruction of
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     an official proceeding, the defendant is conceding that an
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     official proceeding, or I should say, that the certification
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     of the Electoral College constitutes an official proceeding
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     for purposes of that statute?
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               MR. LOCKWOOD: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: Okay.
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               And then with respect to Guidelines 2J1.2 that
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     applies here, there are a couple of increased levels
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associated with the offense that your client is pleading to;
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     the first is any offense that involved causing or
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     threatening to cause physical injury to a person or property
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     damage in order to obstruct the administration of justice.
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               You agree that this offense caused or threatened
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     to cause property damage; is that right?
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               MR. LOCKWOOD: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: And then finally with respect to the
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     administration of justice component, are you in agreement
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     that the offense caused unnecessary expenditure of
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     substantial government resources and, therefore, qualifies
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     as a substantial interference with the administration of
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     justice?
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               MR. LOCKWOOD: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: Okay. Terrific.
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               With those preliminaries out of the way, does
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     anybody want to raise any other issues before I turn to
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    Mr. Grods and his counsel?
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               MR. EDWARDS: Nothing from the government,
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     Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: All right.
               MR. LOCKWOOD: One matter from the defense.
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               THE COURT: All right. Mr. Lockwood.
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               MR. LOCKWOOD: Absolutely purely a housekeeping
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               Your Honor ordered me to file a notice of
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appearance, which I am unable to do because the District's
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     case filing -- case management coordinator is on holiday
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     until next Tuesday. With the Court's permission, I'll wait
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     until I am actually -- until she approves me and I'll do it
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     at that time.
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               THE COURT: Not a problem, Mr. Lockwood.
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               MR. LOCKWOOD: Thank you.
               THE COURT: And I don't know if you have a hard
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     copy of it with you that you intend to file. If you do, you
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     can just give it to our Courtroom Deputy and we'll take care
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     of the filing. But if it's a matter of not even having a
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     hard copy, you can file it with when you're able to do that.
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               MR. LOCKWOOD: Thank you, Judge.
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               THE COURT: Okay.
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               All right. Why don't you and Mr. Grods come on up
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     to the podium here.
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               All right. Mr. Grods, I understand from your
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     counsel that you wish to enter a guilty plea this afternoon;
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     is that correct, sir?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: All right.
               Now, Mr. Grods, in order for me to accept your
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     guilty plea, sir, I need to ask you a series of questions.
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     Those questions are designed to satisfy me that you
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     understand the terms of your plea agreement and that you
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    plea, okay?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT:
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     understand a question I have asked you, feel free to ask me
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     to repeat myself. Is that understood?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: And if at any point in time you wish
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     to consult with your counsel before you answer a question,
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     you are free to do that. Is that understood?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: All right.
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               Now, Mr. Grods, before I can start asking you
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     these questions, I have to place you under oath. So
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     I'm going to ask you to please raise your right hand and
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     listen to the Courtroom Deputy.
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               COURTROOM DEPUTY: Mr. Grods, raise your right
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     hand.
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               (Defendant is placed under oath.)
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               COURTROOM DEPUTY: Thank you.
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               THE COURT: All right.
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               MR. EDWARDS: I apologize for interrupting.
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               I just wanted to ask, for a procedural matter,
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     whether he needed to be arraigned on the information before
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     the plea.
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THE COURT: Yes, I had forgotten that, so
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     thank you for the reminder. So let's go ahead and just do
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     that.
               Mr. Grods, what we need to do first is arraign
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     you; that is, announce the charges that have been filed
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     against you in open court and go through that process.
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               And, Mr. Lockwood, if you want to just enter a
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     plea -- it's up to you what plea you want to enter, but if
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     you want to enter a plea of not quilty pending the outcome
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     of the Rule 11 colloquy, that's fine at this point, okay?
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               MR. LOCKWOOD: Yes, sir.
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               COURTROOM DEPUTY: May the record reflect that the
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     defendant, through counsel, has received a copy of the
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     information.
               Mr. Grods, in Criminal Case No. 21-437, you've
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    been charged with that following counts:
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               Count 1, conspiracy, in violation of Title 18
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     United States Code Section 371;
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               And Count 2, obstruction of an official proceeding
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     and aiding and abetting, in violation of Title 18
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     United States Code Sections 1512(c)(2) and Section 2.
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               Do you wish to waive a formal reading of the
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     information, and for purposes of this arraignment, how do
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     you wish to plead?
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               MR. LOCKWOOD: We would waive the reading and
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enter a plea of not guilty pending the outcome of the
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    hearing.
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               THE COURT: Okay. Thank you, Counsel.
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               All right. Mr. Grods, let's return to the
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     questions associated with the plea.
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               So you've now been placed under oath.
