

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF COBB  
STATE OF GEORGIA

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| THE STATE OF GEORGIA, | ) |                      |
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| PLAINTIFF,            | ) | CRIMINAL ACTION FILE |
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|                       | ) | NO. [REDACTED]       |
| vs.                   | ) |                      |
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|                       | ) | NEGOTIATED PLEA      |
| [REDACTED],           | ) |                      |
|                       | ) |                      |
| DEFENDANT.            | ) |                      |

Proceedings before THE HONORABLE ROBERT E. FLOURNOY, III,  
before Alison C. Jordan, Official Court Reporter,  
in Courtroom 5400 at 70 Haynes Street, Marietta, Georgia,  
on the 22nd day of January 2015, commencing at  
the hour of 10:00 a.m.

On behalf of the State: RACHELLE ANDERSON, Esq.

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NEGOTIATED FELONY PLEA

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THE COURT: And I agree to the terms of the negotiated plea, and I find there is a factual basis. And so, Mr. [REDACTED], in order for you to plead guilty, I have to ask you some questions to make sure that you are pleading guilty freely, voluntarily and intelligently.

*And before I even do that, I want you to know that you have the best, most fantastic lawyer that ever walked the face of the earth because you should be getting more time than your co-defendants did.*

*But he's negotiated this plea, and I honor that, and I'll go with the negotiated plea. So whatever you paid him, it is way too little. You should have paid him ten times what you paid him.*

All right. So Mr. [REDACTED], are you now under the influence of alcohol, drugs, narcotics or pills?

DEFENDANT [REDACTED]: No, sir.

...

THE COURT: Have you had enough time to talk to Mr. Alper about the case?

DEFENDANT [REDACTED]: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: Do you authorize him to enter a plea of guilty?

DEFENDANT [REDACTED]: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: And are you satisfied with his services?

DEFENDANT [REDACTED]: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: ***And you well -- you should be because, once again, you're getting less time than [REDACTED] got.***

And so, do you, in fact, waive your right to a jury trial?

DEFENDANT [REDACTED]: Yes, sir.

...

THE COURT: All right. And so I believe that covers everything except for telling you if you want to challenge the plea that you have just entered by filing a petition for habeas corpus, you have four years from today's date to do so.

So good luck to you, Mr. [REDACTED].

***Once again, Mr. Alper is, without a doubt, the man. The greatest lawyer that ever walked the face of the earth.***

***Good luck to you. And if you ever get in trouble again, hire him.***