BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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In the Matter of Charges and Complaint

Against:

KAREN FRANCES ARCOTTA, M.D.,

Respondent.

Case No. 22-5972-1

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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

COMPLAINT

The Investigative Committee¹ (IC) of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board), by and through Aaron Bart Fricke, J.D., General Counsel, and attorney for the IC, having a reasonable basis to believe that Karen Frances Arcotta, M.D., (Respondent) violated the provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 630 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 630 (collectively, the Medical Practice Act), hereby issues its Complaint, stating the IC's charges and allegations as follows:

- 1. Respondent was at all times relevant to this Complaint a medical doctor holding an active license to practice medicine in the State of Nevada (License No. 4896). Respondent was originally licensed by the Board on July 9, 1983.
- 2. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Respondent was employed as a licensed medical doctor at Western State Pain Institute ("Western"), at 3910 Pecos-McCleod Intersection, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89121.
- 3. On or about April 8, 2020, at Western, Respondent did knowingly and intentionally distribute a Schedule II controlled substance, Oxycodone, without a legitimate medical purpose and outside the usual course of professional practice, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(l), (b)(l)(C), and Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1306.04.

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¹ The Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, at the time this formal Complaint was authorized for filing, was composed of Board members Bret W. Frey, M.D., Chairman, Chowdury H. Ahsan, M.D., Ph.D., FACC, and Col. Eric D. Wade, USAF (Ret.), Public Member.

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- 4. On or about June 24, 2020, at Western, Respondent did knowingly and intentionally distribute a Schedule II controlled substance, Oxycodone, without a legitimate medical purpose and outside the usual course of professional practice, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(l) and (b)(l)(C), and Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1306.04.
- 5. On April 21, 2021, Respondent surrendered her DEA Certificate of Registration No. FA2275673 to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration by executing a DEA Form 104, entitled "Surrender for Cause" (DEA Surrender for Cause).
- 6. On or about April 22, 2021, Nevada State Board of Pharmacy ("Pharmacy Board") staff served Respondent with notice that her DEA Surrender for Cause of Registration No. FA2275673 operated as an immediate suspension of her Nevada Pharmacy Board Certificate of Registration Nos. CS20750 and PD0042 I pursuant to NRS 639.2107.
- 7. On or about June 22, 2021, in the United States District Court, District of Nevada, in Case No. 2:21-cr-00167-RFB-NJK, Respondent pled guilty to a two-count Criminal Information, which charged Respondent with two counts of Distribution of a Controlled Substance (Oxycodone), in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(l), (b)(l)(C) (Counts One and Two).
- 8. Pursuant to a Plea Agreement Under Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(c)(1)(A) and (B) filed on or about June 22, 2021 (hereinafter, the "Plea Agreement"), a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit I and incorporated herein by this reference, and pursuant to an Arraignment & Plea proceeding held in the U.S. District Court for the State of Nevada, in Criminal Case No. 2:21-cr-00167-RFB-NJK, entitled "U.S.A. v. Karen Arcotta." (hereinafter, the "Federal Case"), Respondent knowingly and voluntarily pleaded guilty to two (2) counts of Distribution of a Controlled Substance, in violation of 21 USC 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C), respectively, as alleged in the Criminal Information filed in the Federal Case the same day.
- 9. Pursuant to 18 USC 3559(a)(3), violation of 21 USC 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C), as alleged in Counts One and Two of the Criminal, constitute Class C felonies.
- 10. Pursuant to the Plea Agreement, Respondent admitted and declared under penalty of perjury that the facts set forth below are true and correct:

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On April 8, 2020, a confidential human source ("CHS-2") conducted a consensually monitored and recorded appointment with Respondent, who was then acting within the course of her employment at Western. CHS 2 checked in at the front desk and paid five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in cash to the receptionist. An unknown female employee took CHS-2 to an exam room where she explained that Western did not accept insurance. After about an hour, Respondent walked in, asked some medical background questions, and learned from CHS-2 that they were experiencing lower back and knee pain. Respondent then carried out some physical exam procedures for about three (3) minutes. Respondent then asked if CHS-2 had received any medical imaging and stated that an MRI would be needed. CHS-2 gave Respondent an x-ray of a generic right knee that law enforcement had given CHS-2 prior to the appointment. The x-ray showed no obvious indicators of degeneration or damage, only normal wear for a person of CHS-2's age and gender: the x-ray did not support the prescribing of an opioid drug to treat severe pain. Respondent examined the x-ray, offered no assessment of what it showed, and explained i) that new patients at Western typically received a two-week supply of opioid medication; ii) that they then received two additional weeks of opioid medication, and iii) that they thereafter received monthly opioid prescriptions. At the conclusion of the appointment, Respondent prescribed 60 tablets of Oxycodone 10mg, a Schedule II controlled substance, to CHS-2.

