

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
HAMMOND DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	)	
	)	CAUSE NO. 2:21-cr-154
v.	)	
	)	
	)	18 U.S.C. § 1343
JEFFREY BOYLETT	)	

PLEA AGREEMENT

Pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, come now the United States of America, by its counsel, Clifford D. Johnson, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana, through Thomas McGrath, Assistant United States Attorney, and the defendant, Jeffrey Boylett, and Adam Tavitas, as attorney for the defendant, and show the Court they have entered into a plea agreement as follows:

1. I, Jeffrey Boylett, have the ability to read, write and speak the English language.

2. I have received a copy of the indictment. I have read and discussed it with my lawyer, and believe and feel that I understand every accusation made against me in this case.

3. I have told my lawyer the facts and surrounding circumstances as known to me concerning the matters mentioned in the indictment, and believe and feel that my lawyer is fully informed as to all such matters. My

lawyer has counseled and advised me as to the nature and elements of every accusation against me and as to any possible defenses I might have.

4. I understand that I am entitled to have all of my rights which may be involved in this matter explained to me, and that I have the right to have any questions I may have answered for me.

5. I understand that by pleading guilty I waive certain rights. The rights described below have been explained to me, as well as the consequences of my waiver of these rights:

- a. If I persisted in a plea of not guilty to the charges against me, I would have the right to a public and speedy trial. The trial could be either a jury trial or a trial by the judge sitting without a jury. I have the right to a jury trial. However, I may waive a jury trial in writing with the approval of the Court and the consent of the government.
- b. If the trial is a jury trial, the jury would be composed of twelve people selected at random. My attorney and I would have a say in who the jurors would be by removing prospective jurors for cause where actual bias or other disqualification is shown, or without cause by exercising so-called peremptory challenges. The jury would have to agree unanimously before it could return a verdict of either guilty or not guilty. The jury would be instructed that a defendant is presumed innocent, and that it could not convict unless, after hearing all the evidence, it was persuaded of my guilt beyond a reasonable doubt, and that it was to consider each count of the indictment separately.
- c. If the trial is held by the judge without a jury, the judge would find the facts and determine, after hearing all the evidence, and considering each count separately, whether or not the judge was persuaded of my guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

- d. At a trial whether by a jury or a judge, the prosecution would be required to present its witnesses and other evidence against me. I would be able to confront those government witnesses and my attorney would be able to cross-examine them. In turn, I could present witnesses and other evidence on my own behalf. If the witnesses for me would not appear voluntarily, I could require their attendance through the subpoena power of the Court.
- e. At a trial, I would have a privilege against self-incrimination so that I could decline to testify, and no inference of guilt could be drawn from my refusal to testify. If I desired to do so, I could testify in my own behalf.
- f. At trial and at every stage of the proceedings, I have a right to an attorney, and if I could not afford an attorney, one would be appointed for me.
- g. In the event that I should be found guilty of the charge against me, I would have the right to appeal my conviction on such charge to a higher court.

6. I understand that under the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, the Court, in light of an investigation by the United States Probation Office, will determine the applicable sentencing guideline range, and that the Court will determine all matters, whether factual or legal, relevant to the application of the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines. I understand that the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines are advisory only, and that the specific sentence to be imposed upon me will be determined by the judge after consideration of a pre-sentence investigation report, input from counsel for me and the government, federal sentencing statutes, and the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines.

7. Notwithstanding the above, I have, with the assistance of counsel, entered into an agreement with the United States Attorney's Office as follows:

- a. I will plead GUILTY to Count 1 of the Indictment charging me with participating in a wire fraud scheme to defraud the Small Business Administration, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343, because I am, in fact, GUILTY of this offense.
- b. I understand the maximum possible penalties that may be imposed upon me for my conviction of the offense of wire fraud are as follows:

Count	Prison	Fine	Supervised Release
1	20 Years	\$250,000	3 years

I further understand that a special assessment of \$100 will be imposed in addition to any other penalty. I also understand that under a term of supervised release, I would have to live my life under certain conditions set by the Court and should I violate any of those conditions, the Court could revoke the supervised release and sentence me to serve an additional term of imprisonment.

- c. The United States Attorney and I have also entered into the following agreements which are submitted to the Court pursuant to Rule 11(c)(1)(B) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and are not binding upon the Court; I understand that if the Court refuses to follow the recommendations set forth below, I will not be allowed to withdraw my guilty plea:
 - i. The United States Attorney and I agree that in recognition of my acceptance of responsibility for my offense conduct, I am entitled to a two-level reduction in offense level. The United States Attorney and I further agree that I have assisted authorities in the investigation or prosecution of

my own misconduct by timely notifying the United States Attorney's Office of my intention to plead guilty, thereby permitting the government to avoid preparing for trial and permitting the government and the Court to allocate their resources efficiently, and we agree that if my offense level is 16 or greater, the government will move at sentencing for me to receive an additional one-level reduction in offense level. However, I understand that the government's obligation to recommend acceptance of responsibility under this plea agreement is contingent upon my continuing manifestation of acceptance of responsibility; should I deny my involvement, give conflicting statements of my involvement, or engage in additional criminal conduct including any personal use of controlled substances, the government shall not be bound to recommend any reduction in offense level for acceptance of responsibility. I further understand the Court is not bound by this recommendation and that the Court makes the final decision regarding my receipt of a reduction in offense level for acceptance of responsibility.

