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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

**MARY HELEN QUAINANCE,**

Defendant.

**MATTHEW J. DYKMAN**

CLERK

CRIMINAL NO. 06-538 JCH

CONDITIONAL PLEA AGREEMENT

Pursuant to Rule 11, Fed. R. Crim. P., the parties hereby notify the Court of the following agreement between the United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico, the defendant, **MARY HELEN QUAINANCE**, and the defendant's counsel, JOHN F. ROBBENHAAR:

REPRESENTATION BY COUNSEL

1. The defendant understands the defendant's right to be represented by an attorney and is so represented. The defendant has thoroughly reviewed all aspects of this case with the defendant's attorney and is fully satisfied with that attorney's legal representation.

RIGHTS OF THE DEFENDANT

2. The defendant further understands the following rights:
- a. to plead not guilty;
  - b. to have a trial by jury;
  - c. to confront and cross-examine witnesses and to call witnesses to testify for the defense; and
  - d. against compelled self-incrimination.

### WAIVER OF RIGHTS AND PLEA OF GUILTY

3. The defendant hereby agrees to waive these rights and to plead guilty to a two-count superseding indictment charging in Count 1 violation of 21 U.S.C. § 846, that being Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 100 kilograms and more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of marijuana, contrary to 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B); and charging in Count 2 violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C), that being possession with intent to distribute 50 kilograms and more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of marijuana, and 18 U.S.C. § 2, that being aiding and abetting.

### SENTENCING

4. The defendant understands that the maximum penalty the Court can impose as to Count 1 is:

- a. imprisonment for a period not less than five (5) years nor greater than forty (40) years;
- b. a fine not to exceed \$2,000,000.00;
- c. a mandatory term of supervised release of not less than four (4) years. (If the defendant serves a term of imprisonment, is then released on supervised release, and violates the conditions of supervised release, the defendant's supervised release could be revoked--even on the last day of the term--and the defendant could then be returned to another period of incarceration and a new term of supervised release); and
- d. a mandatory special penalty assessment of \$100.00.

5. The defendant understands that the maximum penalty the Court can impose as to Count 2 is:

- a. imprisonment for a period of not more than twenty (20) years;
- b. a fine not to exceed \$1,000,000.00;

- c. a mandatory term of supervised release of not less than three (3) years. (If the defendant serves a term of imprisonment, is then released on supervised release, and violates the conditions of supervised release, the defendant's supervised release could be revoked--even on the last day of the term--and the defendant could then be returned to another period of incarceration and a new term of supervised release); and
- d. a mandatory special penalty assessment of \$100.00.

6. The parties recognize that the Sentencing Guidelines are advisory, and that the Court is required to consider them in determining the sentence it imposes.

7. It is expressly understood and agreed by and between the defendant and the United States that:

a. The United States has made, and will make, NO AGREEMENT pursuant to Rule 11(c)(1)(C), Fed. R. Crim. P., that a specific sentence is the appropriate disposition of this case.

b. The United States has made, and will make, NO AGREEMENT to approve, to oppose, or not to oppose pursuant to Rule 11(c)(1)(B), Fed. R. Crim. P., any request made by the defendant or on behalf of the defendant for a particular sentence in this case, other than the stipulations agreed to in paragraph <sup>8</sup> 7, below.

c. The United States hereby expressly reserves the right to make known to the United States Probation Office, for inclusion in the presentence report prepared pursuant to Rule 32(c), Fed. R. Crim. P., any information that the United States believes may be helpful to the Court.

