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RE: United States v. Ronald Pickett
2011CF104115

This letter is to confirm the plea offer for your client, Ronald Pickett. This plea offer will remain open until June 15, 2012. However, the Government reserves the right to revoke this plea offer at anytime before your client enters a guilty plea in this case. If your client accepts the terms and conditions set forth below, please have your client execute this document in the space provided below. Upon receipt of the executed document, this letter will become the plea agreement between your client and the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia. The terms of the offer are as follows:

1. Your client, Ronald Pickett, agrees to admit guilt and enter a plea of guilty to the following offense, one count of Manslaughter While Armed, in violation of 22 D.C. Code §§ 2105, 4502 (2001 ed.). Your client understands that the offense of Manslaughter While Armed carries a potential maximum penalty of thirty (30) years, with a mandatory minimum of five (5) years.
2. Your client understands that the Government will recommend to the Court at the time of his guilty plea in this case that, pursuant to 23 D.C. Code § 1325, your client be held without bond until the time of his sentencing. Your client, however, will be free to ask the Court to keep his current conditions of release.
3. Your client understands that the Government agrees that it will dismiss any remaining or greater charges arising from the facts in the above-referenced case.

4. The parties further agree that your client, after taking an oath to tell the truth, shall agree to the attached factual proffer in open court on the date of the plea.

5. Your client understands that the Court may utilize the District of Columbia Sentencing Commission's Voluntary Sentencing Guidelines in imposing the sentence in this case. In addition, the Government and your client agree that neither party will seek an upward or downward departure outside of your client's applicable guideline range.

6. Your client agrees that this letter is binding on the Government, but not binding on the Court, and that he cannot withdraw this plea at a later date because of the harshness of any sentence imposed by the Court. The Government understands that your client is not bound by the Government's allocution, and may request a lesser sentence, subject to the terms set forth in paragraph 5, above.

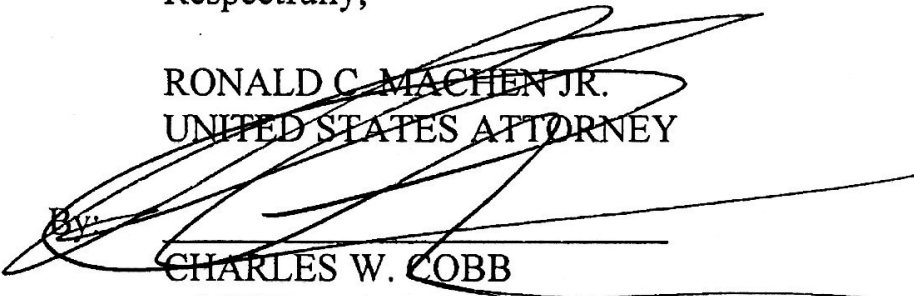
7. Your client also agrees that if any illegal firearms or illegal contraband were seized by any law enforcement agency from the possession of or the direct or indirect control of your client, then your client consents to the administrative forfeiture, official use and/or destruction of said firearms or contraband by any law enforcement agency involved in the seizure of these items.

8. In entering this plea of guilty, your client understands and agrees to waive certain rights afforded to your client by the Constitution of the United States and/or by statute. In particular, your client knowingly and voluntarily waives or gives up her right against self-incrimination with respect to the offense(s) to which your client is pleading guilty before the Court which accepts your client's plea. Your client also understands that by pleading guilty your client is waiving or giving up your client's right to be tried by a jury or by a judge sitting without a jury, the right to be assisted by an attorney at trial and the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses.

9. This letter sets forth the entire understanding between the parties and constitutes the complete plea agreement between your client and the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. This agreement supersedes all prior understandings, promises, agreements, or conditions, if any, between this Office and your client.

Respectfully,

RONALD C. MACHEN JR.
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

By: 
CHARLES W. COBB
ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY

DEFENDANT'S ACCEPTANCE

I have read this plea agreement and factual proffer and have discussed it with my attorney, Kia Sears, Esquire. I fully understand this agreement and agree to it without reservation. I do this voluntarily and of my own free will, intending to be legally bound. No threats have been made to me nor am I under the influence of anything that could impede my ability to understand this agreement fully. I am pleading guilty because I am in fact guilty of the offenses set forth herein.

I reaffirm that absolutely no promises, agreements, understandings, or conditions have been made or entered into in connection with my decision to plead guilty except those set forth in this plea agreement. I am satisfied with the legal services provided by my attorney in connection with this plea agreement and matters related to it.


Date: 0/15/12


Ronald Pickett

ATTORNEY'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I have read each of the pages constituting this plea agreement, reviewed them with my client, Ronald Pickett, and discussed the provisions of the agreement with my client, fully. These pages accurately and completely sets forth the entire plea agreement.

Date: 0/15/12


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