

EXHIBIT 1

From: Laws, Kendall
To: [Jeremy Delicino](#); [Jon Williams](#); [Paul Cassell](#)
Subject: Franklin/Chilcoat
Date: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 5:13:28 PM

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The charges against Ms. Chilcoat will be dismissed.

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Please get back to me prior to 5:00 pm on Friday April 20, 2018.

Kendall G. Laws
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EXHIBIT 2

From: Jeremy Delicino
To: [Laws, Kendall](#)
Cc: [Paul Cassell](#)
Subject: Acceptance of Offer
Date: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 10:23:09 PM

Dear Kendall,

Paul Cassell and I write on behalf of our client, Rosalie Jean Chilcoat. She was delighted to learn this afternoon that you have agreed to dismissal of the charges against her. She is understandably quite relieved, both because of the resolution and because she has now begun to make arrangements to travel to Africa without worrying about any charges. Per your offer below, she hereby accepts your offer that "The charges against Ms. Chilcoat will be dismissed." See email below.

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Sincerely,

Jeremy Delicino
Counsel for Rosalie Jean Chilcoat

From: Laws, Kendall [<mailto:klaws@sanjuancounty.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 5:13 PM
To: Jeremy Delicino <jeremy@jeremydelicino.com>; Jon Williams <jwilliam@lawyer.com>; Paul Cassell <cassellp@law.utah.edu>
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EXHIBIT 3

From: Kendall Laws
To: [Jeremy Delicino](#)
Cc: [Paul Cassell](#)
Subject: Re: Acceptance of Offer
Date: Thursday, April 19, 2018 6:22:19 AM

Jeremy and Paul:

Since this case has been a combined effort from the beginning between Jeremy and Jon, this is a package deal offer. It is accepted in total or not at all between the defendants. Perhaps my wording could have been more clear but that is the purpose behind the offer, resolve it the case entirely.

Regards

Kendall

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 18, 2018, at 10:22 PM, Jeremy Delicino <Jeremy@jeremydelicino.com> wrote:

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EXHIBIT 4

From: Jeremy Delicino
To: [Laws, Kendall](#); [Paul Cassell](#)
Subject: Acceptance of Offer
Date: Thursday, April 19, 2018 9:22:43 AM
Attachments: [Reply-Motion-to-Quash-Draft-Franklin Only.doc](#)

Dear Kendall,

If I understand your last email correctly, I am extremely concerned about what you have just said in response to Rose's acceptance of your plea offer.

Yesterday, because I was flying to New York, co-counsel Paul Cassell spoke to my client, Rose Chilcoat, about your offer of dismissal. I will not reveal any attorney-client communications. But I can say that, as you requested in your email, she was advised of the advantages and disadvantages of accepting the naked dismissal (without further conditions) of the charges against her. After that discussion, again without revealing any confidences, she advised that she was authorizing the defense team to accept the offer. Thereafter, I reviewed this decision, with which I agreed, and then formally accepted the plea offer on Rose's behalf in writing as you had directed.

In light of that written acceptance, the defense directed Rose's investigator to stop working on the case. The defense spent approximately one hour, working after midnight, revising the Motion to Quash Reply so that it now applies only to Mark. See attached copy of revised motion to quash.

In light of these facts, I have to say it was disturbing to read your email this morning. This email appears to retroactively and dramatically change the terms of the plea offer to Rose. While there was no mention of this fact in your email last night, if I am reading your email this morning correctly, you are now attempting to convert the offer into what is commonly-referred to as a "wired plea" requiring other conditions before Rose could accept the plea.

Such pleas must be carefully constructed to avoid unconstitutional coercion. The United States Supreme Court, while not ruling squarely on the constitutionality of such agreements, has pointed out that "a prosecutor's offer during plea bargaining of adverse or lenient treatment for some person *other* than the accused ... might pose a greater danger of inducing a false guilty plea by skewing the assessment of the risks a defendant must consider." *Bordenkircher v. Hayes*, 434 U.S. 357, 364 n. 8 (1978). Where the state threatens prosecution of one with whom the defendant has familial ties or other close bonds, the threat of coercion is much greater. *United States v. Carr*, 80 F.3d 413, 416-417 (10th Cir.1996). Of special concern with regard to such agreements is that one defendant, who hopes to obtain the more lenient sentence, might coerce another defendant to accept the package deal. *See, e.g., United States v. Castello*, 724 F.2d 813 (9th Cir.1984). It has been held that a plea agreement

entailing leniency to a third party imposes a special responsibility on the trial court to ascertain the voluntariness of the plea because of its coercive potential. *See, e.g., United States v. Whalen*, 976 F.2d 1346 (10th Cir.1992).

