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11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
12 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

13 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
14 Plaintiff,
15 v.
16 CHRISTOPHER JAMES ARNET,
17 Defendant.

ED CR No. 5:24-cr-00035-JGB
PLEA AGREEMENT FOR DEFENDANT
CHRISTOPHER JAMES ARNET

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19 1. This constitutes the plea agreement between CHRISTOPHER
20 JAMES ARNET ("defendant") and the United States Attorney's Office for
21 the Central District of California (the "USAO") in the investigation
22 of the killing of three wild burros and the unlawful possession of a
23 short-barreled rifle. This agreement is limited to the USAO and
24 cannot bind any other federal, state, local, or foreign prosecuting,
25 enforcement, administrative, or regulatory authorities.

26 DEFENDANT'S OBLIGATIONS

27 2. Defendant agrees to:
28 a. Give up the right to indictment by a grand jury and,

1 at the earliest opportunity requested by the USAO and provided by the
2 Court, appear and plead guilty to counts one and two of the
3 information in the form attached to this agreement as Exhibit A or a
4 substantially similar form, which charge defendant with possession of
5 an unregistered firearm, in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 5861(d), and
6 maliciously causing the death of a wild burro, in violation of 16
7 U.S.C. § 1338(a)(3).

8 b. Not contest facts agreed to in this agreement.

9 c. Abide by all agreements regarding sentencing contained
10 in this agreement.

11 d. Appear for all court appearances, surrender as ordered
12 for service of sentence, obey all conditions of any bond, and obey
13 any other ongoing court order in this matter.

14 e. Not commit any crime; however, offenses that would be
15 excluded for sentencing purposes under United States Sentencing
16 Guidelines ("U.S.S.G." or "Sentencing Guidelines") § 4A1.2(c) are not
17 within the scope of this agreement.

18 f. Recommend that defendant be sentenced to no less than
19 a term of probation of three years and a fine of no less than \$2,000.

20 g. Agree to and not oppose the imposition of the
21 following condition of probation or supervised release: The defendant
22 shall submit defendant's person and any property under defendant's
23 control, including any residence or vehicle to suspicion-less search
24 and seizure at any time of the day or night by any law enforcement or
25 probation officer, with or without a warrant, and with or without
26 cause; and if stopped or questioned by a law enforcement officer for
27 any reason, defendant shall notify that officer that defendant is on
28 federal probation and subject to search.

1 h. Be truthful at all times with the United States
2 Probation and Pretrial Services Office and the Court.

3 i. Pay the applicable special assessments at or before
4 the time of sentencing.

5 3. Defendant further agrees:

6 a. To forfeit all right, title, and interest in and to
7 any and all monies, properties, and/or assets of any kind, derived
8 from or acquired as a result of, or used to facilitate the commission
9 of, or involved in the illegal activity to which defendant is
10 pleading guilty, specifically including, but not limited to, the
11 following:

12 i. One privately manufactured, AR-style 5.56 mm
13 caliber short-barreled rifle, bearing an Aero Precision LLC
14 manufacturer's mark and serial number TX6652 (the "Aero Precision
15 SBR" or the "Forfeitable Property").

16 b. To the Court's entry of an order of forfeiture at or
17 before sentencing with respect to the Forfeitable Property and to the
18 forfeiture of the assets.

19 c. That the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture shall become
20 final as to the defendant upon entry.

21 d. To take whatever steps are necessary to pass to the
22 United States clear title to the Forfeitable Property, including,
23 without limitation, the execution of a consent decree of forfeiture
24 and the completing of any other legal documents required for the
25 transfer of title to the United States.

26 e. Not to contest any administrative forfeiture
27 proceedings or civil judicial proceedings commenced against the
28 Forfeitable Property. If defendant submitted a claim and/or petition

1 for remission for all or part of the Forfeitable Property on behalf
2 of himself or any other individual or entity, defendant shall and
3 hereby does withdraw any such claims or petitions, and further agrees
4 to waive any right he may have to seek remission or mitigation of the
5 forfeiture of the Forfeitable Property. Defendant further waives any
6 and all notice requirements of 18 U.S.C. § 983(a)(1)(A) and/or
7 requirements of the Government to commence forfeiture actions
8 pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d)(1).

9 f. Not to assist any other individual in any effort
10 falsely to contest the forfeiture of the Forfeitable Property.

11 g. Not to claim that reasonable cause to seize the
12 Forfeitable Property was lacking.

