



C. THE GOVERNMENT'S OBLIGATIONS

1. If the defendant completely fulfills all obligations and agreements under this plea agreement, the government agrees it will not prosecute the defendant for any other offense known to the United States Attorney's Office, based on the investigation that forms the basis of the Bill of Information.

2. The government will and hereby moves pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1(b) for the defendant to receive a one-point reduction in offense level should that offense level be 16 or greater, as the defendant has assisted authorities in the investigation or prosecution of his own misconduct by timely notifying authorities of his intention to enter a plea of guilty, thereby permitting the government to avoid preparing for trial and permitting the government and the Court to allocate resources efficiently.

D. SENTENCING

**CARL MICHAEL WILLIAMSON** understands and agrees that:

1. The maximum punishment on Count One is a term of imprisonment of up to ten (10) years (pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 242) and a fine of not more than \$250,000 (pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3571);

2. The maximum punishment on Count Two is a term of imprisonment of up to twenty (20) years (pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1519) and a fine of not more than \$250,000 (pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3571);

2. The defendant shall be required to pay a special assessment of \$100 as to each count at the time of the guilty plea by means of a cashier's check, official bank check, or money order payable to "Clerk, U.S. District Court";

3. The defendant may receive a term of supervised release of not more than three (3) years in length in addition to any term of imprisonment imposed by the Court;

4. A violation of any condition of supervised release at any time during the period of supervised release may result in the defendant being incarcerated over and above the statutory maximum for the offense of conviction;

5. The period of incarceration for a violation of a condition of supervised release could be as much as the full term of supervised release initially ordered by the Court, regardless of the amount of time of the supervised release the defendant has successfully completed;

6. In addition to the penalties set forth in the preceding paragraphs, the Court may order the defendant to make restitution to the victim(s) in this case, and that the amount of restitution and method of payment is at the discretion of the Court;

7. Any fine and/or restitution imposed as part of the defendant's sentence will be due and payable immediately, the defendant will be held liable for all restitution jointly and severally with all co-defendants, and any federal income tax refund received by the defendant from the Internal Revenue Service while there is an outstanding fine and/or restitution shall be applied toward the fine and/or restitution award;

8. The defendant expressly authorizes the U.S. Attorney's Office to immediately obtain a credit report on him to be used in consideration of his ability to pay restitution or fine that may be imposed by the Court;

9. As part of the presentence investigation, the government will make available to the Court any relevant evidence developed in the investigation of this case;

10. The Defendant, upon signing this plea agreement and the factual basis, knowingly, voluntarily, and expressly waives his rights pursuant to Rule 410(a) of the Federal Rules of Evidence. The Defendant understands and agrees that in the event that he violates the plea agreement, withdraws his decision to plead guilty, or causes his guilty plea to be later withdrawn or otherwise set aside, any statements he made to law enforcement or to an attorney for the prosecuting authority during plea discussions, and any statements he made during any court proceeding involving his plea of guilty (including any factual bases or summaries signed by the Defendant and any leads from such statements, factual bases, or summaries) shall be admissible for all purposes against the defendant in any and all future criminal proceedings;

11. This case is governed by the Sentencing Reform Act as modified by *United States v. Booker*, 543 U.S. 220 (2005), and the defendant has discussed the Sentencing Guidelines and its applicability with his counsel and understands and acknowledges that a final determination of the applicable guidelines range cannot be made until the completion of the presentence investigation;

12. The sentencing judge alone will decide what sentence to impose; and

13. The failure of the Court to adhere to a sentencing recommendation tendered by counsel shall not be a basis for setting aside the guilty plea which is the subject of this agreement.

**F. APPEAL WAIVER**

1. The defendant understands that he has a statutory right to challenge his guilty plea and/or sentence on direct appeal. In exchange for the promises and concessions made by the United States in entering this plea agreement, the defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives his right to challenge on direct appeal:

a. Whether the factual basis found by the Court supports his conviction; and

b. The substantive reasonableness of any sentence imposed by the Court if within, or lower than, the guideline range determined by the Court, or if the sentence was imposed pursuant to a statutory mandatory minimum. This waiver does not restrict the defendant's right to challenge, on direct appeal, the district court's calculation of the advisory guideline range.

2. The defendant understands and acknowledges that the United States preserves all its rights as set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3742(b).

**G. ENTIRETY OF AGREEMENT**


This plea agreement consists of this document and any addendum required by Standing Order 1.86. The defendant, the defendant's attorney, and the government acknowledge that this plea agreement is a complete statement of the parties' plea agreement in this case. It supersedes all other plea agreements and may not be

modified unless the modification is in writing and signed by all parties. No other promises have been made or implied.

H. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY FOR THE DEFENDANT, THE DEFENDANT, AND THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE GOVERNMENT

I have read this plea agreement and have discussed it fully with my client, CARL MICHAEL WILLIAMSON. I concur in CARL MICHAEL WILLIAMSON pleading guilty as set forth in this plea agreement.

Dated: 3/25/26

  
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DEVIN T. JONES  
Counsel for the defendant  
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I have read this plea agreement and have discussed it with my attorney. I fully understand the plea agreement and accept and agree to it without reservation. I do this voluntarily and of my own free will. No threats have been made to me, nor am I under the influence of anything that could impede my ability to fully understand this plea agreement.

I am satisfied with the legal services provided by my attorney in connection with this plea agreement and the matters related to this case.

Dated: 3-25-26

  
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CARL MICHAEL WILLIAMSON  
Defendant

I accept and agree to this plea agreement on behalf of the United States of America.

ZACHARY A. KELLER  
United States Attorney

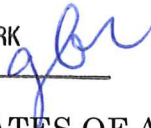
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CRIMINAL NO. 26cr 127

v.

