

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
AUGUSTA DIVISION

United States of America,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
vs.	)	Case No. 1:23CR21
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Brandon Jamal Thurmond,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
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CHANGE OF PLEA HEARING
BEFORE THE HONORABLE J. RANDAL HALL
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023; 11:02 A.M.

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1 (Call to Order at 11:02 a.m.)

2 THE CLERK: The court calls case no. 1:23CR21. United
3 States of America v Brandon Jamal Thurmond. Jennifer Stanley
4 for the government. Michon Walker for the defendant. Here for
5 a change of plea.

6 THE COURT: Thank you. Good morning.

7 MS. STANLEY: Good morning.

8 MRS. WALKER: Good morning.

9 THE DEFENDANT: Good morning.

10 THE COURT: You are Mr. Thurmond?

11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

12 THE COURT: Mr. Thurmond, I understand that you've
13 entered into a Plea Agreement with the government that calls
14 for you to come into court today and to plead guilty to a
15 modified Count One, I believe, of an Indictment which is
16 Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud. Is that correct?

17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

18 THE COURT: Has anyone forced you, threatened you or
19 pressured you to come to court today and to plead guilty to
20 this charge?

21 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

22 THE COURT: If you have any trouble hearing me or
23 understanding me during this morning's hearing, let me know and
24 I will correct the problem. You are represented by
25 Mrs. Walker. If you feel like you need to speak to her during

1 the hearing, by all means feel free to do so. Okay?

2 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

3 THE COURT: All right. The Clerk will now place you
4 under oath.

5 (Brandon J. Thurmond is duly sworn.)

6 THE CLERK: Please state your name for the record.

7 THE DEFENDANT: Brandon Thurmond.

8 THE CLERK: Thank you.

9 THE COURT: Mr. Thurmond, by taking that oath you have
10 promised to tell the truth during this morning's hearing. If
11 you do not, the government could prosecute you for perjury and
12 could use statements made in court against you in any such
13 prosecution. How old are you, sir?

14 THE DEFENDANT: 33.

15 THE COURT: And are you single or married?

16 THE DEFENDANT: Single.

17 THE COURT: Do you have any children?

18 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

19 THE COURT: Tell me about your children.

20 THE DEFENDANT: I have a daughter. She's 10. And I
21 have a stepdaughter and she's 12.

22 THE COURT: And what kind of work do you do?

23 THE DEFENDANT: I work for Publix warehouse in
24 Dacula -- Dacula, Georgia. I have been there for like a month
25 now.

1 THE COURT: How far did you go in school?

2 THE DEFENDANT: School? I graduated college with a
3 bachelor's degree.

4 THE COURT: Where did you go to college?

5 THE DEFENDANT: University of Arkansas Pine Bluff.

6 THE COURT: Are you under the influence of any alcohol
7 or drugs today?

8 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

9 THE COURT: Are you currently being treated for any
10 type of mental illness?

11 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir. I do have to go to an
12 evaluation. It was part of my other situation.

13 THE COURT: What kind of evaluation?

14 THE DEFENDANT: Mental health evaluation.

15 THE COURT: How did that turn out?

16 THE DEFENDANT: I still have to go. I have to make an
17 appointment.

18 THE COURT: But you're not being treated at this point
19 in time? There's no diagnosis?

20 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

21 THE COURT: So the grand jury returned an Indictment
22 against you and a co-defendant that charges you as follows --
23 there are two counts. Count one is conspiracy to commit wire
24 fraud and bank fraud. Count two is bank fraud. Count three --
25 actually, count three is bank fraud.

1 MS. STANLEY: Your Honor --

2 THE COURT: Yes?

3 MS. STANLEY: -- counts two and three are only to his
4 co-defendants.

5 THE COURT: Okay. That's what I thought, but the
6 Indictment has three counts. There are three counts:
7 Conspiracy to commit wire fraud, and two bank fraud charges.
8 As to you you are only covered by count one which is conspiracy
9 to commit wire fraud and bank fraud. Okay?