13 h. To prevent the transfer, sale, destruction, or loss of
14 the Forfeitable Property to the extent defendant has the ability to
15 do so.

16 i. To fill out and deliver to the USAO a completed
17 financial statement listing defendant's assets on a form provided by
18 the USAO.

19 j. That forfeiture of Forfeitable Property shall not be
20 counted toward satisfaction of any special assessment, fine,
21 restitution, costs, or other penalty the Court may impose.

22 k. With respect to any criminal forfeiture ordered as a
23 result of this plea agreement, defendant waives: (1) the requirements
24 of Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 32.2 and 43(a) regarding
25 notice of the forfeiture in the charging instrument, announcements of
26 the forfeiture at sentencing, and incorporation of the forfeiture in
27 the judgment; (2) all constitutional and statutory challenges to the
28 forfeiture (including by direct appeal, habeas corpus or any other

1 means); and (3) all constitutional, legal, and equitable defenses to
2 the forfeiture of the Forfeitable Property in any proceeding on any
3 grounds including, without limitation, that the forfeiture
4 constitutes an excessive fine or punishment. Defendant acknowledges
5 that the forfeiture of the Forfeitable Property is part of the
6 sentence that may be imposed in this case and waives any failure by
7 the Court to advise defendant of this, pursuant to Federal Rule of
8 Criminal Procedure 11(b)(1)(J), at the time the Court accepts
9 defendant's guilty plea.

10 1. To the abandonment to the United States of any
11 interest of the defendant in the following property, seized by law
12 enforcement on or about August 10, 2022, pursuant to search warrants:

- 13 i. Five 9 mm caliber shell casings;
- 14 ii. One privately manufactured, AR-15 style
15 short-barreled rifle, bearing an SLR Rifleworks, LLC manufacturer's
16 mark and no serial number (the "SLR SBR");
- 17 iii. One Heckler & Koch model SP5 9x19 mm caliber
18 short-barreled rifle, equipped with a shoulder stock and bearing
19 serial number 273-003210 (the "H&K SBR"), and magazine;
- 20 iv. 29 rounds of 9 mm caliber ammunition found
21 in the H&K SBR;
- 22 v. Two rounds of 5.56 mm caliber ammunition;
- 23 vi. One Act Fire brand, green shooting earmuffs;
- 24 vii. One National Ordinance, Inc., United States
25 Carbine, .30 caliber rifle, bearing serial number 4923 with carrying
26 case;

- 1 viii. One pair of Steele Industries, Inc. dual
2 tube night vision system, night vision goggles, bearing serial number
3 1731A;
- 4 ix. One CZ, P-10C model, 9 mm caliber handgun,
5 bearing serial number D369133, with a Surefire X300 light attached;
- 6 x. One Crye Precision head harness night vision
7 goggle mount;
- 8 xi. One Team Wendy EXFIL ballistic helmet;
- 9 xii. One tactical belt with holster;
- 10 xiii. One green Crye Precision armor plate vest;
- 11 xiv. One Winchester 94-30, .30 caliber rifle,
12 bearing serial number 1464647;
- 13 xv. One round of .30 caliber carbine ammunition;
- 14 xvi. 202 rounds of Winchester M855 5.56 mm
15 caliber ammunition;
- 16 xvii. 30 rounds of ZSR 5.56 x 45 mm caliber
17 ammunition;
- 18 xviii. 20 rounds of PMC X-TAC 5.56 mm caliber
19 ammunition;
- 20 xix. 20 rounds of Igman 5.56 x 45 mm caliber
21 ammunition;
- 22 xx. 8 rounds of Federal 5.56 mm caliber
23 ammunition, from a box stamped with T556TNB1NL;
- 24 xxi. Three magazines for .30 caliber carbines;
- 25 xxii. 25 rounds of 5.56 mm caliber ammunition from
26 a driver's side floorboard of defendant's vehicle;
- 27 xxiii. 50 rounds of Ball M193 5.56 mm caliber
28 ammunition;

1 a term of probation of no more than three years, to include a
2 condition of no more than six months' home detention, and a fine of
3 no more than \$2,000. In making this sentencing recommendation, the
4 United States may include aggravating information concerning
5 defendant's conduct in this case and/or his personal history and
6 characteristics to support the requested sentence, and to argue
7 against, respond to, and rebut any request or anticipated request by
8 defendant for a lower sentence.

