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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	Case No. 2:22-cr-00087-KJM
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	SENTENCING MEMORANDUM
	)	
vs.	)	
	)	Date: December 12, 2022
AARON ASHCRAFT,	)	Time: 9:00 a.m.
	)	Chief Judge Hon. Kimberly J. Mueller
Defendant.	)	
	)	

Mr. Ashcraft will appear before this Court on Monday, December 12, 2022, for sentencing. Mr. Ashcraft has no formal objections to the Presentence Report. Pursuant to the plea agreement, the Government will be recommending a sentence of 41 months in custody. Mr. Ashcraft respectfully requests that the Court impose a sentence of 41 months of home confinement with electronic monitoring, as a condition of 60 months of probation. In making this request, Mr. Ashcraft wholeheartedly recognizes his crimes and the harms he has caused. As discussed in the attached letter, Mr. Ashcraft requests a sentence of home confinement to minimize the effects of his crimes on the vulnerable people in his life, namely his wife and her sister, both of whom suffer from mental illness and are dependent on Mr. Ashcraft for support.

As discussed in the PSR, Mr. Ashcraft's wife suffers from severe mental illness, and is a

1 long-time recovering drug addict and the victim of domestic and sexual abuse in relationships
2 prior to meeting Mr. Ashcraft. Her twin sister likewise suffers from serious mental illness, and
3 when she is not institutionalized, she lives with the Ashcrafts, so that they can support her.

4 In his letter, Mr. Ashcraft describes in detail his history, including the way that he and his
5 wife engaged in counseling to pull themselves out of the morass of drug addiction. Ms. Ashcraft
6 currently maintains a hard-won sobriety because of the support of her husband. If Mr. Ashcraft
7 goes into custody, his wife and her sister will likely be homeless and lose the stability they
8 currently have.

9 Mr. Ashcraft seeks to pay full restitution for his offenses. He feels immense shame for
10 the choices he has made. Prior to Mr. Ashcraft's descent in drug addiction, he was a hard-
11 working member of the community. His letter describes the cycle of bad choices he made in an
12 attempt to keep his head above water, while he and his wife were in the throes of addiction that
13 affected every facet of their lives together. Mr. Ashcraft tried to hide his addiction from his
14 employers and co-workers while descending more and more into debt.

15 Mr. Ashcraft has written the attached letter to the Court as part of his allocation at
16 sentencing. Given the length of the letter, it is being submitted concurrently with this
17 memorandum. Mr. Ashcraft requests that the Court consider the unique aspects of this case and
18 sentence him to 41 months of home confinement as a condition of probation, to enable him to
19 continue to support his family and work towards repayment of his restitution.

20 Respectfully submitted,

21 HEATHER E. WILLIAMS
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23 Date: December 5, 2022

24 /s/ Rachelle Barbour
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