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     Do you understand, sir, that what that means is that if you
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     testify falsely, you could be prosecuted for perjury or
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    making false statements?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: All right.
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               What is your date of birth, Mr. Grods?
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               THE DEFENDANT: November 21st, 1966.
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               THE COURT: And how far did you go in school, sir?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Some college.
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               THE COURT: All right.
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               And have you taken any drugs or medications or
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     anything else in the last two days that might make it
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     difficult for you to follow these court proceedings?
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               THE DEFENDANT: No, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: And is there any other reason that you
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     can think of that might make it difficult for you to follow
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     these court proceedings?
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               THE DEFENDANT: No, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: All right. Does counsel for either
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side have any reason to question Mr. Grods' competence to
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     enter a plea at this time?
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               MR. EDWARDS: None from the government.
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               MR. LOCKWOOD: None from defense.
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               THE COURT: All right.
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               Based then upon my inquiries of Mr. Grods as well
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     as the representations of counsel, I find that he is fully
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     competent and capable of entering an informed plea.
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               Mr. Grods, were you born in the United States?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: And have you had enough time to talk
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     with your lawyer about the plea you wish to enter into?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: And are you satisfied with the
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     services that Mr. Lockwood has provided you?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: All right.
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               I understand, Mr. Grods, that instead of going to
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     trial, you wish to plead guilty to a criminal information.
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     That's just a way of charging you. It charges you with two
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     counts: Conspiracy, in violation of 18 United States
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     Code 371; and Count 2, which charges you with obstruction of
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     an official proceeding, in violation of 18 U.S.C.
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     1512(c)(2); is that correct, sir?
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               THE DEFENDANT:
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THE COURT: All right.
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               Now, Mr. Grods, do you have your plea agreement in
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     front of you or can I ask the Courtroom Deputy to pass that
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     up to you if you don't have it in front of you?
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               All right. Now, Mr. Grods, I want to just confirm
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     that before you is a 13-page document. Is that 13-page
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     document your plea agreement in this case?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: Okay.
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               And on page 13 of that agreement, that last page,
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    Mr. Grods, is that your signature?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: All right.
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               Now, Mr. Grods, have you had an opportunity to
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     read that document or have you had it read to you?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Both. Both, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: And are there any questions that you
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    have about that document that have not been yet answered to
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     your satisfaction?
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               THE DEFENDANT: No, sir. All questions have been
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     answered.
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               THE COURT: Okay.
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               Now, Mr. Grods, I'm not going to go over every
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     single paragraph and every single line of that agreement.
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     What I'm going to go over this afternoon are the main points
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of that agreement, which I'm required to do by rule, okay? Now, just because I don't go over a particular part of the agreement as to which you've made a promise, that doesn't mean that you're not bound by every single promise you've made in the agreement. Is that understood? THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir. THE COURT: First thing I'm going to do is go over the general terms of the plea agreement, Mr. Grods, and then I'm going to turn to the sentencing provisions of the plea agreement, and then we'll turn to the rights that you're waiving, okay? THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir. THE COURT: Now, as part of this plea agreement, Mr. Grods, you've agreed to plead quilty to one count of conspiracy, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 371, and one count of obstruction of an official proceeding, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1512(c)(2). You also have agreed that a separate document that is titled Statement of Offense fairly and accurately describes your actions. In exchange, the government has agreed that it will not bring any other charges for the conduct described in the Statement of Offense and that it will also not bring any other charges for any non-violent criminal offense that you may have committed in violation of federal or D.C. law within the District of Columbia before

you executed the agreement and about which the 1 2 U.S. Attorney's Office was made aware by you before the 3 execution of the agreement; however, the 4 U.S. Attorney's Office has reserved the right to prosecute 5 you for any crime of violence that you may have committed. 6 Do you understand those terms of your 7 plea agreement, sir? 8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 9 THE COURT: Let's talk about another aspect of 10 this Plea Agreement, and that is, you've agreed to cooperate 11 with the United States in this case; that is, the 12 prosecutors. Do you understand that that means, among other 1.3 things, Mr. Grods, that you've agreed to provide testimony 14 before the Grand Jury or at trial? 15 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 16 THE COURT: You also have agreed to sit with 17 witnesses [sic] with government agents, or government 18 prosecutors. Is that understood? 19 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 20 THE COURT: If you're asked to sit for those 21 interviews, you've waived your right to counsel for those 22 interviews; however, you can request counsel be present if 23 you wish? 24 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 25 THE COURT: You also understand that any

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statements that you make in connection with those interviews
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     or in testimony can be used against you?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: And you also have agreed to turn over
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     all evidence of crimes, contraband, and proceeds of any
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     crimes, as well as disclose any assets that are traceable to
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     such crimes?