On June 24, 2020, another confidential human source ("CHS-1") conducted a consensually monitored and recorded appointment with Respondent, who was then acting within the course of her employment at Western. CHS-1 was taken to an exam room, where an unknown female employee asked why CHS-1 had not been to the clinic since January 2020. CHS-1 replied that another employee had said, on their last visit, that they would not prescribe or help CHS-1 anymore. The female employee told CHS-1 that they would need to see a new practitioner at Western, and that they may have to "start over" on pain medications. CHS-1 was thereafter seen by Respondent, who confirmed that CHS-1 had not been to Western since January 2020. Respondent asked: "So what have you done for the past five months that you haven't been in here?" CHS-1 said: "For pain meds? I had to find my own." Respondent asked: "How did you find your own, did you buy them on the street?" CHS-1 replied: "People, yeah ... just friends and

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family and friends of friends or whatever." Respondent stated: "I wouldn't even know where to begin to know how to find Oxycodone," and asked if CHS-1 was able to buy enough for "four-aday." CHS 1 said no. Respondent then noted that because CHS-1 was previously on Oxycodone 15mg while seeing another Western employee, the dosage could not be increased yet, but that it would be increased next month. At the conclusion of the appointment, Respondent prescribed 120 tablets of Oxycodone 15mg, a Schedule II controlled substance, to CHS-1.

- c. Respondent knowingly distributed Oxycodone, a Schedule II controlled substance, on April 8, 2020, and June 24, 2020, outside the usual course of professional practice and not for a legitimate medical purpose, each in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 84l(a)(l), (b)(l)(C).
- d. During her employment at Western, Respondent, along with Frances McCrary (an unlicensed non-physician and the sole owner of Western), and PA Gary Manley, a physician assistant holding a license to practice medicine in the State of Nevada (License No. PA1209), knowingly and intentionally conspired and agreed together and with each other, to possess with intent to distribute, or to distribute, controlled substances, such distributions being outside the usual course of professional practice and not for a legitimate medical purpose. In furtherance of this conspiracy, Respondent, and her co-conspirators unlawfully distributed Oxycodone to twenty (20) patients who lived outside Nevada in exchange for cash; distributed Oxycodone to patients whom the co-conspirators knew were reselling the prescriptions to third parties; and declined to dismiss from treatment certain patients who they knew to be reselling their Western-prescribed controlled substances.
- The total net weight of the Oxycodone that Respondent prescribed on April 8, 2020, and June 24, 2020, is 2.4 grams. However, Respondent's distributions at Western involved between 10 KG and 20 KG of converted drug weight.
- 11. Pursuant to the Plea Agreement, Respondent also admitted that she is, in fact and under the law, guilty of the crimes charged, and that she acknowledges that if she elected to go to trial instead of pleading guilty, the United States could prove her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. Respondent further acknowledges that her admissions and declarations of fact set forth in the Plea Agreement satisfy every element of the charged offenses.

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12. On or about July 14, 2021, before the Pharmacy Board, in Case No. 21-046-CS-S, the Pharmacy Board found that Respondent failed to comply with the Federal requirements pertaining to controlled substances, and committed an act that would render her registration to dispense controlled substances inconsistent with the public interest, and found that she was therefore subject to discipline pursuant to NRS 453.236(1), NRS 453.241(1), NRS 639.210(11) and NRS 453.241(1). The Pharmacy Board ordered that Respondent's certificates of registration Nos. CS2 1 374 and PD0042 I be revoked pursuant to NRS 453.241 (I)(b) and NRS 639.255(1)(d).

COUNT I

NRS 630.306(1)(c) - Unlawful Distribution of Controlled Substances

- 13. All of the allegations in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 14. Pursuant to NRS 630.306(1)(c), distribution, including administering, dispensing, or prescribing, of any controlled substance to others except as authorized by law is grounds for disciplinary action against a licensee.
- 15. As demonstrated by, but not limited to, the above-outlined facts, Respondent, on or about April 8, 2020, at Western, knowingly, and intentionally distributed a controlled substance, Oxycodone, outside the usual course of her professional practice and not for a legitimate medical purpose, in violation of 21 USC 841(a)(l), (b)(l)(C).
- 16. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as provided in NRS 630.352.