9 NATURE OF THE OFFENSES

10 5. Defendant understands that for defendant to be guilty of
11 the crime charged in count one, that is, possession of an
12 unregistered firearm, in violation of Title 26, United States Code,
13 Section 5861(d), the following must be true:

14 a. Defendant knowingly possessed a firearm, namely a
15 short-barreled rifle;

16 b. Defendant was aware that the short-barreled rifle was
17 a rifle with a barrel of less than 16 inches in length; and

18 c. The short-barreled rifle had not been registered to
19 defendant in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record.

20 6. Defendant understands that for defendant to be guilty of
21 the crime charged in count two, that is, maliciously causing the
22 death of a burro, in violation of Title 16, United States Code
23 Section 1338(a)(3), the following must be true:

24 a. Defendant caused the death of a wild free-roaming
25 burro;

26 b. Defendant did so maliciously; and

27 c. The death of the burro occurred on public lands.

28 One acts "maliciously" when he or she has the intent to do the

1 prohibited act and has no justification or excuse.

2 PENALTIES

3 7. Defendant understands that the statutory maximum sentence
4 that the Court can impose for a violation of Title 26, United States
5 Code, Section 5861(d), is: 10 years' imprisonment; a 3-year period of
6 supervised release; a fine of \$10,000 or twice the gross gain or
7 gross loss resulting from the offense, whichever is greatest; and a
8 mandatory special assessment of \$100.

9 8. Defendant understands that the statutory maximum sentence
10 that the Court can impose for a violation of Title 16, United States
11 Code, Section 1338(a)(3), is: 1 year imprisonment; a fine of \$2,000;
12 and a mandatory special assessment of \$10.

13 9. Defendant understands, therefore, that the total maximum
14 sentence for all offenses to which defendant is pleading guilty is:
15 11 years imprisonment; a 3-year period of supervised release; a fine
16 of \$12,000 or twice the gross gain or gross loss resulting from the
17 offense in count one, whichever is greatest; and a mandatory special
18 assessment of \$110.

19 10. Defendant understands that supervised release is a period
20 of time following imprisonment during which defendant will be subject
21 to various restrictions and requirements. Defendant understands that
22 if defendant violates one or more of the conditions of any supervised
23 release imposed, defendant may be returned to prison for all or part
24 of the term of supervised release authorized by statute for the
25 offense that resulted in the term of supervised release, which could
26 result in defendant serving a total term of imprisonment greater than
27 the statutory maximum stated above.

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1 to the charges described in this agreement but is not meant to be a
2 complete recitation of all facts relevant to the underlying criminal
3 conduct or all facts known to either party that relate to that
4 conduct.

5 On November 6, 2021, on public land managed by the Bureau of
6 Land Management, in San Bernardino County, defendant intentionally
7 fired his rifle at wild free-roaming burros, maliciously causing the
8 death of a wild burro.

9 More specifically, on November 5, 2021, defendant and C.J.F.
10 drove in defendant's truck to public land near Coyote Dry Lakebed off
11 Fort Irwin Road, north of Yermo, California, in San Bernardino
12 County. After arriving, defendant parked and exited his truck. In
13 the early morning of November 6, 2021, near Coyote Dry Lakebed,
14 defendant and C.J.F. stood nearby defendant's truck. Defendant was
15 dressed in tactical gear, including but not limited to a handgun in a
16 drop holster on his right thigh, a tactical belt, a tactical vest,
17 and a ballistic helmet equipped with night vision goggles and
18 electronic shooting earmuffs. Defendant also possessed a privately
19 manufactured, AR-style 5.56 mm caliber short-barreled rifle, bearing
20 an Aero Precision LLC manufacturer's mark and serial number TX6652
21 (the "Aero Precision SBR"). The Aero Precision SBR had a barrel that
22 was less than 16 inches, specifically 13.7 inches, in length. At the
23 time defendant possessed the Aero Precision SBR, defendant knew the
24 Aero Precision SBR was a firearm and a rifle, and he knew that its
25 barrel was less than 16 inches long. At the time defendant possessed
26 the Aero Precision SBR, the Aero Precision SBR had not been
27 registered to defendant in the National Firearms Registration and
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1 Transfer Record, as required by Chapter 53, Title 26, United States
2 Code.