               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: And, finally, you've also agreed to
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    provide a full and complete accounting of your financial
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     assets. Do you understand that?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: All right.
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               Now let's talk about the sentencing terms that
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     govern your plea agreement, Mr. Grods.
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               First thing I'm going to do is talk about the
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    maximum penalties associated with the two offenses and then
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     we'll talk about the Sentencing Guidelines.
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               So first, with respect to the count of conspiracy,
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     do you understand that the maximum penalty is five years in
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    prison?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: The maximum fine of $250,000?
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               THE DEFENDANT:
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               THE COURT: A term of supervised release of not
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    more than three years?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: And an obligation to pay any order of
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     restitution?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: As well as pay any interest or
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    penalties on any fine that's not timely paid?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: In addition, you will owe $100 to the
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     Court as a special assessment?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: All right.
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               With respect to Count 2, that is, obstruction of
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     an official proceeding, do you understand, Mr. Grods, that
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     the maximum penalty is 20 years in prison?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: A maximum fine of $250,000?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: Supervised release of not more than
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     three years?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: An obligation to pay orders of
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    restitution?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: And an obligation to pay any interest
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or penalties on any fine that's not timely paid?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: And, finally, you'll also be obligated
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     to pay a second special assessment of $100, for a total of
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     $200. Is that understood?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: All right.
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               Now, Mr. Grods, those are the -- yes, sir.
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               MR. LOCKWOOD: Your Honor, I believe that the
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    maximum fine of Count 2, didn't we adjust that earlier?
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               THE COURT: We adjusted the Guidelines Range, not
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     the maximum.
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               MR. LOCKWOOD: I'm sorry.
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               THE COURT: That's okay.
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               All right. So let's turn now to the Sentencing
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     Guidelines, Mr. Grods, and let's talk about how they're
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     going to apply in this case.
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               First and foremost, I want to confirm that you've
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     talked to your lawyer about the Sentencing Guidelines?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.
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               THE COURT: All right.
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               Now, what those Sentencing Guidelines provide,
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    Mr. Grods, is they're essentially based upon three factors:
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     One, your criminal history, the offenses to which you're
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    pleading, and the facts and circumstances of those offenses,
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and we're going to go over those now. 1 2 With respect to your criminal history, Mr. Grods, 3 the parties have estimated that you have no prior criminal 4 convictions, and, therefore, would be in Criminal History 5 Category I. Do you understand that? 6 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 7 THE COURT: Now, Mr. Grods, that is just an 8 estimate at this point. And what will happen prior to sentencing is that the Probation Office will do what's 9 10 called a Presentence Report. Among the things they will do in that Presentence Report is do a complete evaluation of 11 12 your criminal history. Do you understand that? 1.3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 14 THE COURT: And if it turns out for some reason, 15 Mr. Grods, that you do have prior criminal convictions and 16 that your Criminal History Category is higher than I, that 17 would not be a basis for you to withdraw your plea? 18 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 19 THE COURT: All right. 20 Let's talk about the offense level that will apply 21 in this case. 22 Now, the parties have come up with the following 23 offense calculation. The Base Offense Level in this case is 24 a 14, and eight levels will be added because the offense 25 involved causing or threatening to cause physical injury to

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     administration of justice, an additional three levels for
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     the substantial interference with the administration of
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     justice, an additional two levels because the offense
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     involved -- was either extensive in scope, planning, or
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    preparation.
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               Additionally, you've agreed that an additional
     two-level increase will be warrantied for obstruction, and
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     that is specifically deleting Signal Communications.
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               That provides for a total offense level of a 29.
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     That will be reduced by two levels, because the government
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    has agreed that you played a minor role in the offense, as
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     well as an additional three-level reduction for it because
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     you're accepting responsibility.
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               That would provide a total offense level for the
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     conduct of 24. Do you understand that, sir?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: All right.
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               Now, Mr. Grods, that's a lot to take in, but
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     bottom line is, that is the estimated Base Offense Level
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     based upon the conduct that you and your lawyer and the
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     government have agreed to.
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               Now, just like your criminal history, that 24 is
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     just an estimate at this point. Is that understood?