10 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

11 THE COURT: Now without getting into the initial 28
12 paragraphs of the Indictment that deals with the background,
13 let me just say that you are charged with beginning at least as
14 early as June of 2020 and continuing to in or about May of
15 2021, within the Southern District of Georgia, you and your
16 co-defendant, La'Kyera Me'Lika Thurmond, did conspire and agree
17 with each other to commit the following offenses: Wire fraud;
18 that is, to devise and intend to devise a scheme and artifice
19 to defraud individuals and to obtain money and property by
20 means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses,
21 representations, and promises, and for the purpose of executing
22 the scheme attempting to do so to cause to be transmitted by
23 means of wire communication in interstate commerce signals and
24 sounds all in violation of Section 1343 of Title 18 of the
25 United States Code.

1 There is a second part of this that deals with bank
2 fraud, but you are not pleading to the bank fraud portion;
3 right?

4 So paragraph B is not included within what he is
5 pleading to?

6 MS. STANLEY: Correct, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Just the wire fraud?

8 MS. STANLEY: Yes.

9 THE COURT: It was the object of the conspiracy for
10 you and your co-defendant and others to unlawfully enrich
11 yourself by, among others, obtaining EIDL and PPP proceeds and
12 Unemployment Insurance benefits under false and fraudulent
13 pretenses. These all arise out of the EIDL, PPP and UI
14 benefits that came about as a result of the Covid pandemic.

15 It was part of the conspiracy and the manner and means
16 thereof that one or both of the defendants submitted or caused
17 to be submitted multiple false and fraudulent applications for
18 PPP loans to financial institutions, at least one electronic
19 application for an EIDL from the SBA knowing the same to
20 contain materially false representations and multiple
21 electronic applications for unemployment -- UI -- benefits
22 including pandemic unemployment benefits from the states of
23 Arizona, California, Georgia, Virginia, and West Virginia at
24 each state's SWA online portal knowing the same to contain
25 materially false representations.

1 From June 2020 to August of 2020 one or both of the
2 defendants which includes you submitted or caused to be
3 submitted at least the following nine electronic applications
4 for UI benefits. Each application contains false information
5 that the applicant resided in and/or was eligible for
6 unemployment benefits within the state to which the application
7 was submitted.

8 On or about June 6, 2020, application to WWV for
9 Brandon Thurmond; on or about June 10, 2020, an application to
10 Arizona DES for Brandon Thurmond; on or about June 15, 2020,
11 application to Arizona DES for an Individual 1; on or about
12 June 15, 2020, application to Arizona DES for Individual 2; on
13 about June 15, 2020, an application to Arizona DES for
14 Individual 3; on or about June 16, 2020, application to Arizona
15 DES for Individual 4; on or about July 13, 2020, application to
16 Georgia DOL for Brandon Thurmond; on or about August 9, 2020,
17 application to VEC for Brandon Thurmond; on or about August 11,
18 2020, application to California EDD for Brandon Thurmond.

19 From April to May of 2021 one or both of the
20 co-defendants which includes you either submitted or caused to
21 be submitted at least the following six PPP loan applications
22 to Harvest on behalf of various reported businesses. Each
23 application falsely represented the applicant's average monthly
24 payroll. To support the false payroll amounts of each PPP
25 application the defendants created fabricated IRS forms

1 Schedule C that were submitted to the PPP application.

2 On or about April 14, 2021, application for Brandon
3 Thurmond containing a false Schedule C reflecting \$100,000 in
4 gross receipts for 2019; on or about April 26, 2021,
5 application for Business 1 containing a false Schedule C
6 containing \$100,000 in gross receipts for 2019; on or about
7 April 28, 2021, application for Business 2 containing a false
8 Schedule C reflecting \$100,000 in gross receipts for 2019; on
9 or about May 8, 2021, application for Brandon Thurmond
10 containing a false Schedule C reflecting \$100,000 in gross
11 receipts for 2019; on or about May 28, 2021, application for
12 Business 2 containing a false Schedule C reflecting \$100,000 in
13 gross receipts for 2019; on or about May 28, 2021, application
14 for Business 3 containing false Schedule C reflecting \$100,000
15 in gross receipts for 2019.