COUNT II

NRS 630.306(1)(p) - Unsafe or Unprofessional Conduct

- 17. All of the allegations in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 18. Engaging in any act that is unsafe or unprofessional conduct in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board is grounds for disciplinary action against a licensee pursuant to NRS 630.306(1)(p).

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19. A	s demonstrated by, but not limited to, the above-outlined facts, Respondent, on o
about April 8, 2	020, at Western, knowingly, and intentionally dispensed a controlled substance
Oxycodone, outs	ide the usual course of his professional practice and not for a legitimate medica
purpose.	

- 20. Respondent's conduct was unsafe and unprofessional.
- 21. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as provided in NRS 630.352.

COUNT III

NRS 630.301(9) - Disreputable Conduct

- 22. All of the allegations in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 23. Conduct that brings the medical profession into disrepute is grounds for discipline pursuant to NRS 630.301(9), including, without limitation, conduct that violates any provision of a code of ethics adopted by the Board by regulation based on a national code of ethics.
- 24. As demonstrated by, but not limited to, the above-outlined facts, Respondent's conduct on or about April 8, 2020, at Western, brings the medical profession into disrepute.
- 25. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as provided in NRS 630.352.

COUNT IV

NRS 630.301(4) - Malpractice

- 26. All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 27. NRS 630.301(4) provides that malpractice of a physician is grounds for initiating disciplinary action against a licensee.
- 28. NAC 630.040 defines malpractice as "the failure of a physician, in treating a patient, to use the reasonable care, skill, or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances."

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4	29.	As	demonstr	ated by,	but not	limited to	, the a	bove-ou	ıtlined	facts,	Responder	ıt, on
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30. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as provided in NRS 630.352.

COUNT V

NRS 630.306(1)(c) - Unlawful Distribution of Controlled Substances

- 31. All of the allegations in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 32. Pursuant to NRS 630.306(1)(c), distribution, including administering, dispensing, or prescribing, of any controlled substance to others except as authorized by law is grounds for disciplinary action against a licensee.
- 33. As demonstrated by, but not limited to, the above-outlined facts, Respondent, on or about June 24, 2020, at Western, knowingly, and intentionally distributed a controlled substance, Oxycodone, outside the usual course of her professional practice and not for a legitimate medical purpose, in violation of 21 USC 841(a)(l), (b)(l)(C).
- 34. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as provided in NRS 630.352.

COUNT VI

NRS 630.306(1)(p) - Unsafe or Unprofessional Conduct

- 35. All of the allegations in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 36. Engaging in any act that is unsafe or unprofessional conduct in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board is grounds for disciplinary action against a licensee pursuant to NRS 630.306(1)(p).
- 37. As demonstrated by, but not limited to, the above-outlined facts, Respondent, on or about June 24, 2020, at Western, knowingly, and intentionally dispensed a controlled substance, ///

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Oxycodone, outside the usual course of his professional practice and not for a legitimate medical purpose.

- 38. Respondent's conduct was unsafe and unprofessional.
- 39. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as provided in NRS 630.352.

COUNT VII

NRS 630.301(9) - Disreputable Conduct

- 40. All of the allegations in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 41. Conduct that brings the medical profession into disrepute is grounds for discipline pursuant to NRS 630.301(9), including, without limitation, conduct that violates any provision of a code of ethics adopted by the Board by regulation based on a national code of ethics.
- 42. As demonstrated by, but not limited to, the above-outlined facts, Respondent's conduct on or about June 24, 2020, at Western, brings the medical profession into disrepute.
- 43. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as provided in NRS 630.352.

COUNT VIII

NRS 630.301(4) - Malpractice

- 44. All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 45. NRS 630.301(4) provides that malpractice of a physician is grounds for initiating disciplinary action against a licensee.
- NAC 630.040 defines malpractice as "the failure of a physician, in treating a 46. patient, to use the reasonable care, skill, or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances."
- 47. As demonstrated by, but not limited to, the above-outlined facts, Respondent, on or about June 24, 2020, at Western, failed to use the reasonable care, skill or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances when rendering medical services to patients.

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48. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as provided in NRS 630.352.

COUNT IX

NRS 630.306(1)(b)(3) - Violation of Statutes and Regulations of the Pharmacy Board

- 49. All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 50. Respondent is a practitioner as defined by NRS 639.0125(1), as a physician, who holds a license to practice medicine in the State of Nevada
- 51. NRS 630.306(1)(b)(3) provides that engaging in conduct that violates a provision of chapter 639 of NRS, or a regulation adopted by the State Board of Pharmacy pursuant thereto, that is applicable to a licensee who is a practitioner, as defined in NRS 639.0125, is grounds for initiating discipline against a licensee.
- 52. Respondent violated NRS 639.210(11), a provision of chapter 639 of NRS that is applicable to Respondent, who is a practitioner as defined in NRS 639.0125.
- 53. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as provided in NRS 630.352.