In light of these facts, I was startled to see your two-sentence email this morning, which appears in the email chain below. You refer to the fact that this case has been a “combined effort between Jeremy and Jon” – I am not certain what that means. To the contrary, my understanding was that the reason that there were two separate defense attorneys in this matter – Jon *and* I – was precisely because there might be points in this case at which the interests of the two clients would diverge. That is why, for example, both of us *separately* questioned witnesses at the preliminary hearing – notably, BLM permittee Odell. It has always been my understanding, as counsel for Rose, that the presence of additional separate counsel for Mark was required, and that is why the final acceptance of the plea offer last night was only made through separate legal counsel for Rose.

Your email also states: “Perhaps my wording could have been more clear but is the purpose behind the offer, resolve the case entirely.” With all due respect, I do not believe that the offer was unclear in any way. Looking through your email, it begins with unsupported attacks on the professionalism of the three defense counsel on this case – including an unsupported and entirely false allegation that some of the content of the reply “is not the truth or honest.” The email then threatens us: “If you choose to file that document as it is written you do so at your own peril.”

Following this threat to the defense counsel in this case, you then state:

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In less than an hour, we had forwarded the email to the two clients. You described the offer to each of them specifically as follows:

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Please get back to me prior to 5:00 pm on Friday April 20, 2018.

You will notice several things about the way this offer is written. First, you have currently filed against Ms. Chilcoat three charges exposing her to twenty-one years in prison. You now propose to resolve the case against her by a straight dismissal of charges – an extraordinary reduction reflecting the fact, we believe, that the charges against her lack any basis.

Second, your email was addressed to both counsel for Rose and for Mark – with the use of the singular term “client.” You stated (again threateningly): “I remind you that you have a legal obligation to **your client** to fully and fairly explain to them any and all settlement offers.”

In light of that fact, the plea offer was explained to Rose – the “client” – and she accepted. You placed no restrictions on that acceptance.

Your belated effort to dramatically change the terms of the arrangement is improper. Most important, in “wired plea” cases involving leniency toward a third party, or a promise not to prosecute a third party, the government must act in good faith. To act in good faith, the government must have probable cause to charge the third party at the time the defendant is offered leniency for the third party, or at the time the defendant is threatened that the third party will be charged. *United States v. Wright*, 43 F.3d 491, 499 (10th Cir. 1994); *Martin v. Kemp*, 760 F.2d 1244, 1247-48 (11th Cir.1985); *United States v. Diaz*, 733 F.2d 371, 375 (5th Cir.1984); *Harman v. Mohn*, 683 F.2d 834 (4th Cir.1982); *United States v. Canino*, No. 96-271, 1997 WL 141864 (E.D. Penn March 25, 1997). As you know from our pending motion to quash – as well as our draft reply memorandum previously sent to you – the charges against Rose are not well-founded. You also have acknowledged that “the right thing to do” is not be involved in this case – and I view the dismissal of charges against Rose as your first step in that direction.

Given all these facts and this sensitivity with which wired pleas are handled by the

courts – particularly in a delicate husband and wife setting – I had understood your offer *not* to be a wired plea. But if there was any confusion on this point, your email to us this morning further states that “[p]erhaps my wording could have been more clear” In light of that fact, courts construe any ambiguity in an offer against the Government. *State v. Patience*, 944 P.2d at 387 (“[I]n interpreting plea agreements or determining their validity, courts may in certain circumstances hold the government to a higher standard than the defendant.”).

The bottom line is that you sent an email that began by threatening defense counsel. You then admonished us to ensure that your plea offer was conveyed to and discussed with each of the two clients. Your plea offer was not a “wired plea” – and any such plea would, particularly in the circumstances of this case, be highly coercive. Ms. Chilcoat accepted the plea arrangement offered to her. As you instructed, I proceeded in writing to accept the plea. The defense thereafter took actions in detrimental reliance on your offer.

To avoid any prejudice to Rose, you have until 4:00 p.m. today, April 19, 2018, to fulfill the terms of the agreement by dismissing the charges against her. If you have not done so by that time, I intend to file a motion to enforce the agreement as to her.

Of course, Mr. Franklin’s interests must be considered separately. He will respond separately and, I anticipate, will be filing a motion to recuse your Office, both on grounds of the existence of a conflict requiring recusal and because of your agreement to do so.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Delicino for Rose Chilcoat