16 In June of 2020 one or both of the co-defendants
17 submitted or caused to be submitted the following EIDL
18 application that falsely represented the purported business
19 gross revenues and number of employees. On or about June 16,
20 2020, application for purported business called Brandon
21 Thurmond for \$98,325 in gross revenues in the 12 months
22 preceding January 31, 2020, and 10 employees. In reliance on
23 these false representations made in the EIDL application the
24 SBA, by means of interstate and wire communications, disbursed
25 a \$10,000 grant into your bank account.

1 All right. That is a summary, if you will, of the
2 charge in count one, again, which is the only count in this
3 indictment that includes you as a named defendant. Have you
4 gone over this indictment and this charge with your lawyer?

5 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

6 THE COURT: Do you clearly understand what the court
7 -- well, the grand jury -- has charged you with?

8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

9 THE COURT: Have you had as much time to talk to
10 Mrs. Walker as you would like to about this indictment and your
11 plea today?

12 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

13 THE COURT: Are you satisfied with the help that she's
14 provided you as your lawyer in this case?

15 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

16 THE COURT: Now you have previously plead not guilty.
17 The law says that when you are charged you have a right to
18 plead not guilty and to persist in that plea. By persisting in
19 that plea you would then have the right to a jury trial. At
20 trial you would be presumed to be innocent and the government
21 would have to prove your guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. You
22 would have the right to the assistance of a lawyer for your
23 defense appointed by the court, if necessary, at trial and at
24 every other stage of your case.

25 You would have a right to see and hear all the

1 witnesses and to have them cross examined in your defense. You
2 would have a right on your own part to decline to testify -- in
3 other words, to remain silent -- unless you voluntarily elected
4 to testify as part of your own defense. You would also have
5 the right to use the court's subpoena power to compel the
6 attendance of witnesses to testify in any defense.

7 Should you decide not to testify or to put on any
8 defense or facts or evidence, these facts could not be used
9 against you. By entering into a guilty plea today for this
10 modified count one if I accept your plea there will be no trial
11 on count one. You will have waived or given up your right to a
12 trial that I just described along with the trial-related rights
13 that I just described. Do you understand then that those are
14 the rights that you are giving up by pleading guilty today?

15 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

16 THE COURT: Knowing these rights now do you wish to
17 waive your right to a jury trial and plead guilty to the
18 modified count one that is only wire fraud?

19 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

20 THE COURT: I mentioned the Plea Agreement. I have a
21 copy in front of me. Did you sign this Plea Agreement?

22 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

23 THE COURT: Did you go over it carefully with
24 Mrs. Walker before you signed it?

25 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

1 THE COURT: Does this Plea Agreement contain
2 everything you agreed to?

3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

4 THE COURT: Other than the promises that the
5 government through the U.S. Attorney's Office made to you in
6 this Plea Agreement has anyone else on behalf of the government
7 promised you anything else?

8 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

9 THE COURT: When you enter into a Plea Agreement with
10 the government you agree to be bound by all of the terms of the
11 agreement and you agree that all the facts that are contained
12 in the agreement are true and accurate. Do you understand
13 that?

14 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

15 THE COURT: I do want to point out a couple of things
16 about this Plea Agreement. For purposes of sentencing you and
17 the government have agreed to recommend to the probation office
18 and to the court that the amount of loss for purposes of the
19 Sentencing Guidelines is more than \$150,000 but less than
20 \$250,000. You have agreed to waive and abandon your interest
21 in any property that may have been seized in connection with
22 this case.

23 I want you to know that this Plea Agreement that
24 you've entered into, Mr. Thurmond, has two appeal waivers.
25 First, you are waiving your right to directly appeal your

1 conviction and sentence on any ground but with three
2 exceptions: You may appeal your sentence if your sentence
3 should exceed the maximum penalty that the law allows for this
4 crime or should the sentence exceed the advisory guideline
5 range determined to apply in your case or should the government
6 appeal.

7 The second waiver calls for you to waive your right to
8 collaterally attack your conviction and sentence on any ground.
9 The only exception to this waiver is that you may still base a
10 claim on ineffective assistance of counsel. Do you understand
11 that the Plea Agreement that you've entered into contains the
12 two appeal waivers that I just described to you?