#### STIPULATIONS

8. The United States and the defendant stipulate as follows:

a. Pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 2D1.1(c), the parties stipulate that the defendant is responsible for approximately 150 kilograms of marijuana.

b. Pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1(a), the defendant has clearly demonstrated a recognition and affirmative acceptance of personal responsibility for the defendant's criminal conduct. Consequently, the defendant is entitled to a reduction of two (2) levels from the base offense level as calculated under the sentencing guidelines. This reduction is contingent upon the defendant providing an appropriate oral or written statement to the United States Probation officer who prepares the presentence report in this case in which the defendant clearly establishes the defendant's entitlement to this reduction.

c. Provided the defendant meets the requirements of U.S.S.G. §3E1.1(b), the government agrees to move for a reduction of one (1) additional level from the base offense level as calculated under the sentencing guidelines.

d. If the defendant meets all of the criteria set forth at 18 U.S.C. § 3553(f) and U.S.S.G. § 5C1.2, including providing a complete and truthful statement to the Government concerning all information and evidence the defendant has about the offense *or offenses that were part of the same course of conduct underlying this agreement*, the defendant is entitled to a reduction of two (2) levels, pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 2D1.1(b)(11).

e. The defendant recognizes and understands that this plea agreement with the United States is expressly contingent on co-defendant, DANUEL DEAN QUAINANCE, also entering a plea of guilty, at the same time, in conformity with their individual plea agreements with the United States. The United States reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to revoke the plea agreements pertaining to the defendant and co-defendant, should the defendant and co-defendant fail to enter guilty pleas in accordance with their individual agreements with the United States, or attempt to withdraw those guilty pleas.

9. The United States and the defendant understand that the above stipulations are not binding on the Court and that whether the Court accepts these stipulations is a matter solely within the discretion of the Court after it has reviewed the presentence report. The defendant understands and agrees that if the Court does not accept any one or more of the above stipulations, the defendant hereby waives the right to appeal the Court's rejection of such stipulations.

#### CONDITIONAL PLEA

Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(a)(2), the defendant, with the consent of the United States, reserves the right to appeal any and all issues litigated through the pendency of the proceedings. If Defendant prevails on her appeal of the Court's Order, she shall be allowed to withdraw her guilty plea.

#### DEFENDANT'S OBLIGATIONS

10. The defendant understands the defendant's obligation to provide the United States Probation Office with truthful, accurate, and complete information, including, but not limited to defendant's true identity, citizenship status, and any prior criminal convictions. The defendant hereby represents that the defendant has complied with and will continue to comply with this obligation. The defendant understands that any misrepresentation with respect to the above obligations may be considered a breach of this plea agreement.

#### GOVERNMENT'S AGREEMENT

11. Provided that the defendant fulfills the defendant's obligations as set out above, the United States agrees not to bring additional charges against the defendant arising out of the defendant's conduct now known to the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Mexico.

12. This agreement is limited to the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Mexico and does not bind any other federal, state, or local agencies or prosecuting authorities.

#### VOLUNTARY PLEA

13. The defendant agrees and represents that this plea of guilty is freely and voluntarily made and not the result of force or threats or of promises apart from those set forth in this plea agreement. There have been no representations or promises from anyone as to what sentence the Court will impose.

#### VIOLATION OF PLEA AGREEMENT

14. The defendant understands and agrees that if the defendant or the defendant's attorney violates any provision of this plea agreement, the United States may declare this plea agreement null and void, and the defendant will thereafter be subject to prosecution for any criminal violation including, but not limited to, any crime(s) or offense(s) contained in or related to the indictment filed in this case, as well as perjury, false statement, and obstruction of justice.

#### SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

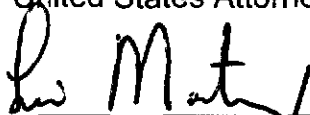
15. At the time of sentencing, the defendant will tender a money order or certified check payable to the order of the United States District Court, District of New Mexico, 333 Lomas Boulevard, NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102, in the amount of \$100.00 in payment of the special penalty assessment described above.

#### ENTIRETY OF AGREEMENT

16. This document is a complete statement of the agreement in this case and may not be altered unless done so in writing and signed by all parties.

AGREED TO AND SIGNED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008.

GREGORY J. FOURATT  
United States Attorney



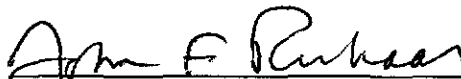
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I have read this agreement and carefully reviewed every part of it with my attorney.  
I understand the agreement and voluntarily sign it.



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MARY HELEN QUAINANCE  
Defendant



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