CARL MICHAEL WILLIAMSON,

Defendant

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**UNDERSTANDING OF PENALTIES AND RIGHTS**

The defendant, **CARL MICHAEL WILLIAMSON**, having been furnished a copy of the Bill of Information and having discussed it with their attorney states as follows:

1. I understand the nature of the charge against me and the maximum possible penalty as set forth in the plea agreement.
2. I understand my right to be represented by counsel (a lawyer) of my choice, or if I cannot afford counsel, my right to be represented by Court-appointed counsel at no cost to me.
3. I understand my right to plead guilty or not guilty.
4. I understand my right not to be required to testify against myself or at all if I do not so desire.
5. I understand my right to confront and cross-examine witnesses against me.
6. I understand my right to use compulsory process to require witnesses to appear at trial and testify.
7. I realize that by pleading guilty I stand convicted of the crimes charged and waive my privilege against self-incrimination, my right to jury trial, my right to confront and cross-examine witnesses, and my right of compulsory process.

8. My plea in this matter is free and voluntary, and it has been made without any threats or inducements from anyone whatsoever except for those contained in the plea agreement and any addendum required under standing orders. The only reason I am pleading guilty is that I am in fact guilty as charged.

The foregoing Understanding of Penalties and Rights has been read, understood, and signed:

Dated: 4/14/26



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JUDGE DRELL

CARL MICHAEL WILLIAMSON,

MAGISTRATE JUDGE PEREZ-MONTES

Defendant

**STIPULATED FACTUAL BASIS FOR GUILTY PLEA**

NOW INTO COURT, comes the United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana, through the undersigned Assistant United States Attorney, and the defendant, CARL MICHAEL WILLIAMSON (“WILLIAMSON”), represented by his undersigned counsel, Mr. Devin Jones, and for the purposes of providing the Court with a factual basis for a plea agreement pursuant to Rule 11(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, hereby stipulate as follows:

On February 1, 2024, WILLIAMSON was employed by the Catahoula Parish Sheriff's Office (“CPSO”) where he served as a Transportation Officer at the Catahoula Parish Correctional Center (“CPCC”) located in Harrisonburg, Louisiana. That afternoon, eleven inmates and two pretrial detainees housed in Cell 12, a cell containing six beds, started a non-violent protest because they had been living in overcrowded conditions for several days. WARDEN 1 and ASSISTANT WARDEN 1 ordered WILLIAMSON and other CPSO officers to extract the men by spraying the cell with oleoresin capsicum (“OC”) spray, handcuffing the people inside, and escorting them to a nearby recreation yard.

After the cell extraction, WILLIAMSON joined WARDEN 1, ASSISTANT WARDEN 1, COLONEL 1, DEPUTY 1, and other officers in the recreation yard. The thirteen prisoners were handcuffed, compliant, and subdued by OC spray. WARDEN 1 ordered the prisoners to identify the leaders of the protest, and then he began using an electrified riot shield and his body weight to crush handcuffed prisoners who were lying on the ground. After WARDEN 1 finished using the shield, officers took handcuffs off of some of the inmates. COLONEL 1 then ordered WILLIAMSON punish one of the inmates by striking him. WILLIAMSON complied by forcefully striking a compliant, non-violent inmate in the face with an open hand. Immediately afterwards, WILLIAMSON saw DEPUTY 1 also strike a different compliant, non-violent inmate.


WILLIAMSON knew that he and his fellow officers had a duty to intervene and protect the federal constitutional rights of inmates and pretrial detainees, including the Eighth Amendment right to be free from cruel and unusual punishment, and that violations of this right could result in criminal prosecution. WILLIAMSON understood that the force used by WARDEN 1, DEPUTY 1, and the use of force order given by COLONEL 1 were for the purpose of punishing the occupants of Cell 12, and he knew that the use of force to punish compliant, non-threatening inmates and pretrial detainees was the type of unnecessary and wanton infliction of pain that violates the Eighth Amendment's right to be free from cruel and unusual punishment. WILLIAMSON also knew that his actions and those of

his fellow officers were unlawful and violated CPSO policies and procedures regarding the use of force.

On or about August 20, 2025, ASSISTANT WARDEN 1 gave WILLIAMSON a copy of another officer's report about the Cell 12 extraction, and he ordered WILLIAMSON to write a report as well. WILLIAMSON noticed that the other officer's report omitted the assaults that occurred in the recreation yard and falsely claimed that a K-9 officer who participated in the cell extraction had broken CPSO policy by trying to frighten compliant inmates with his dog. WILLIAMSON had heard rumors that the K-9 officer had contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") and truthfully reported the assaults that occurred in the recreation yard. WILLIAMSON understood that ASSISTANT WARDEN 1 wanted him to help cover up the incident by writing a report that omitted the assaults and falsely discredited the K-9 officer. WILLIAMSON wrote, signed, and submitted the requested false report in order to aid ASSISTANT WARDEN 1 with the cover-up.

The FBI has jurisdiction to investigate civil rights violations, such as the excessive force used in the recreation yard near Cell 12.

Dated: 3/25/26


  
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**Count 2  
FALSE REPORT**

For you to be guilty of this crime, the government would have to prove each of the following beyond a reasonable doubt:

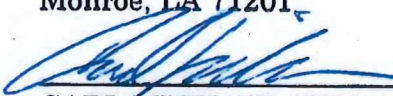
- First:** That the defendant knowingly altered concealed, covered up, falsified, and made a false entry in a document;
- Second:** That the defendant acted with the intent to impede, obstruct, and influence the investigation in relation to a matter; and
- Third:** That the matter was within the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which is an agency of the United States.

The foregoing elements of offense have been read, understood, and signed:

Dated: 3/25/26

  
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