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               THE DEFENDANT:
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THE COURT: And the Probation Office, in addition to doing your Criminal History score, will also make a recommendation to me as to what the total offense level should be in this case. Is that understood? THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. THE COURT: And if it turns out that the total offense level is greater than 24 and I accept it to be greater than 24, that would not be a basis for you to withdraw your plea. Is that understood, sir? THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. THE COURT: All right. Based then upon a Criminal History score of I or Criminal History Category of I, I should say, and a total offense level of 24, the estimated Guidelines Range in this case is 51 months to 63 months of incarceration. Is that understood, sir? THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. THE COURT: As well as a fine range of 25,000 -excuse me -- of 20,000 to \$200,000. Do you understand that? THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. THE COURT: Now, again, Mr. Grods, because this is just an agreement based upon the parties, this is just an estimate at this point in time as to what the Guidelines Range in this case will be. Ultimately, the decision as to what the Guidelines Range that will apply at

sentencing, that decision is mine and mine alone. Do you 1 2 understand that, sir? 3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 4 THE COURT: And if it turns out that I determine 5 the Guidelines Range is actually higher than 51 to 63 6 months, that would not be a basis for you to withdraw your 7 plea. Is that understood? 8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 9 THE COURT: Now, Mr. Grods, let's talk about a few 10 other aspects of the agreement with respect to sentencing. 11 The parties have agreed in this case not to ask 12 for either an upward or departure -- excuse me, an upward 13 departure or a downward departure of the estimated 14 Guidelines, with one exception. What that means is the 15 government has agreed not to ask for a Guidelines Range 16 that's, say, for example, if the Guidelines are 51 to 63 17 months, the government has said that they won't ask for a 18 higher Guidelines Range to apply. Is that understood? 19 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 20 THE COURT: Likewise, you've agreed that a lower 21 Guidelines Range will not apply. Is that understood? 22 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 23 THE COURT: And the only exception to that is, the 24 government has agreed to reserve the right to file what's 25 called a 4K -- excuse me, a 5K1.1 motion based upon your

cooperation. Do you understand that? 1 2 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 3 THE COURT: And what that means, Mr. Grods, is 4 that if the government believes that you've substantially 5 cooperated with them, they can file a motion asking me to 6 reduce the Guidelines Range that would apply at sentencing? 7 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. THE COURT: Now, Mr. Grods, do you understand that 8 9 the decision whether to file that 5K1.1 motion, that is up 10 to the United States and the United States alone? 11 Yes, Your Honor. THE DEFENDANT: 12 THE COURT: And if, for example, you believe that 13 you've provided all the cooperation they've asked for, but 14 they disagree, it's out of my hands, I can't force them to 15 file such a motion. Do you understand that? 16 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 17 THE COURT: Also, Mr. Grods, do you understand 18 that it is just a motion? And so if the government files 19 that motion, it's still up to me whether -- to decide 20 whether to grant that motion or not. 21 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 22 THE COURT: And so finally, Mr. Grods, do you understand that if, for example, the government 23 24 decides not to file this 5K1.1 motion, that would not be a 25 basis for you to withdraw your plea?

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               THE DEFENDANT:
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               THE COURT: Nor would it be a basis for you to
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     withdraw your plea if I denied the motion if the government
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     did file it. Do you understand that?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: All right.
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               You also have agreed, as part of this
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     plea agreement, Mr. Grods, that you will not argue for a
     different offense level in this case. So you've estimated,
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     with the government, that your offense level is a 24, and so
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     you've agreed not to ask for an offense level that is lower
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     than 24?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: You have, however, argued that a
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     different Criminal History score could apply if for some
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     reason the Criminal History score is greater than zero?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: All right.
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               Now, Mr. Grods, has anybody promised you what my
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     sentence will be in this case?
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               THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.
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               THE COURT: All right.
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               That's good, because nobody can, Mr. Grods.
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     The ultimate decision about what your sentence will be in
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     this case is mine and mine alone.
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Now, in addition to the Guidelines, Mr. Grods, you 1 2 need to understand that that's not the only thing I consider 3 at sentencing. I'm required by law to consider a whole host 4 of other statutory factors. Among them are your history, 5 your work history, employment history, family history, any 6 good works and deeds that you've done, you can bring all of 7 that to my attention. Do you understand that? 8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 9 THE COURT: Likewise, the government can bring 10 anything they would like for me to learn about you, 11 including the facts and circumstances of your offense. 12 Do you understand that? 1.3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 14 THE COURT: So I'm supposed to require -- I'm 15 supposed to consider the Guidelines, plus all of those other 16 statutory factors, in determining what your final sentence 17 will be. Do you understand that? 18 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 19 THE COURT: And you have reserved the right in 20 this case, Mr. Grods, to ask for a sentence that is below 21 the Guidelines Range. Do you understand that, sir? 22 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 23 THE COURT: But do you understand the fact that 24 you've reserved the right to ask for a sentence below the 25 Guidelines Range doesn't mean, in fact, that I will impose

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     such a sentence?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: And what that means, Mr. Grods, is
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     I can sentence you to below the Guidelines Range, within the
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     Guidelines Range, or even above the Guidelines Range, up to
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     the statutory maximum penalty as your final sentence?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
               THE COURT: And, Mr. Grods, if, for whatever
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     reason, you're not happy with the final sentence I impose,
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     that would not be a basis for you to withdraw your plea.