COUNT X

NRS 630.306(1)(g) - Continual Failure to Practice Medicine Properly

- 54. All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 55. Pursuant to NRS 630.306(1)(g), the continual failure of a physician to exercise the skill or diligence or use the methods ordinarily exercised under the same circumstances by physicians in good standing practicing in the same specialty or field is grounds for disciplinary action or denying licensure.
- 56. As demonstrated by, but not limited to, the above-outlined facts, and by previous disciplinary actions against Respondent taken by the Board on December 2, 2016, in Case No. 16-5972-1, and November 30, 2012, in Case No. 11-5972-1, and by previous Summary Suspension of Respondent's license to practice medicine on September 22, 2011, in Case No. 11-

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5972-1, pursuant to NRS 630.326(1), based on a reasonable determination of the IC that the health, safety and welfare of the public was at imminent risk of harm, and by repeated, knowing, willful and criminal acts in violation of the Nevada Medical Practice Act, including malpractice, violating state and federal laws pertaining to the proper prescription and distribution of controlled substances, among other misconduct, Respondent has continually failed to exercise the skill and diligence and use the methods ordinarily exercised under the same circumstances by physicians in good standing practicing in her same specialty or field.

- 57. Respondent's conduct, considered in its entirety, is extraordinarily and persistently unprofessional in character.
- 58. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as provided in NRS 630.352.

WHEREFORE, the Investigative Committee prays:

- 1. That the Board give Respondent notice of the charges herein against her and give her notice that she may file an answer to the Complaint herein as set forth in NRS 630.339(2) within twenty (20) days of service of the Complaint:
- 2. That the Board set a time and place for a formal hearing after holding an Early Case Conference pursuant to NRS 630.339(3);
- 3. That the Board determine what sanctions to impose if it determines there has been a violation or violations of the Medical Practice Act committed by Respondent;
- 4. That the Board award fees and costs for the investigation and prosecution of this case as outlined in NRS 622.400;
- That the Board make, issue and serve on Respondent its findings of fact, 5. conclusions of law and order, in writing, that includes the sanctions imposed; and

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6. That the Board take such other and further action as may be just and proper in these premises.

DATED this 4th day of February, 2022.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEVADA)
	: SS
COUNTY OF WASHOE)

Bret W. Frey, M.D., having been duly sworn, hereby deposes and states under penalty of perjury that he is the Chairman of the Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners that authorized the Complaint against the Respondent herein; that he has read the foregoing Complaint; and that based upon information discovered in the course of the investigation into a complaint against Respondent, he believes that the allegations and charges in the foregoing Complaint against Respondent are true, accurate and correct.

DATED this **11** day of February, 2022.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:

BRET W. FREE, M.D.

Chairman of the Investigative Committee

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I am employed by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners and that on the 14th day of February, 2022, I served a file-stamped copy of the foregoing COMPLAINT, via USPS Certified Mail, with courtesy copy by email to the following parties:

> KAREN FRANCES ARCOTTA, M.D. 1595 Bamboo Bay Dr. Hendersons, NV 89012 Certified Reciept No.: 9171 9690 0935 0252 5656 68 Respondent

MACE J. YAMPOLSKY, ESQ. Yampolsky & Margolis, Attorneys at law 625 S. Sixth Street Las Vegas, NV 89101 Certified Reciept No.: 3171 9690 0935 0252 5656 51 Attorney for Respondent

day of February, 2022. DATED this

MERCEDES FUENTES

Legal Assistant

Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

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8	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	No. 2:21-cr-00167-RFB-N.IK
9	Plaintiff,	
10	v.	Plea Agreement for Defendant Karen Arcotta Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P.
11	KAREN ARCOTTA,	11(c)(1)(A) and (B)
12	Defendant.	
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14	This plea agreement between Karen Ar	cotta ("defendant") and the United States
15	Attorney's Office for the District of Nevada (th	ne "USAO") sets forth the parties' agreement
16	regarding the criminal charges referenced here	in and the applicable sentences, and fines, in the
17	above-captioned case. This agreement binds or	nly defendant and the USAO and does not bind
18	the district court, the U.S. Probation Office, or	any other federal, state, local, or foreign
19	prosecuting, enforcement, administrative, or re	egulatory authorities. This agreement does not
20	prohibit the USAO or any agency or third part	y from seeking any other civil or administrative
21	remedies, directly or indirectly against defenda	ant or defendant's property.
22	This agreement becomes effective upon	signature by defendant, defendant's counsel, and
23	an Assistant United States Attorney.	
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I. DEFENDANT'S OBLIGATIONS