3 At approximately 1:00 a.m., defendant and C.J.F. fired at least
4 13 rounds from their rifles, striking and killing three wild burros.
5 Defendant fired at least five rounds from the Aero Precision SBR, as
6 evidenced by the fact that five casings dispensed from the Aero
7 Precision SBR were found where defendant and C.J.F. were shooting.
8 Defendant shot and killed at least one of the burros, as evidenced by
9 the fact that a projectile removed from one of the burros was fired
10 from the Aero Precision SBR. That burro was shot near its spine
11 towards its hind legs, which paralyzed the burro's hind legs and
12 caused it severe pain before it died.

13 On August 10, 2022, at his home in Loveland, Colorado, defendant
14 possessed: (i) the Aero Precision SBR; (ii) a privately manufactured,
15 AR-15 style short-barreled rifle, bearing an SLR Rifleworks, LLC
16 manufacturer's mark and no serial number, which had a barrel that was
17 14.7 inches in length (the "SLR SBR"); (iii) a Heckler & Koch model
18 SP5 9x19 mm caliber short-barreled rifle, bearing serial number 273-
19 003210, which had a 5.3 inch barrel, and which was equipped with a
20 shoulder stock (the "H&K SBR"); and (iv) the remainder of the Seized
21 Property described above.

22 At the time defendant possessed the SLR SBR, defendant knew the
23 SLR SBR was a firearm and a rifle, and he knew that its barrel was
24 less than 16 inches long. At the time defendant possessed the SLR
25 SBR, the SLR SBR had not been registered to defendant in the National
26 Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, as required by Chapter 53,
27 Title 26, United States Code.

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1 At the time defendant possessed the H&K SBR, defendant knew the
2 H&K SBR was a firearm and a rifle, and he knew that its barrel was
3 less than 16 inches long. At the time defendant possessed the H&K
4 SBR, the H&K SBR had not been registered to defendant in the National
5 Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, as required by Chapter 53,
6 Title 26, United States Code.

7 SENTENCING FACTORS

8 14. Defendant understands that in determining defendant's
9 sentence the Court is required to calculate the applicable Sentencing
10 Guidelines range and to consider that range, possible departures
11 under the Sentencing Guidelines, and the other sentencing factors set
12 forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a). Defendant understands that the
13 Sentencing Guidelines are advisory only, that defendant cannot have
14 any expectation of receiving a sentence within the calculated
15 Sentencing Guidelines range, and that after considering the
16 Sentencing Guidelines and the other § 3553(a) factors, the Court will
17 be free to exercise its discretion to impose any sentence it finds
18 appropriate up to the maximum set by statute for the crimes of
19 conviction.

20 15. Defendant and the USAO agree to the following applicable
21 Sentencing Guidelines factors:

22 Base Offense Level: 18 U.S.S.G. § 2K2.1(a)(5)

23 Defendant and the USAO reserve the right to argue that additional
24 specific offense characteristics, adjustments, and departures under
25 the Sentencing Guidelines are appropriate. The base offense level
26 set forth above is based on information currently known to the USAO
27 regarding defendant's criminal history. Defendant understands and
28 agrees that defendant's base offense level could be increased if

1 defendant is an armed career criminal under U.S.S.G. §§ 4B1.4 and 18
2 U.S.C. § 924(e), or if defendant has additional prior conviction(s)
3 for either a crime of violence or a controlled substance offense
4 under U.S.S.G. § 2K2.1. If defendant's base offense level is so
5 altered, defendant and the USAO will not be bound by the base offense
6 level agreed to above.

7 16. Defendant understands that there is no agreement as to
8 defendant's criminal history or criminal history category.

9 17. Defendant and the USAO reserve the right to argue for a
10 sentence outside the sentencing range established by the Sentencing
11 Guidelines based on the factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(1),
12 (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(6), and (a)(7).

13 WAIVER OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

14 18. Defendant understands that by pleading guilty, defendant
15 gives up the following rights:

16 a. The right to persist in a plea of not guilty.

17 b. The right to a speedy and public trial by jury.

18 c. The right to be represented by counsel - and if
19 necessary have the Court appoint counsel -- at trial. Defendant
20 understands, however, that, defendant retains the right to be
21 represented by counsel - and if necessary, have the Court appoint
22 counsel - at every other stage of the proceeding.

23 d. The right to be presumed innocent and to have the
24 burden of proof placed on the government to prove defendant guilty
25 beyond a reasonable doubt.

26 e. The right to confront and cross-examine witnesses
27 against defendant.