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     Is that understood?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: All right.
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               Mr. Grods, let's move on to the concept of
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     restitution.
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               Restitution is a concept in which somebody who is
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     convicted of an offense has to pay a certain amount to the
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     victim in this case to make that victim whole. In this
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     case, the victim would be the United States and the damage
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     that was done to the property of the Capitol building.
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               Do you understand that as part of your plea,
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     you've agreed that the approximate damage to the Capitol
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     building was just south of $1.5 million? Do you understand
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     that?
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                               Yes, Your Honor.
               THE DEFENDANT:
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THE COURT: And you've agreed, as part of this
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    plea agreement, to pay $2,000 in restitution?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: Now, do you understand, Mr. Grods,
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     that the decision about what restitution will actually be,
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     that that's up to me ultimately and that's my decision?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
               THE COURT: And if for some reason I decide that
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     the restitution amount should be greater than $2,000, that
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     wouldn't be a basis to withdraw your plea?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: Okay.
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               Now, Mr. Grods, there is another document that's
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     associated with this plea agreement, it's called Statement
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     of Offense. Do you have that in front of you, sir? Or I'll
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     ask the Courtroom Deputy to pass that up.
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               All right. I'll just ask you to take a look at
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     this six-page document, Mr. Grods, and ask -- and let me
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     know and confirm that this is the Statement of Offense that
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     is associated with your plea agreement, sir?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: All right.
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               Now, Mr. Grods, on page 6 of that agreement, is
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     that your signature, sir?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor, it is.
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THE COURT: And have you had an opportunity to 1 2 read this document or have you had it read to you, sir? 3 THE DEFENDANT: Both, sir. 4 THE COURT: And any questions that you may have 5 about this document, have they been answered to your 6 satisfaction? 7 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir. 8 THE COURT: All right. 9 Before we turn to the document itself, I'm going 10 to ask the government to just announce what the elements are 11 for each offense. 12 And so I'll ask you to listen to government 13 counsel and then I'll ask you whether you understand what the elements are for each offense. 14 15 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 16 MR. EDWARDS: Thank you, Your Honor. 17 For the first offense, 18 U.S.C. Section 371, 18 criminal conspiracy, the elements are that the defendant 19 entered into an agreement with at least one other person to 20 commit a specific offense, in this case, obstruction of an 21 official proceeding. 22 The second element is the defendant knowingly 23 participated in the conspiracy with the intent to commit the 24 offense and at least one overt act was committed in 25 furtherance of the conspiracy.

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THE COURT: All right. Thank you, Mr. Edwards.
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               All right, Mr. Grods, do you understand those
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     elements to be the elements of the offenses with which you
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     are charged and intend to plead guilty?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: All right.
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               Now, Mr. Grods is -- you can have a seat,
    Mr. Edwards.
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               MR. EDWARDS: If you would like, I can go over the
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     elements for the second charge.
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               THE COURT: Oh, I'm sorry. I thought you went
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     over both.
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               MR. EDWARDS: That's okay.
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               THE COURT: Sorry. Go ahead.
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               MR. EDWARDS: For the second offense, 18 U.S.C.
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     Section 1512(c)(2), obstruction of an official proceeding,
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     the elements are that the defendant obstructed, influenced,
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     or impeded any official proceeding and that the defendant
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     acted corruptly.
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               THE COURT: All right. Thank you, Mr. Edwards.
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               Mr. Grods, those are the elements with respect to
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    the second offense. Do you understand those elements, sir?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
               THE COURT: All right.
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               Now, with respect to the remaining portions --
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with respect to this Statement of Offense, this Statement of
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     Offense document describes the conduct that is the basis of
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     your quilty plea; is that correct, sir?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: And does this document fairly and
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     accurately describe the conduct that is the basis of the
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     guilty plea?
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               THE DEFENDANT:
                               Yes, Your Honor.