1. Defendant agrees to:

- a. At the earliest opportunity requested by the USAO and provided by the district court, appear and plead guilty to a two-count Criminal Information in the form attached to this agreement as Exhibit A, or a substantially similar form, which charges defendant with Distribution of a Controlled Substance (Oxycodone), in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C) (Counts 1-2);
 - b. Stipulate to the facts agreed to in this agreement;
 - c. Abide by all agreements regarding sentencing contained in this agreement:
 - d. Not seek to withdraw defendant's guilty pleas once they are entered;
- e. Appear for all court appearances, surrender as ordered for service of sentence, obey all conditions of any bond, and obey any other ongoing court order in this matter;
 - f. Not commit any federal, state, or local crime;
- g. Be truthful at all times with the U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Offices and the Court;
- h. Before and after sentencing, upon request by the Court, the USAO, or the Probation Office, provide accurate and complete financial information, submit sworn statements, and/or give depositions under oath concerning defendant's assets and defendant's ability to pay. As part of the required disclosure, defendant agrees to provide any and all financial information and authorizations requested by the Probation Office for preparation of the Presentence Report. Defendant further agrees that, upon filing of this agreement, the USAO is authorized to obtain defendant's credit report. Defendant will also complete a financial form provided by the USAO, to include all supporting documentation, and return it to the USAO within three (3) weeks from entry of the plea. Defendant agrees that the district court may enter

any order necessary to effectuate or facilitate disclosure of defendant's financial information; and

i. To facilitate payment of any fine or assessment obtained directly or indirectly as a result of defendant's crimes. Defendant agrees to voluntarily release funds and property under defendant's control or in which defendant has any property interest, before and after sentencing, to pay any fine identified in this agreement, agreed to by the parties, or ordered by the Court.

II. THE USAO'S OBLIGATIONS

2. The USAO agrees to:

- a. Stipulate to facts agreed to in this agreement;
- b. Abide by all agreements regarding sentencing contained in this agreement;
- c. At sentencing, provided that defendant demonstrates an acceptance of responsibility for the offenses up to and including the time of sentencing, recommend a two-level reduction in the applicable sentencing guidelines offense level, pursuant to USSG § 3E1.1, and move for an additional one-level reduction if available under that section;
- d. At sentencing, move to dismiss the remaining counts of the indictment as against defendant. Defendant agrees, however, that the district court may consider any dismissed charges in determining the applicable sentencing guidelines range, the propriety and extent of any departure from that range, and the sentence to be imposed; and
- e. Not bring any additional charges against defendant arising out of the investigation in the District of Nevada which culminated in this agreement and based on conduct known to the USAO. However, the USAO reserves the right to prosecute defendant for (a) any crime of violence as defined by 18 U.S.C. § 16; and (b) any criminal tax violations (including conspiracy to commit such violations chargeable under 18 U.S.C. § 371). Defendant agrees that the district court at sentencing may consider any uncharged conduct in determining

the applicable sentencing guidelines range, the propriety and extent of any departure from that range, and the sentence to be imposed after consideration of the sentencing guidelines and all other relevant factors under 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a).

III. ELEMENTS OF THE OFFENSES

3. Counts 1-2: The elements of Distribution of a Controlled Substance under 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C) are as follows:

First: The defendant knowingly distributed oxycodone, a schedule II controlled substance;

Second: The defendant knew that it was oxycodone, or some other federally controlled substance; and

Third: The defendant distributed the controlled substance outside the usual course of professional practice and not for a legitimate medical purpose.

See Ninth Circuit Model Criminal Jury Instruction 9.18 (2010 ed.).

IV. CONSEQUENCES OF CONVICTION

4. Maximum Statutory Penalties:

- a. Defendant understands that the statutory maximum sentence the district court can impose for each violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C), as charged in Counts 1 and 2 is: 20 years imprisonment; a five-year period of supervised release; a fine of \$1,000,000; and a mandatory special assessment of \$100 per count.
- b. Defendant understands, therefore, that the total maximum sentence for all offenses to which defendant is pleading guilty is: 40 years imprisonment; a ten-year period of supervised release; a fine of \$2,000,000; and a mandatory special assessment of \$200.
- 5. <u>Parole Abolished</u>: Defendant acknowledges that defendant's prison sentence cannot be shortened by early release on parole because parole has been abolished.

