

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
SAN ANTONIO DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

Case No. SA-_____

WAIVER AND CONSENT TO GUILTY PLEA AND SENTENCING BY VIDEO CONFERENCE

I acknowledge that Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 43 requires my presence before a United States District Judge for entry of a guilty plea and for sentencing. I further acknowledge that I may waive the requirement to appear in person before a judge for a guilty plea hearing and for sentencing and I may consent to a hearing conducted by video conference. I am aware that Section 15002 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act allows United States District Court Judges to conduct plea hearings and sentencings, with the consent of the Defendant, via video conference under emergency conditions referenced in the law.

I have discussed with my attorney the implications of waiving the requirement to appear in person and I understand the consequences of such a waiver. I am choosing to knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waive the Rule 43 requirement to enter a plea of guilty in person and to be sentenced in person.

I consent to have United States District Judge Jason Pulliam conduct my guilty plea hearing and to sentence me via video conference. I consent of my own free will and volition. Nobody, including my attorney, the attorney for the government, or the Court, has coerced my decision to consent to a plea hearing and to sentencing via video conference.

I, after consultation with my attorney, voluntarily and knowingly waive the right to appeal the validity of my conviction based on the manner in which my guilty plea hearing and my sentencing were conducted (by video conference). This waiver applies to a proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255.

Date

Defendant

Name of Attorney for Defendant (Print)

Date

Signature of Attorney for Defendant