13 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

14 THE COURT: All right. Let me go over with you the
15 consequences of pleading guilty today. Upon a conviction of
16 this charge the law provides that you could be sent to prison
17 for up to 20 years, fined up to but not more than \$1 million,
18 placed on supervised release following any prison sentence for
19 not more than three years, pay all restitution as may be
20 ordered by the court, forfeit all forfeitable assets as ordered
21 by the court and agreed to in any Plea Agreement and be
22 required to pay a \$100 special assessment at the time you are
23 sentenced. Do you understand that these are the potential
24 penalties you could face in this case?

25 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

1 THE COURT: Now you are in a federal court. In the
2 federal system there is no parole. So if you receive a prison
3 sentence you will be in custody for all of the prison sentence
4 you receive reduced only by credit for good time you may earn
5 while incarcerated. After you have served any prison sentence
6 you will be released onto supervised release. That means
7 you're not in custody, but you are under the court's
8 supervision and rules for a period of time -- in your case not
9 more than three years. If you break those rules while on
10 supervised release, you can be arrested, brought back to court,
11 and if I revoke supervised release you can be sent back to
12 prison to serve an additional period of time.

13 Also, Mr. Thurmond, as a result of this felony
14 conviction there are a number of civil rights that can be
15 impacted. So you'll lose the right to vote, to serve on a
16 jury, to hold public office and to own or possess firearms or
17 ammunition. Do you now understand the potential consequences
18 you could be facing by pleading guilty today?

19 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

20 THE COURT: Now if I accept your guilty plea in a few
21 minutes you will not be sentenced today. Rather, I am going to
22 order a Presentence Investigation Report to be prepared by a
23 probation officer. The officer will conduct a thorough
24 investigation of your case and then prepare a draft report. As
25 part of that investigation they will meet with you and

1 Mrs. Walker and ask you a number of questions.

2 After preparing the draft report that copy or that
3 report will be sent to the lawyers. You will meet with
4 Mrs. Walker and go over the draft report which I encourage you
5 to do. If there are any mistakes in the report or if you or
6 Mrs. Walker agree or object to any statements or conclusions
7 then you should notify the probation officer.

8 After the report has been finalized it will be sent to
9 me with copies to the lawyers. Again, you will meet with your
10 lawyer and go over the final report. The final report is very
11 important because that's what I use to determine what your
12 sentence will be. So once I have the final report, then we
13 will schedule a sentencing hearing. You will come back to
14 court as you have the right to be present for sentencing.

15 At that hearing I will first hear and resolve any
16 outstanding objections to the Presentence Report. Second, you
17 and Mrs. Walker can present witnesses, letters of support or
18 other exhibits or information on any sentencing issue. You
19 also have the right to make a personal statement before I
20 sentence you. So I'll give you a chance to speak to me if
21 that's something you want to do.

22 Now as part of that hearing in relying on the
23 Presentence Report I will adopt the final Federal Sentencing
24 Guidelines that apply to your case. It will be a range of
25 months. These are mandatory guidelines. They are not -- I

1 mean these are advisory guidelines. They are not mandatory.
2 So what that means is once I adopt the guideline range
3 suggested by the Sentencing Guidelines, I can sentence you
4 within that range or I can go below the range or above the
5 range depending upon a number of factors. Do you understand
6 that that is how sentencing will take place?

7 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

8 THE COURT: Have you discussed the guidelines prior to
9 the hearing today with Mrs. Walker?

10 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

11 THE COURT: Did anyone promise, predict or make a
12 prophecy that you would receive a specific sentence in this
13 case?

14 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

15 THE COURT: All right. We're almost finished. Now if
16 you were to go to trial on this conspiracy charge, let me tell
17 you what the government would have to prove: First, that two
18 or more people in some way or manner agreed to try to
19 accomplish a common and unlawful plan to commit wire fraud as
20 charged in this indictment; second, you knew the unlawful
21 purpose of this plan and you willfully joined in it.

22 That's what the government would have to prove,
23 Mr. Thurmond. Now that you're asking to plead guilty are you
24 admitting to the court that the government would be able to
25 prove that?