- 6. Supervised Release: Defendant understands that supervised release is a period of time following imprisonment during which defendant will be subject to various restrictions and requirements. Defendant understands that if defendant violates one or more of the conditions of any supervised release imposed, defendant may be returned to prison for all or part of the term of supervised release authorized by statute for the offenses that resulted in the term of supervised release, which could result in defendant serving a total term of imprisonment greater than the statutory maximum stated above.
- 7. Factors under 18 U.S.C. § 3553: Defendant understands that the district court must consider the factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) in determining defendant's sentence. However, the statutory maximum sentence limit the district court's discretion in determining defendant's sentence.
- 8. Potential Collateral Consequences of Conviction: Defendant understands that, by pleading guilty, defendant may be giving up valuable government benefits and valuable civic rights, such as the right to vote, the right to possess a firearm, the right to hold office, and the right to serve on a jury. Defendant understands that once the district court accepts defendant's guilty pleas, it will be a federal felony for defendant to possess a firearm or ammunition.

 Defendant understands that the conviction in this case may also subject defendant to various other collateral consequences, including but not limited to revocation of probation, parole, or supervised release in another case and suspension or revocation of a professional license.

 Defendant understands that unanticipated collateral consequences will not serve as grounds to withdraw defendant's guilty pleas.
- 9. <u>Potential Removal/Deportation Consequences of Conviction</u>: Defendant understands that, if defendant is not a United States citizen, the felony conviction in this case may subject defendant to removal, also known as deportation, which may, under some

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circumstances, be mandatory; denial of citizenship; and denial of admission to the United States in the future. The district court cannot advise defendant fully regarding the immigration consequences of the felony conviction in this case, but defendant's attorney has advised him about the deportation risks of his guilty plea. Defendant understands that unexpected immigration consequences will not serve as grounds to withdraw defendant's guilty pleas.

V. FACTUAL BASIS

- 10. Defendant admits that defendant is, in fact, guilty of the offenses to which defendant is agreeing to plead guilty. Defendant acknowledges that if defendant elected to go to trial instead of pleading guilty, the USAO could prove defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. Defendant further acknowledges that defendant's admissions and declarations of fact set forth below satisfy every element of the charged offenses. Defendant waives any potential future claim that the facts defendant admitted below are insufficient to satisfy the elements of the charged offenses. Defendant admits and declares under penalty of perjury that the facts set forth below are true and correct:
- a. In 2020, defendant was employed as a licensed medical doctor at Western State Pain Institute ("Western"), at 3910 Pecos-McCleod Intersection, Suite D100, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89121. Defendant is a licensed medical doctor in the State of Nevada: Nevada Medical License #4896; National Provider Identifier #1649269986: DEA License # FA2275673.
- b. On April 8, 2020, a confidential human source ("CHS 2"), conducted a consensually monitored and recorded appointment with defendant, who was then acting within the course of her employment at Western. CHS 2, pretending to be a patient, checked in at the front desk and paid \$500 in cash to the receptionist. An unknown female employee took CHS 2 to an exam room where she explained that Western did not accept insurance. After about an hour, defendant walked in, asked some medical background questions, and learned from CHS 2

that they were experiencing lower back and knee pain. Defendant then carried out some physical exam procedures for about three minutes. Defendant then asked if CHS 2 had received any medical imaging and stated that an MRI would be needed. CHS 2 gave defendant an x-ray of a generic right knee that law enforcement had given CHS 2 prior to the appointment. The x-ray showed no obvious indicators of degeneration or damage, only normal wear for a person of CHS 2's age and gender: the x-ray did not support the prescribing of an opioid drug to treat severe pain. Defendant examined the x-ray, offered no assessment of what it showed, and explained i) that new patients at Western typically received a two-week supply of opioid medication; ii) that they then received two additional weeks of opioid medication, and iii) that they thereafter received monthly opioid prescriptions. At the conclusion of the appointment, defendant prescribed 60 tablets of Oxycodone 10mg, a Schedule II controlled substance, to CHS 2.

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c. On June 24, 2020, another confidential human source ("CHS 1") conducted a consensually monitored and recorded appointment with defendant, who was then acting within the course of her employment at Western. CHS 1, pretending to be a patient, was taken to an exam room, where an unknown female employee asked why CHS 1 had not been to the clinic since January 2020. CHS 1 replied that another employee had said, on their last visit, that they would not prescribe or help CHS 1 anymore. The female employee told CHS 1 that they would need to see a new practitioner at Western, and that they may have to "start over" on pain medications. CHS 1 was thereafter seen by defendant, who confirmed that CHS 1 had not been to Western since January 2020. Defendant asked: "So what have you done for the past five months that you haven't been in here?" CHS 1 said: "For pain meds? I had to find my own."

