

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

ANTHONY ST. LAURENT, Jr.

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PLEA AGREEMENT

Pursuant to Rule 11(c)(1)(B) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the United States and Defendant, ANTHONY ST. LAURENT, Jr. have reached the following agreement:

1. Defendant's Obligations.

a. Defendant will waive presentation of this matter to a grand jury and consent to the filing of a single-count Information which charges defendant with conspiracy to affect commerce by extortion, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1951. Defendant agrees that Defendant will plead guilty to said Information. Defendant further agrees that the time between the filing of this plea agreement and the scheduled date for the change of plea is excludable under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161.

b. Defendant acknowledges that Defendant is entering into this plea agreement as part of a package plea agreement with defendant Dorothy St. Laurent in which she agrees to plead guilty to the same offense. Defendant acknowledges that Defendant has, after consultation with counsel, made a knowing and voluntary decision to enter into a package plea agreement and agrees that this decision is made without coercion or duress.

2. Government's Obligations. In exchange for Defendant's guilty plea:

a. The government will recommend that the Court impose a term of imprisonment within the range of sentences for the offense level determined by the Court under the United States Sentencing Guidelines (the U.S.S.G. or "guidelines") but not including probation or a "split-sentence," even if permitted under the guidelines, provided that Defendant does not seek a downward departure under the guidelines or advocate for a sentence below the guideline range.

b. In exchange for the Defendant's plea of guilty, the government will recommend a sentence of probation when the Court sentences co-defendant Dorothy St. Laurent following her guilty plea. As to Dorothy St. Laurent, there is no agreement as to the government's recommendation concerning the length or conditions of such probation, nor is there an agreement as to any other component of a sentencing recommendation, such as restitution, fine, etc.

c. The government agrees that it will not require or compel Anthony St. Laurent Jr. to testify against Anthony St. Laurent, Sr., in any criminal proceeding brought by the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Rhode Island.

d. For purposes of determining the offense level, the government agrees to recommend a two-level reduction in the offense level for acceptance of responsibility under §3E1.1(a) of the guidelines if Defendant continues to demonstrate acceptance of responsibility through sentencing.

e. As of the date of this agreement, Defendant has timely notified authorities of an intention to enter a plea of guilty. If the offense level is 16 or greater and Defendant enters a plea of guilty pursuant to this agreement, the government will move the sentencing Court for an additional decrease of one level, pursuant to U.S.S.G. §3E1.1(b)(2), unless Defendant indicates an intention not to enter a plea of guilty, thereby requiring the government to prepare for trial.

f. The government is free to recommend any combination of supervised release, fines, and restitution which it deems appropriate.

3. Defendant understands that the guidelines are not binding on the Court, and that although the Court must consult the guidelines in fashioning any sentence in this case, the guidelines are only advisory, and the Court may impose any reasonable sentence in this matter up to the statutory maximum penalties after taking into account the factors enumerated in 18 U.S.C. §3553(a).

4. The United States and Defendant stipulate and agree to the following facts under the guidelines:

a. U.S.S.G. §2B3.2 is the appropriate guidelines provision for the offense conduct.

b. The Defendant conspired with Anthony St. Laurent, Sr., Dorothy St. Laurent, and others to use force and the threat of force to extort “protection” payments from a group of individuals in Taunton, Massachusetts who were engaged in illegal bookmaking. The extortion of these bookmakers began in the 1970's and continued until February 2009. The Defendant's participation in this extortion began in the 1980's and continued intermittently until 2009. The defendant's father, Anthony St. Laurent Sr., was the leader of this conspiracy and the Defendant's mother, Dorothy St. Laurent, served as the primary collection agent of the protection payments extorted from the bookmakers.

c. The Defendant's role in the conspiracy was to enforce continued payment through the threat, both express and implied, of bodily injury, a role made more significant during his father's frequent periods of incarceration. On one occasion in 1988, the Defendant and another individual assaulted a bookmaker who had stopped making protection payments. While the victim

of this assault did not incur bodily injury as defined in U.S.S.G. §1B1.1, the Defendant did use violence to inflict physical pain in a successful effort to coerce the bookmaker to resume making payments.

d. In late 2008, defendant Dorothy St. Laurent was collecting a total protection payment of \$4100 every two weeks from the group of bookmakers. The amount collected from the Taunton bookmakers varied over time, based on the number of bookmakers “with” Anthony St. Laurent, Sr., at any given time, and also varied by season, with more money collected during football season. While the amount collected from the victims over the entire course of the conspiracy is difficult to precisely quantify, the parties stipulate and agree that the amount collected was over \$800,000 and less than \$1,500,000. The government has no evidence that Defendant profited personally from the extortion of the Taunton bookmakers. On one occasion in January 2009, while meeting with a cooperating witness to discuss bookmakers who were behind in their payments, the Defendant refused protection money offered directly to him on behalf of some of the bookmakers. This money, which constituted a portion of the protection payment owed by the bookmakers, was subsequently provided to Dorothy St. Laurent at the same meeting.

5. Except as expressly provided in the preceding paragraph, there is no agreement as to which Offense Level and Criminal History Category applies in this case. Both the United States and Defendant reserve their rights to argue and present evidence on all matters affecting the guidelines calculation.