               THE COURT: And in particular, if I could just ask
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     you to confirm, Mr. Grods, on paragraph 17 of the guilty
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     plea, you have agreed that at the time you forcibly entered
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     the building, you believed that you and others, other
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     co-conspirators, were trying to obstruct, influence, and
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     impede an official proceeding; that is, a proceeding before
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     Congress, specifically, Congress's certification of the
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     Electoral College vote; is that correct?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: And in paragraph 18, you've agreed
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     that you acted to affect the government by stopping or
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     delaying the congressional proceeding and, in fact, did so,
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     and that you accomplished this by intimidating and coercing
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     government personnel who are participating in or supporting
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     the congressional proceeding?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT:
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All right, now, Mr. Grods, let's turn to one last 1 2 thing and then we'll get to your rights. 3 I want to just make sure you understand, with 4 respect to whether you are released or not pending 5 sentencing, Mr. Grods, the decision about whether to release 6 you pending sentencing, that's my decision. Do you 7 understand that, sir? 8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. THE COURT: And if for whatever reason I were to 9 10 decide to hold you and you're unhappy about that, that would 11 not be a basis for you to withdraw your plea. Is that understood? 12 1.3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 14 THE COURT: All right. 15 Let's talk then about the rights you are giving 16 up, Mr. Grods, by entering this plea. 17 Let's start off, Mr. Grods, do you understand that 18 you are not required to plead quilty and that if you want to 19 go and have a trial and sit for a trial on the charges, you 20 have a right to do that? 21 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 22 THE COURT: All right. 23 Let's start with the way you're charged, 24 Mr. Grods. You are pleading to what's called an 25 information; however, because you are pleading to felony

charges, you have a right under the Constitution to be 1 2 charged by a Grand Jury. What that means is that there are 3 a group of citizens who would sit and listen to the 4 government's evidence as it was presented and they would 5 determine whether there was probable cause to charge you. 6 Do you understand that? 7 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 8 THE COURT: By entering a plea, however, and 9 agreeing to plead to an information, Mr. Grods, you're 10 giving up your right to be indicted and charged by a 11 Grand Jury. Do you understand that, sir? 12 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 13 THE COURT: You would have a right to go to a 14 trial if you wish, Mr. Grods, and you would be presumed 15 innocent at that trial. Do you understand that? 16 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 17 THE COURT: And the government would bear the 18 burden of proving your guilt at trial beyond a reasonable 19 doubt, and a part of that burden would involve having the 20 government proving your guilt to 12 jurors, and those jurors 21 would have to decide unanimously to convict you. Do you 22 understand that, sir? 23 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 24 THE COURT: By entering a plea today, Mr. Grods, 25 do you understand there will be no presumption of innocence

that will apply at a trial? 1 2 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 3 THE COURT: And you also are relieving the 4 burden -- you're agreeing to relieve the government of the 5 burden of having to convince 12 jurors unanimously to 6 convict you beyond a reasonable doubt? 7 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. THE COURT: You also would have the right to have 8 9 a lawyer present with you at trial, Mr. Grods; that is, 10 Mr. Lockwood would be your counsel. Among other things, he 11 would make motions, he would make objections to the government's evidence, and he would have an opportunity to 12 1.3 question the government's witnesses. Is that understood? 14 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 15 THE COURT: By entering a plea, however, you are 16 giving up your right to have a lawyer represent you at 17 trial? 18 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 19 THE COURT: You also would have the right to 20 present a defense, Mr. Grods. And what that means is, with 21 your lawyer's assistance, you could call any witnesses or 22 present any evidence that you wish that you believe would 23 assist you in demonstrating to the ladies and gentlemen that 24 you are not quilty of the offenses with which you are 25 charged. Do you understand that?

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THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: However, by entering a plea today,
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     sir, you understand you're giving up your right to present a
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     defense at trial?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: You also would have the right to
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     testify at trial, Mr. Grods. And what that means is that
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     you could get up on this witness stand and explain to the
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     ladies and gentlemen of the jury why you are not guilty of
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     the offenses with which you are charged. Do you understand
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     that?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: You also would have the right not to
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     testify, Mr. Grods, in which case I would advise -- not
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     advise -- I would instruct the ladies and gentlemen of the
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     jury that that decision could not be used against you.
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     Do you understand that, sir?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: By entering a plea, however, you're
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     giving up your right to testify at trial, Mr. Grods, and
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     you're giving up your right to remain silent and have me
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     instruct the jury that that decision could not be used
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     against you?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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                           You also, Mr. Grods, would have the
               THE COURT:
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right to an appeal following a trial. What that means is 1 2 that if you were convicted following a trial, there's a 3 higher court, the D.C. Circuit, the D.C. Circuit would 4 review all the proceedings before me, both before, during, 5 and after trials, and decide whether I had made any mistakes 6 and whether you were entitled to a new trial. Do you 7 understand that? 8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. THE COURT: If you could not afford a lawyer for 9 10 purposes of an appeal, the Court of Appeals would appoint 11 one for you. Do you understand that, sir? 12 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 13 THE COURT: By entering a plea today, however, 14 sir, do you understand you're giving up your right to an 15 appeal following a trial and having the Court of Appeals 16 appoint a lawyer for you if you could not afford one, sir? 17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 18 THE COURT: You also would have the right, 19 Mr. Grods, to appeal your sentence in this case. And what 20 that means is that at sentencing, your lawyer could make 21 arguments, objections, and you could appeal those arguments 22 and objections if I disagree with them; you could appeal the 23 sentence itself; you could appeal the Guidelines 24 calculation; there could be any number of decisions that I 25 make that you could appeal following sentencing. Do you

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understand that?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: By entering this plea, however, sir,
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     you're giving up your right to appeal your sentence, do you
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     understand that, with a couple of exceptions?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: Those exceptions are, you're reserving
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     your right to appeal a sentence above the statutory maximum
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     penalties, as well as appeal a sentence above the Guidelines
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     Range. Do you understand that?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: All right.