Defendant asked: "How did you find your own, did you buy them on the street?" CHS 1 replied: "People, yeah . . . just friends and family and friends of friends or whatever." Defendant stated: "I wouldn't even know where to begin to know how to find Oxycodone," and asked if CHS 1

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was able to buy enough for "four-a-day." CHS 1 said no. Defendant then noted that because CHS 1 was previously on Oxycodone 15mg while seeing another Western employee, the dosage could not be increased yet, but that it would be increased next month. At the conclusion of the appointment, defendant prescribed 120 tablets of Oxycodone 15mg, a Schedule II controlled substance, to CHS 1.

- d. The total net weight of the Oxycodone that defendant prescribed on April 8, 2020, and June 24, 2020 is 2.4 grams.
- e. Defendant admits engaging in the following actions: (i) she knowingly distributed Oxycodone, a schedule II controlled substance, on April 8, 2020 and June 24, 2020; (ii) she knew that it was Oxycodone, or some other federally controlled substance; and (iii) she distributed Oxycodone on these two occasions outside the usual course of professional practice and not for a legitimate medical purpose, each in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C).
- f. Defendant admits that, during her employment at Western, she, Frances McCrary (an unlicensed non-physician and the sole owner of Western), and Gary Manley (a DEA-licensed physician's assistant at Western), knowingly and intentionally conspired and agreed together and with each other, to possess with intent to distribute, or to distribute, controlled substances, such distributions being outside the usual course of professional practice and not for a legitimate medical purpose. Defendant admits that, in furtherance of this conspiracy, the co-conspirators (among other things) unlawfully distributed Oxycodone to patients who lived outside Nevada in exchange for cash; distributed Oxycodone to patients whom the co-conspirators knew were reselling the prescriptions to third-parties; and declined to dismiss from treatment certain patients who they knew to be reselling their Western-prescribed

Defendant admits that her distributions involved between 10 KG and 20 KG of converted drug weight.

controlled substances. Defendant further admits that her unlawful distributions of Oxycodone as charged in Counts One and Two of the Criminal Information (see ¶10(b)-(c), above), were made in furtherance of this conspiracy.

g. All of the foregoing events occurred in the State and Federal District of Nevada.

VI. SENTENCING FACTORS

- Discretionary Nature of Sentencing Guidelines: Defendant understands that in determining defendant's sentence, the district court is required to calculate the applicable sentencing guidelines range and to consider that range, possible departures under the sentencing guidelines, and the other sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a). Defendant understands that the sentencing guidelines are advisory only, that defendant cannot have any expectation of receiving a sentence within the calculated sentencing guidelines range, and that after considering the sentencing guidelines and the other § 3553(a) factors, the district court will be free to exercise its discretion to impose any sentence it finds appropriate.
- 12. Offense Level Calculations: The parties jointly agree and stipulate that, in calculating defendant's advisory guidelines sentencing range, the Court should use the following base offense level and adjustments; acknowledge that these stipulations do not bind the district court; and agree that they will not seek to apply or advocate for the use of any other base offense levels or any other specific offense characteristics, enhancements, or reductions in calculating the advisory guidelines range:

Base Offense Level [USSG § 2D1.1(c)(13)]:

Adjusted Offense Level: 14

13. Reduction for Acceptance of Responsibility: Under USSG § 3E1.1(a), the USAO will recommend that defendant receive a two-level downward adjustment for acceptance of

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responsibility unless defendant (a) fails to truthfully admit facts establishing a factual basis for the guilty pleas when defendant enters the pleas; (b) provides false or misleading information to the USAO, the Court, Pretrial Services, or the Probation Office; (c) denies involvement in the offenses or provides conflicting statements regarding defendant's involvement or falsely denies or frivolously contests conduct relevant to the offenses; (d) attempts to withdraw any of defendant's guilty pleas; (e) commits or attempts to commit any crime; (f) fails to appear in court; or (g) violates the conditions of pretrial release.

Under USSG § 3E1.1(b), if the district court determines that defendant's total offense level before operation of § 3E1.1(a) is 16 or higher, and if the USAO recommends a two-level downward adjustment pursuant to the preceding paragraph, the USAO will move for an additional one-level downward adjustment for acceptance of responsibility before sentencing because defendant communicated defendant's decision to plead guilty in a timely manner that enabled the USAO to avoid preparing for trial and to efficiently allocate its resources.