6. The maximum statutory penalties for the offense to which defendant is pleading are 20 years imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000; a term of supervised release of three years; and a mandatory special assessment of \$100.

7. Defendant agrees that, after Defendant and Defendant's counsel sign this agreement, counsel will return it to the United States Attorney's Office along with a money order or certified check, payable to the Clerk, United States District Court, in payment of the special assessment. Failure to do so, unless the Court has made a previous finding of indigence, will relieve the government of its obligation to recommend a reduction in the offense level under the guidelines for acceptance of responsibility.

8. Defendant is advised and understands that:

- a. The government has the right, in a prosecution for perjury or making a false statement, to use against Defendant any statement that Defendant gives under oath;
- b. Defendant has the right to plead not guilty, or having already so pleaded, to persist in that plea;
- c. Defendant has the right to a jury trial;
- d. Defendant has the right to be represented by counsel – and if necessary have the Court appoint counsel – at trial and every other stage of the proceeding;
- e. Defendant has the right at trial to confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses, to be protected from self-incrimination, to testify and present evidence, and to compel the attendance of witnesses; and
- f. Defendant waives these trial rights if the Court accepts a plea of guilty.

9. Defendant is advised that the government has in its possession certain physical evidence. Defendant understands that the government does not intend to conduct DNA testing of any of this evidence. Defendant further understands that Defendant could request DNA testing of such evidence in this case prior to any finding of guilt against Defendant. Defendant further

understands that, following this Court's entry of a judgment of conviction for the offense to which Defendant is pleading guilty, Defendant has the right to request DNA testing of such evidence pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3600.

Knowing and understanding this right to request such DNA testing, Defendant hereby knowingly and voluntarily waives and gives up that right. Defendant understands that Defendant will never have another opportunity to have the evidence in this case submitted for DNA testing or to employ the results of DNA testing to support a claim that Defendant is innocent of the offense to which Defendant is pleading guilty. Defendant further understands that by waiving and giving up this DNA testing right, the physical evidence in this case need not be retained for any such purpose.

10. The government reserves its full right of allocution, including the right to present any information to the Court for its consideration in fashioning an appropriate sentence, the right to correct misstatements, misrepresentations, or omissions by Defendant, and to answer any questions asked by the Court.

11. Except for paragraphs 2 and 4 above, the parties have made no agreement concerning the application of the guidelines in this case.

12. Defendant understands that the Court alone makes all sentencing decisions, including the application of the guidelines and the sentence to be imposed. The Court is not bound by the parties' stipulations of fact, offense level adjustments, or the government's recommendations, including the sentencing recommendation as to Dorothy St. Laurent. The Court is free to impose any sentence it deems appropriate up to and including the statutory maximum. Defendant also understands that even if the Court's guideline determinations and sentence are

different than Defendant expects, Defendant will not be allowed to withdraw Defendant's plea of guilty.

13. Defendant hereby waives Defendant's right to appeal the conviction and sentence imposed by the Court, if the sentence imposed by the Court is within or below the sentencing guideline range determined by the Court. This agreement does not affect the rights or obligations of the United States as set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3742(b), and the government retains its right to appeal any of the Court's sentencing determinations.

14. This agreement is binding on the government only if Defendant pleads guilty, does not attempt to withdraw his guilty plea, fulfills all Defendant's obligations under the agreement, does not engage in any conduct constituting obstruction of justice under § 3C1.1 of the guidelines, and does not commit any new offenses. Defendant understands that if Defendant violates this agreement in any way, the government shall be released from its obligations under the agreement and will be free to make any recommendations that it deems appropriate, to include the sentencing recommendation with respect to Dorothy St. Laurent. If that occurs, Defendant shall not have the right to withdraw Defendant's guilty plea.

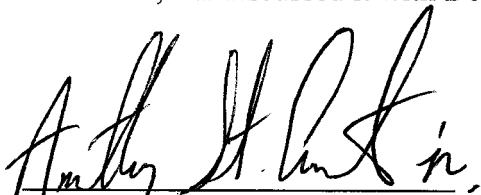
15. This agreement is limited to the District of Rhode Island and does not bind any other federal, state, or local prosecutive authorities.

16. This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. No other promises or inducements have been made concerning the plea in this case. Defendant acknowledges that no person has, directly or indirectly, threatened or coerced Defendant to enter this agreement. Any additions, deletions, or modifications to this agreement must be made in writing and signed by all the parties in order to be effective.


17. Counsel for Defendant states that Counsel has read this agreement, been given a

copy of it for Counsel's file, explained it to Defendant, and states that to the best of Counsel's knowledge and belief, Defendant understands the agreement.

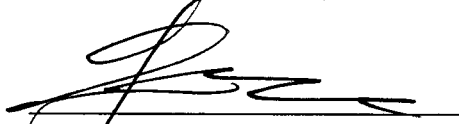
18. Defendant states that Defendant has read the agreement or has had it read to Defendant, has discussed it with Defendant's Counsel, understands it, and agrees to its provisions.


ANTHONY ST. LAURENT, Jr.
Defendant


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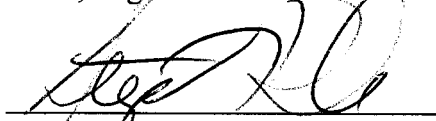
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