- ii. The United States Attorney and I agree that pursuant to the United States Sentencing Guidelines the following base level and enhancements apply to my offense including all relevant conduct:

2B1.1 (a): Base Offense: wire fraud carries a statutory maximum sentence of 20 years	7
2B1.1(b)(1)(F): Loss of more than \$95,000 but less than \$150,000	+8

- d. At the time of sentencing, the United States Attorney shall recommend that I be sentenced to a period of imprisonment at the low end of the applicable guideline range, said guideline range to be determined by the Court.
- e. In exchange for my guilty plea, the government agrees to move to dismiss Counts 2, 3, and 4 of the Indictment at the time of sentencing.

- f. I agree to make restitution in the amount of \$109,900 to the Small Business Administration. This represents the amount of restitution I owe for my entire fraud scheme, including restitution related to counts that are being dismissed as part of this agreement.
- g. I acknowledge and understand that any and all financial obligations imposed by the Court are due and payable in full upon entry of the judgment of conviction. I further understand that any payment schedule imposed by the Court shall be the minimum I am expected to pay and that the government's collection of any and all court imposed financial obligations is not limited to the payment schedule. I agree not to request any delay or stay in payment of any and all financial obligations.
- h. I expressly authorize the U.S. Attorney's Office to immediately obtain a credit report in order to evaluate my ability to satisfy any financial obligation imposed by the Court. I agree to submit within 30 days of the filing of this plea agreement a completed financial statement to the U.S. Attorney's Office in a form it provides and as it directs. I promise that the financial statement and disclosures will be complete, accurate and truthful, and I understand that any willful falsehood on the financial statement will be a separate crime and may be punished under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 by an additional five years' incarceration and fine. If deemed necessary by the U.S. Attorney's Office, I agree to submit, prior to sentencing, to an examination under oath on the issue of my ability to pay restitution.
- i. I agree to the entry of money judgment in the amount of \$109,900 against me. I acknowledge that the amount of the money judgment represents the amount of proceeds I derived from the commission of the offense to which I am pleading guilty. I further consent to the entry of orders of forfeiture pursuant to Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 32.2. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(4), I agree that the preliminary order of forfeiture will satisfy the notice requirement and will be final as to me at the time it is entered. I also hereby agree to waive all constitutional, statutory and procedural challenges in any manner (including direct appeal, habeas corpus, or any other

means) to any forfeiture carried out in accordance with this Plea Agreement on any grounds.

- j. I understand that the government has reserved the right to tell the Court the good things about me and the bad things about me, and to fully inform the Court of the nature and extent of my offense as well as the full extent of my criminal history.
- k. I understand that the law gives a convicted person the right to appeal the conviction and the sentence imposed. I also understand that no one can predict the precise sentence that will be imposed, and that the Court has jurisdiction and authority to impose any sentence within the statutory maximum set for my offenses as set forth in this plea agreement. With this understanding and in consideration of the government's entry into this plea agreement, I expressly waive my right to appeal or to contest my conviction and all components of my sentence or the manner in which my conviction or my sentence was determined or imposed, to any Court on any ground other than a claim of ineffective assistance of counsel, including any appeal under Title 18, United States Code, Section 3742 or any post-conviction proceeding, including but not limited to, a proceeding under Title 28, United States Code, Section 2255. I also agree to waive all rights, whether asserted directly or through a representative, to, after sentencing, request or receive from the United States any further records, reports, or documents pertaining to the investigation or prosecution of this matter; this waiver includes, but is not limited to, rights conferred by the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974.

8. I am prepared to state to the Court the facts in this matter that cause me to believe that I am guilty of the offense charged in Count 1 of the Indictment. I acknowledge that the following is only a summary of the relevant facts relating to that charge:

From approximately April 2020 to July 2020, in the Northern District of Indiana and elsewhere, I knowingly devised and participated in a scheme to defraud the Small Business Administration (SBA) by

applying for and receiving SBA grant and loan funds for a fictitious business I called “Bills.”

As part of this scheme, as alleged in Count 1, on or about April 10, 2020, I submitted a fraudulent SBA Intake Application (#..5352) via the internet. In response to questions on the application form, I filled in responses to make it appear that the fictional business, “Bills”, was engaged in “health services”; that it had “5” employees and gross revenue of “\$240,000”; and that it had existed since “3/2/1999”, when in fact the business did not exist.

In total, I collected \$109,900 in proceeds from the SBA to which I was not entitled.

9. I believe and feel that my lawyer has done all that anyone could do to counsel and assist me, and that I now understand the proceedings in this case against me.

10. I declare that I offer my plea of guilty freely and voluntarily and of my own accord, and no promises have been made to me other than those contained in this agreement, nor have I been threatened in any way by anyone to cause me to plead guilty in accordance with this agreement.

11. I understand and acknowledge that this agreement, once filed with the court, is a public document and available for public viewing.

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