28 f. The right to testify and to present evidence in

1 opposition to the charges, including the right to compel the
2 attendance of witnesses to testify.

3 g. The right not to be compelled to testify, and, if
4 defendant chose not to testify or present evidence, to have that
5 choice not be used against defendant.

6 h. Any and all rights to pursue any affirmative defenses,
7 Fourth Amendment or Fifth Amendment claims, and other pretrial
8 motions that have been filed or could be filed.

9 19. Having been fully advised by defendant's attorney regarding
10 the requirements of venue with respect to the offenses to which
11 defendant is pleading guilty, to the extent the offenses to which
12 defendant is pleading guilty were committed, begun, or completed
13 outside the Central District of California, defendant knowingly,
14 voluntarily, and intelligently waives, relinquishes, and gives up:
15 (a) any right that defendant might have to be prosecuted only in the
16 district where the offenses to which defendant is pleading guilty
17 were committed, begun, or completed; (b) any defense, claim, or
18 argument defendant could raise or assert based upon lack of venue
19 with respect to the offenses to which defendant is pleading guilty;
20 and (c) any notice, right, title, or interest to the Forfeitable
21 Property.

22 WAIVER OF APPEAL OF CONVICTION

23 20. Defendant understands that, with the exception of an appeal
24 based on a claim that defendant's guilty pleas were involuntary, or
25 an appeal on the grounds specifically reserved in paragraph 2 above,
26 by pleading guilty defendant is waiving and giving up any right to
27 appeal defendant's convictions on the offenses to which defendant is
28 pleading guilty. Defendant understands that this waiver includes,

1 but is not limited to, arguments that the statutes to which defendant
2 is pleading guilty are unconstitutional, and any and all claims that
3 the statement of facts provided herein is insufficient to support
4 defendant's pleas of guilty.

5 WAIVER OF APPEAL OF SENTENCE AND COLLATERAL ATTACK

6 21. Defendant gives up the right to appeal all of the
7 following: (a) the procedures and calculations used to determine and
8 impose any portion of the sentence; (b) the term of imprisonment
9 imposed by the Court, including, to the extent permitted by law, the
10 constitutionality or legality of defendant's sentence, provided it is
11 within the statutory maximum; (c) the fine imposed by the Court,
12 provided it is within the statutory maximum; (d) the term of
13 probation or supervised release imposed by the Court, provided it is
14 within the statutory maximum; and (e) any of the following conditions
15 of probation or supervised release imposed by the Court: the
16 conditions set forth in Second Amended General Order 20-04 of this
17 Court; and any conditions of probation or supervised release agreed
18 to by defendant in paragraph 2 above.

19 22. Defendant also gives up any right to bring a post-
20 conviction collateral attack on the convictions or sentence, except a
21 post-conviction collateral attack based on a claim of ineffective
22 assistance of counsel, a claim of newly discovered evidence, or an
23 explicitly retroactive change in the applicable Sentencing
24 Guidelines, sentencing statutes, or statutes of conviction.
25 Defendant understands that this waiver includes, but is not limited
26 to, arguments that the statutes to which defendant is pleading guilty
27 are unconstitutional, and any and all claims that the statement of
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1 facts provided herein is insufficient to support defendant's pleas of
2 guilty.

3 23. This agreement does not affect in any way the right of the
4 USAO to appeal the sentence imposed by the Court.

5 RESULT OF WITHDRAWAL OF GUILTY PLEA

6 24. Defendant agrees that if, after entering guilty pleas
7 pursuant to this agreement, defendant seeks to withdraw and succeeds
8 in withdrawing defendant's guilty pleas on any basis other than a
9 claim and finding that entry into this plea agreement was
10 involuntary, then the USAO will be relieved of all of its obligations
11 under this agreement.

12 EFFECTIVE DATE OF AGREEMENT

13 25. This agreement is effective upon signature and execution of
14 all required certifications by defendant, defendant's counsel, and an
15 Assistant United States Attorney.

16 BREACH OF AGREEMENT

17 26. Defendant agrees that if defendant, at any time after the
18 signature of this agreement and execution of all required
19 certifications by defendant, defendant's counsel, and an Assistant
20 United States Attorney, knowingly violates or fails to perform any of
21 defendant's obligations under this agreement ("a breach"), the USAO
22 may declare this agreement breached. All of defendant's obligations
23 are material, a single breach of this agreement is sufficient for the
24 USAO to declare a breach, and defendant shall not be deemed to have
25 cured a breach without the express agreement of the USAO in writing.
26 If the USAO declares this agreement breached, and the Court finds
27 such a breach to have occurred, then: (a) if defendant has previously
28 entered guilty pleas pursuant to this agreement, defendant will not

1 be able to withdraw the guilty pleas, and (b) the USAO will be
2 relieved of all its obligations under this agreement.