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               You also would be entitled, Mr. Grods, to the
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     appointment of counsel for purposes of an appeal following a
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     sentence if you could not afford one. But by entering this
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     plea today, sir, you're giving up the right to have such
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     counsel appointed, except for with respect to those two
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     exceptions. Do you understand that?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: You are preserving the right, however,
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    Mr. Grods, to raise on appeal that you've not received
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     effective assistance of counsel either in connection with
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     this plea here today or in connection with your sentencing.
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     Do you understand?
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               THE DEFENDANT:
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THE COURT: All right, Mr. Grods, we're almost 1 2 getting toward the end. 3 The final right that you're giving up here, you're 4 giving up your right to file what's called a collateral 5 attack of your conviction and sentence. And what the 6 collateral attack is essentially a motion you could file in 7 which you would argue that there was something fundamentally 8 wrong with these proceedings or that your rights were impaired or violated in some way. Do you understand that, 10 sir? 11 Yes, Your Honor. THE DEFENDANT: 12 THE COURT: You are, however, by entering this 13 plea, giving up your right to file a collateral attack, with 14 a couple of exceptions. Do you understand that? 15 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 16 THE COURT: Those two exceptions, Mr. Grods, are 17 that if newly discovered evidence is -- if you discover new 18 evidence that goes to your innocence, you could file a 19 collateral attack. Do you understand that? 20 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 21 THE COURT: And you also are reserving your right 22 to file a collateral attack motion if you believe your 23 lawyer has not provided you with effective assistance of 24 counsel, either in connection with your plea or at 25 sentencing. Is that understood?

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THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: All right.
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               Now, Mr. Grods, in addition to all of these rights
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     that you're giving up, your trial rights, your Grand Jury
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     rights, your appeal rights, collateral attack rights, by
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     entering a plea today, because these two counts are
     felonies, you may be deprived of valuable civil rights, such
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     as the right to vote, the right to hold certain jobs, the
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     right to serve on a jury, and the right to possess a
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     firearm. Do you understand that?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: Now, understanding all the rights that
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     you're giving up by pleading guilty, do you still wish to
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     plead guilty, sir?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: And do you have any questions about
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     what rights you're giving up or anything else in connection
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     with this guilty plea, sir?
               THE DEFENDANT: No. Nothing.
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               THE COURT: All right.
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               Has anybody forced you, threatened you, or coerced
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     you in any way to get you to plead guilty, sir?
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               THE DEFENDANT: No, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: All right.
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               Then how do you plead on Count 1, the charge of
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conspiracy, sir?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Guilty.
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               THE COURT: And on Count 2, obstruction of an
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     official proceeding, how do you plead, sir?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Guilty.
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               THE COURT: All right.
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               Any questions I didn't ask of Mr. Grods that
     I should have?
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               MR. EDWARDS: Your Honor, the only question --
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     I know that we went over the right to an indictment. I was
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     curious if the Court was interested in having him go over
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     the actual Waiver of Indictment and that he actually signed
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     it, just in case the Court was interested.
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               THE COURT: I can do that if necessary.
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               Mr. Douyon, do you have the waiver forms -- or
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     I guess I have the waiver forms.
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               Just to confirm, I want to pass up a couple of
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     documents; one is called Waiver of Trial and one is called
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     Waiver of Indictment. Do you see those forms in front of
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    you, sir?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: And can I just ask you to confirm that
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     that is your signature on those pages, sir?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: All right.
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And you've had an opportunity to read those 1 2 documents before you signed it? 3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 4 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. 5 All right. Anything else? 6 MR. EDWARDS: Nothing from the government. 7 THE COURT: Anything from defense counsel? 8 MR. LOCKWOOD: Not from defense, Your Honor. 9 THE COURT: All right. 10 So I'm satisfied that Mr. Grods understands his 11 rights and what he's waiving and agreeing to plead guilty 12 I find that he's entering his plea voluntarily. I find 13 that there's a factual basis for the plea, and, therefore, I 14 accept Mr. Grods' plea and find him quilty of one count of 15 conspiracy, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 371 and one count of 16 obstruction of an official proceeding, in violation of 17 18 U.S.C. 1512(c)(2). 18 Now, Mr. Grods, there will be -- as I mentioned 19 earlier, there will be something called a Presentence Report 20 prepared before sentencing in this case. What that will 21 involve is an interview of you by the Probation Office; the 22 office will ask you a whole host of questions about your 23 background, family, occupational history, et cetera. 24 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 25 You'll have the opportunity, if you THE COURT:

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wish, to have your lawyer with you at that interview.