1 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

2 THE COURT: With that admission, if you will stay
3 where you are I want to hear -- are you going to do this by
4 proffer?

5 MS. STANLEY: Yes, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Stay where you are. I'll hear the factual
7 basis by proffer.

8 You may proceed.

9 MS. STANLEY: Thank you, Judge. From at least June of
10 2020 to in or about May of 2021 within the Southern District of
11 Georgia and elsewhere, the defendant, Brandon Jamal Thurmond,
12 with others known and unknown including his sister and
13 co-defendant, La'Kyera Me'Lika Thurmond, did conspire,
14 confederate, and agree with other to commit wire fraud as
15 defined by 18 U.S.C. § 1343.

16 It was the object for the conspiracy for the defendant
17 and others to unlawfully enrich themselves by, among other
18 things, obtaining Economic Injury Disaster Loans or EIDL and
19 Payroll Protection Program or PPP and Unemployment Insurance or
20 UI benefits under false and fraudulent pretenses.

21 It was part of the conspiracy and the manner and means
22 thereof that defendant and the other members of the conspiracy
23 submitted or caused to be submitted, one, multiple false and
24 fraudulent applications for PPP loans to Harvest Small Business
25 Finance, LLC; two, at least one electronic application for an

1 EIDL from the Small Business Administration or SBA knowing the
2 same to contain material false representations; and, three,
3 multiple electronic applications for UI benefits including
4 pandemic unemployment benefits from the states of Arizona,
5 California, Georgia, Virginia, and West Virginia at each
6 state's State Work Force Agency's -- or SWA -- online portal
7 knowing they contained material false representations.

8 From June of 2020 to August of 2020 defendant and
9 other members of the conspiracy submitted or caused to be
10 submitted at least the following nine electronic applications
11 for UI benefits: First, on or about June 6 of 2020, an
12 application to Work Force West Virginia for Brandon Thurmond;
13 second, on or about June 10 of 2020 an application to the
14 Arizona Department of Economic Security or DES for Brandon
15 Thurmond; three, on or about June 15, 2020, an application to
16 Arizona DES for Latoya Thurmond; four, on or about June 15,
17 2020, an application to Arizona DES for Bakari Thurmond; five,
18 on or about June 15, 2020, an application to Arizona DES for
19 Chakoya Sanders; six, on or about June 16, 2020, an application
20 to Arizona DES for Kendra Sanders; seven, on or about July 13,
21 2020, an application to the Georgia Department of Labor for
22 Brandon Thurmond; eight, on or about August 9 of 2020 an
23 application to the Virginia Employment Commission for Brandon
24 Thurmond; and, nine, on or about August 11, 2020, an
25 application to California Employment Development Department for

1 Brandon Thurmond.

2 Each application contained false affirmations that the
3 applicant resided in and/or was eligible for unemployment
4 benefits in the state in which the application was submitted.
5 In reliance on the false representations made in those UI
6 applications, some of these SWAs, by means of interstate wire
7 communication, disbursed funds into various bank accounts.

8 From April to May of 2021 the defendant and other
9 members of the conspiracy submitted or caused to be submitted
10 at least the following six PPP loan applications to Harvest
11 Small Business Finance, LLC on behalf of various purported
12 businesses. Each application falsely represented the
13 applicant's average monthly payroll. To support the false
14 payroll amount for the applicants shown the defendant created
15 fabricated IRS forms Schedule C that were submitted with the
16 PPP application.

17 First, on or about April 14, 2021, an application for
18 a purported business called Brandon Thurmond contained a false
19 Schedule C reflecting \$100,000 in gross receipts for 2019; two,
20 on or about April 26, 2021, an application for a purported
21 business called Phalonda Powell containing a false Schedule C
22 reflecting \$100,000 in gross receipts for 2019; three, on or
23 April 28, 2021, an application for a purported business called
24 Brittney Elmy containing a false Schedule C reflecting \$100,000
25 in gross receipts for 2019; four, on or about May 8 of 2021, an

1 application for a purported business called Brandon Thurmond
2 containing a false Schedule C reflecting \$100,000 in gross
3 receipts for 2019; five, on or about May 28, 2021, an
4 application for a purported business called Brittney Elmy
5 containing a false Schedule C reflecting \$100,000 in gross
6 receipts for 2019; and, sixth, on or about May 28, 2021, an
7 application for a purported business called Travis Jimperson
8 containing a false Schedule C reflecting \$100,000 in gross
9 receipts for 2019. Those PPP loan applications were processed
10 by means of interstate wire communication.