3 COURT AND UNITED STATES PROBATION AND PRETRIAL SERVICES

4 OFFICE NOT PARTIES

5 27. Defendant understands that the Court and the United States
6 Probation and Pretrial Services Office are not parties to this
7 agreement and need not accept any of the USAO's sentencing
8 recommendations or the parties' agreements to facts or sentencing
9 factors.

10 28. Defendant understands that both defendant and the USAO are
11 free to: (a) supplement the facts by supplying relevant information
12 to the United States Probation and Pretrial Services Office and the
13 Court, (b) correct any and all factual misstatements relating to the
14 Court's Sentencing Guidelines calculations and determination of
15 sentence, and (c) argue on appeal and collateral review that the
16 Court's Sentencing Guidelines calculations and the sentence it
17 chooses to impose are not error. While this paragraph permits both
18 the USAO and defendant to submit full and complete factual
19 information to the United States Probation and Pretrial Services
20 Office and the Court, even if that factual information may be viewed
21 as inconsistent with the facts agreed to in this agreement, this
22 paragraph does not affect defendant's and the USAO's obligations not
23 to contest the facts agreed to in this agreement.

24 29. Defendant understands that even if the Court ignores any
25 sentencing recommendation, finds facts or reaches conclusions
26 different from those agreed to, and/or imposes any sentence up to the
27 maximum established by statute, defendant cannot, for that reason,
28 withdraw defendant's guilty pleas, and defendant will remain bound to

1 promise, understanding, or agreement may be entered into unless in a
2 writing signed by all parties or on the record in court.

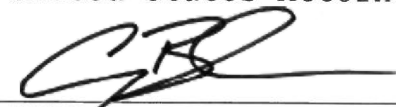
3 PLEA AGREEMENT PART OF THE GUILTY PLEA HEARING

4 31. The parties agree that this agreement will be considered
5 part of the record of defendant's guilty plea hearing as if the
6 entire agreement had been read into the record of the proceeding.

7 AGREED AND ACCEPTED

8 UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
9 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

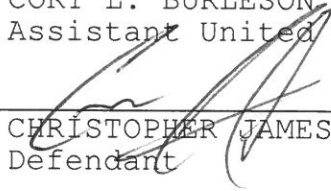
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02/05/2024

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CHRISTOPHER JAMES ARNET
Defendant

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Date

16 *Edward Robinson*

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EDWARD ROBINSON
Attorney for Defendant
CHRISTOPHER JAMES ARNET

January 15, 2024

Date

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22 CERTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT

23 I have read this agreement in its entirety. I have had enough
24 time to review and consider this agreement, and I have carefully and
25 thoroughly discussed every part of it with my attorney. I understand
26 the terms of this agreement, and I voluntarily agree to those terms.
27 I have discussed the evidence with my attorney, and my attorney has
28 advised me of my rights, of possible pretrial motions that might be

1 filed, of possible defenses that might be asserted either prior to or
2 at trial, of the sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a),
3 of relevant Sentencing Guidelines provisions, and of the consequences
4 of entering into this agreement. No promises, inducements, or
5 representations of any kind have been made to me other than those
6 contained in this agreement. No one has threatened or forced me in
7 any way to enter into this agreement. I am satisfied with the
8 representation of my attorney in this matter, and I am pleading
9 guilty because I am guilty of the charges and wish to take advantage
10 of the promises set forth in this agreement, and not for any other
11 reason.

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CHRISTOPHER JAMES ARNET
Defendant

1-15-24
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17 CERTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY

18 I am CHRISTOPHER JAMES ARNET's attorney. I have carefully and
19 thoroughly discussed every part of this agreement with my client.
20 Further, I have fully advised my client of his rights, of possible
21 pretrial motions that might be filed, of possible defenses that might
22 be asserted either prior to or at trial, of the sentencing factors
23 set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), of relevant Sentencing Guidelines
24 provisions, and of the consequences of entering into this agreement.
25 To my knowledge: no promises, inducements, or representations of any
26 kind have been made to my client other than those contained in this
27 agreement; no one has threatened or forced my client in any way to
28 enter into this agreement; my client's decision to enter into this

1 agreement is an informed and voluntary one; and the factual basis set
2 forth in this agreement is sufficient to support my client's entry of
3 guilty pleas pursuant to this agreement.