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     Do you understand that, sir?
               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: You also will have the right to review
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     that Presentence Report before it's final and submitted to
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    me?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: And then, Mr. Grods, you also, through
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     your lawyer, will have the opportunity to present any
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     information that you'd like for me to consider at
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     sentencing?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: And, finally, sir, you'll have the
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     opportunity to address me at sentencing if you wish?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: Okay.
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               Gentlemen, why don't you have a seat. Let's talk
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     about next steps.
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               Mr. Edwards, I take it you want to put off a
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     sentencing date and put off a presentence report?
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               MR. EDWARDS: That's right, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: Okay.
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               So why don't we do, as I think we've done with
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     others, which is just, we'll ask you all to submit a Joint
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     Status Report in 60 days.
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               MR. EDWARDS: Understood.
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               THE COURT: And just let me know how you wish to
     proceed on that 60-day mark and we'll take it from there,
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     all right?
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               MR. EDWARDS: Sounds good.
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               THE COURT: In terms of conditions of release,
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     what is the government asking for?
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               MR. EDWARDS: Your Honor, the government would
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     request, and I believe Pretrial is on the line, that
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    Mr. Grods surrender his passport, that he stay away from the
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     District of Columbia except for court business, meetings
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     with his attorney, if needed, and business with Pretrial
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     Services; that Mr. Grods not possess any firearms,
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     destructive devices, or other weapons; that he have no
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     contact with anyone associated with the Oath Keepers or
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     defendants in Case No. 21-CR-28, the other case that is
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     related to this matter, and that he report weekly to
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     Pretrial Services.
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               THE COURT: Okay.
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               And, Mr. Grods, I don't know where you live, sir,
    but what state do you live in, sir?
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               THE DEFENDANT: The state of Alabama, sir.
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               THE COURT: Alabama.
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               In which District?
               MR. LOCKWOOD: The Southern District.
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MR. EDWARDS: Southern District.
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               THE COURT: Is it the Southern District of
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     Alabama?
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               Mr. Lockwood, are there any objections to those
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     conditions of release?
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               MR. LOCKWOOD: No objections, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: All right.
               So I will release Mr. Grods pending sentencing,
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     subject to the conditions just mentioned by the government.
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               Mr. Grods, what that means is you will be released
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     until your sentencing in this case, that sentencing is going
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     to be set off into a future date; however, you will have to
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     comply with those conditions of release, and if you do
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     violate any of those conditions of release, sir, that could
     result in those conditions of release -- excuse me, that --
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     your release being revoked. Do you understand that?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: All right.
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               Is there anything else we need to take up?
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     I've signed the Waiver of Right to Trial, as well as the
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     Waiver of Indictment.
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               Anything else we need to take care of today?
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               MR. EDWARDS: Nothing further for the government,
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     thank you.
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               MR. LOCKWOOD: Thank you, Your Honor.
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PRETRIAL SERVICES OFFICER: Your Honor --
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               THE COURT:
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               PRETRIAL SERVICES OFFICER: -- this is Christine
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     Schuck with Pretrial.
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               THE COURT: Hi, Ms. Schuck.
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               PRETRIAL SERVICES OFFICER: Hi, Your Honor.
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               In regards to the conditions of release, we would
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     just ask that Mr. Grods be supervised by the Southern --
     U.S. Pretrial-Probation Office for the Southern District of
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     Alabama and that he report to them as directed versus
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     weekly. When we send the cases out to their home
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     jurisdiction, we prefer it to have "as directed" to allow
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     that jurisdiction to determine the reporting schedule.
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               THE COURT: Okay.
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               Yes, certainly no problem with that. And that's
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     why I asked where he resided.
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               So, yes, supervision by the Southern District of
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     Alabama, just to be clear, not D.C., and the office there
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     will direct you how frequently you need to report and the
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    manner in which you need to report, okay?
               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.
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               THE COURT: All right.
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               Thank you, everyone.
               MR. EDWARDS: Thank you, Your Honor.
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               COURTROOM DEPUTY: All rise.
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THE COURT: Don't wait for me, everybody.
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     Thank you.
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               COURTROOM DEPUTY: The Court stands adjourned.
               (Proceedings concluded at 2:50 p.m.)
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