11 In June of 2020 defendant and other members of the
12 conspiracy submitted or caused to be submitted the following
13 EIDL application that falsely represented a purported business
14 with gross revenue and a number of employees: On or about
15 June 16 of 2020 an application for a purported business called
16 Brandon Thurmond with \$98,325 in gross revenue in the 12 months
17 preceding January 31, 2020, and 10 employees.

18 In relying upon the false representations made in that
19 EIDL application the SBA, by means of interstate wire
20 communication, disbursed a \$10,000 grant into Mr. Thurmond's
21 bank account. The total intended loss which includes actual
22 loss for all of these fraudulent applications was more than
23 150,000 and less than \$250,000.

24 Thank you, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Mr. Thurmond, does that sound like an

1 accurate description of what happened in this case?

2 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

3 THE COURT: Do you now want to plead guilty to the
4 modified count one of this indictment, conspiracy to commit
5 wire fraud?

6 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

7 THE COURT: Are you pleading guilty because you are,
8 in fact, guilty of committing this crime?

9 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

10 THE COURT: The record should now reflect that
11 Mr. Thurmond has plead guilty to the modified count one,
12 conspiracy to commit wire fraud, of the Indictment. His plea
13 should be signed and entered, please.

14 THE CLERK: The defendant's plea of guilty to count
15 one has been entered.

16 THE COURT: With the entry of the signed plea into the
17 record of the hearing, I find that Mr. Thurmond is competent
18 and fully understands the charge against him. There is a
19 factual basis supporting his guilty plea on this charge. He
20 knows the statutory punishment that could be imposed upon a
21 conviction and he knows his jury rights which he has knowingly
22 and voluntarily waived. His decision this morning to plead
23 guilty was voluntary, knowing and not as a result of any force,
24 pressure, threats or promises other than the promises made by
25 the government in the Plea Agreement. Therefore, his plea is

1 now accepted and I adjudge him guilty of count one as modified
2 to wire fraud only of the indictment based upon his plea of
3 guilty.

4 I order the preparation of the Presentence Report and
5 direct that copies be provided to the parties. I will schedule
6 sentencing when the final report has been issued.

7 Mr. Thurmond, I see that you have been free on bond.
8 It looks like you've honored all of your bond conditions. The
9 recommendation from probation is that I allow you to remain
10 free on bond pending sentencing.

11 Any objection by the government to that
12 recommendation?

13 MS. STANLEY: No, Your Honor.

14 THE COURT: I see no reason to do any differently. So
15 you may remain free on bond pending sentencing. All of your
16 bond conditions will remain in full force and effect. You must
17 obey all directives from probation or any other court official.
18 We'll notify you of the time and date of your sentencing. If
19 you fail to appear for sentencing that is a criminal offense
20 for which you can be prosecuted and imprisoned.

21 Is this your first felony conviction?

22 THE DEFENDANT: Federal, yes, sir.

23 THE COURT: Federal, but you have state felony
24 conviction?

25 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

1 THE COURT: All right. I was going to remind you now
2 that you are a convicted felon about firearms, but I don't need
3 to give you that additional advice, but, nevertheless, all bond
4 conditions remain in full force and effect. You can check out
5 if you need to with anybody, but you are free to leave. See
6 you at sentencing.

7 (The hearing is concluded.)

1 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

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5 I, Lisa H. Davenport, Federal Official Reporter, in and
6 for the United States District Court for the Southern District
7 of Georgia, do hereby certify that pursuant to Section 753,
8 Title 28, United States Code that the foregoing is a true and
9 correct transcript of the stenographically-reported proceedings
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11 the regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United
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15 Lisa H Davenport, RPR, FCRR
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