4 *Edward Robinson*

January 15,2024

5 EDWARD ROBINSON
6 Attorney for Defendant
CHRISTOPHER JAMES ARNET

Date

EXHIBIT A

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

CHRISTOPHER JAMES ARNET,

Defendant.

ED CR No.

I N F O R M A T I O N

[26 U.S.C. § 5861(d): Possession of Unregistered Firearms; 16 U.S.C. § 1338(a)(3): Maliciously Causing Death of Burro; 18 U.S.C. § 924(d)(1), 26 U.S.C. §§ 5872, 7302, and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c): Criminal Forfeiture]

The United States Attorney charges:

COUNT ONE

[26 U.S.C. § 5861(d)]

On or about November 6, 2021, in San Bernardino County, within the Central District of California, defendant CHRISTOPHER JAMES ARNET knowingly possessed a firearm, namely, a privately manufactured, AR-type, 5.56 mm caliber rifle, bearing an Aero Precision LLC manufacturer's mark and serial number TX6652, with a barrel of less than 16 inches in length, which defendant ARNET knew to be a firearm and a short-barreled rifle, as defined in Title 26, United States

1 Code Sections 5845(a)(3) and 5845(c), and which had not been
2 registered to defendant ARNET in the National Firearms Registration
3 and Transfer Record, as required by Chapter 53, Title 26, United
4 States Code.

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COUNT TWO

[16 U.S.C. § 1338(a)(3)]

On or about November 6, 2021, on public land managed by the Bureau of Land Management, in San Bernardino County, within the Central District of California, defendant CHRISTOPHER JAMES ARNET maliciously caused the death of a wild free-roaming burro.

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FORFEITURE ALLEGATION ONE

[26 U.S.C. §§ 5872, 7302, and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c)]

1 Pursuant to Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal
2 Procedure, notice is hereby given that the United States of America
3 will seek forfeiture as part of any sentence, pursuant to Title 26,
4 United States Code, Sections 5872 and 7302, as well as Title 28,
5 United States Code, Section 2461(c), in the event of the defendant's
6 conviction of the offense set forth in Count One of this Information.
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9 2. The defendant, if so convicted, shall forfeit to the United
10 States of America the following:

11 (a) All right, title, and interest in any firearm involved
12 in any such offense;

13 (b) All right, title and interest in any and all property
14 used or intended to be used to commit any such offense; and

15 (c) To the extent such property is not available for
16 forfeiture, a sum of money equal to the total value of the property
17 described in subparagraph (a) or (b).

18 3. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p),
19 as incorporated by Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), the
20 defendant, if so convicted, shall forfeit substitute property, up to
21 the value of the property described in the preceding paragraph if, as
22 the result of any act or omission of the defendant, the property
23 described in the preceding paragraph or any portion thereof

24 (a) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence; (b) has
25 been transferred, sold to, or deposited with a third party; (c) has
26 been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court; (d) has been
27 substantially diminished in value; or (e) has been commingled with
28 other property that cannot be divided without difficulty.

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION TWO

[18 U.S.C. § 924(d) (1) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c)]

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3 1. Pursuant to Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal
4 Procedure, notice is hereby given that the United States of America
5 will seek forfeiture as part of any sentence, pursuant to Title 18,
6 United States Code, Section 924(d) (1), and Title 28, United States
7 Code, Section 2461(c), in the event of the defendant's conviction of
8 the offenses set forth in any of Counts One or Two of this
9 Information.

10 2. The defendant, if so convicted, shall forfeit to the United
11 States of America the following:

12 (a) All right, title, and interest in any firearm or
13 ammunition involved in or used in any such offense; and

14 (b) To the extent such property is not available for
15 forfeiture, a sum of money equal to the total value of the property
16 described in subparagraph (a).

17 3. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p),
18 as incorporated by Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), the
19 convicted defendant shall forfeit substitute property, up to the
20 value of the property described in the preceding paragraph if, as the
21 result of any act or omission of said defendant, the property
22 described in the preceding paragraph or any portion thereof (a)
23 cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence; (b) has been

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4 other property that cannot be divided without difficulty.

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