- 14. <u>Criminal History Category</u>. Defendant acknowledges that the district court may base defendant's sentence in part on defendant's criminal record or criminal history. The district court will determine defendant's criminal history category under the sentencing guidelines.
- 15. Additional Sentencing Information: The stipulated sentencing guidelines calculations are based on information now known to the parties. Defendant understands that both defendant and the USAO are free to (a) supplement the facts in this agreement by supplying relevant information to the U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Offices and the district court regarding the nature, scope, and extent of defendant's criminal conduct and any aggravating or mitigating facts or circumstances; and (b) correct any and all factual misstatements relating to the district court's sentencing guidelines calculations and determination of sentence. While this paragraph permits both the USAO and defendant to submit full and complete factual

information to the U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Offices and the district court, even if that factual information may be viewed as inconsistent with the facts agreed to in this agreement, this paragraph does not affect defendant's and the USAO's obligations not to contest the facts agreed to in this agreement. Good faith efforts to provide truthful information or to correct factual misstatements shall not be grounds for defendant to withdraw defendant's guilty pleas.

Defendant acknowledges that the U.S. Probation Office may calculate the sentencing guidelines differently and may rely on additional information it obtains through its investigation. Defendant also acknowledges that the district court may rely on this and other additional information as it calculates the sentencing guidelines range and makes other sentencing determinations, and the district court's reliance on such information shall not be grounds for defendant to withdraw defendant's guilty pleas.

VII. POSITIONS REGARDING SENTENCING

- 16. The USAO will recommend that each of the defendant's counts of conviction run concurrently to each other. The USAO will further recommend that the district court sentence defendant at the low end of the advisory guideline range as determined by the district court. Defendant may argue for a downward variance pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), including a non-custodial sentence.
- 17. Defendant acknowledges that the district court does not have to follow the recommendation of either party.
- 18. Notwithstanding its agreement to recommend a sentence as described above, the USAO reserves its right to defend any lawfully imposed sentence on appeal or in any post-conviction litigation.
- 19. If defendant commits any act that results in the Court finding that defendant is not entitled to a downward adjustment for acceptance of responsibility, the USAO is entitled to

argue for any sentence it deems appropriate under 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a). In any such event, Defendant remains bound by the provisions of this agreement and shall not have the right to withdraw defendant's guilty pleas.

VIII. WAIVER OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

- 20. Defendant understands that by pleading guilty, defendant gives up the following rights:
 - a. The right to persist in a plea of not guilty;
 - b. The right to a speedy and public trial by jury;
- c. The right to be represented by counsel—and if necessary have the court appoint counsel—at trial. Defendant understands, however, that, defendant retains the right to be represented by counsel—and if necessary have the court appoint counsel—at every other stage of the proceeding;
- d. The right to be presumed innocent and to have the burden of proof placed on the USAO to prove defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt;
 - e. The right to confront and cross-examine witnesses against defendant:
- f. The right to testify and to present evidence in opposition to the charges, including the right to compel the attendance of witnesses to testify;
- g. The right not to be compelled to testify, and, if defendant chose not to testify or present evidence, to have that choice not be used against defendant; and
- h. The right to pursue any affirmative defenses, Fourth Amendment or Fifth Amendment claims, and any other pretrial motions that have been filed or could be filed.

IX. WAIVER OF APPELLATE RIGHTS

21. <u>Waiver of Appellate Rights</u>. Defendant knowingly and expressly waives: (a) the right to appeal any sentence imposed within or below the applicable Sentencing Guideline range

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as determined by the district court; (b) the right to appeal the manner in which the district court determined that sentence on the grounds set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3742; and (c) subject solely to the exceptions listed in the next paragraph, the right to appeal any other aspect of the conviction, including but not limited to the constitutionality of the statutes of conviction; and any other aspect of the sentence.

- 22. Defendant reserves only the right to appeal any portion of the sentence that is an upward departure or variance from the applicable Sentencing Guideline range as determined by the district court.
- 23. Waiver of Post-Conviction Rights. Defendant also knowingly and expressly waives all collateral challenges, including any claims under 28 U.S.C. § 2255, to defendant's conviction, sentence, and the procedure by which the district court adjudicated guilt and imposed sentence, except non-waivable claims of ineffective assistance of counsel.
- 24. <u>Preservation of Evidence</u>: Defendant acknowledges that the USAO and the agencies investigating this case are not obligated or required to preserve any evidence obtained in the investigation of this case.

X. RESULT OF WITHDRAWAL OF GUILTY PLEAS OR VACATUR/REVERSAL/SET-ASIDE OF CONVICTIONS

25. Consequence of withdrawal of guilty pleas: Defendant agrees that if, after entering guilty pleas pursuant to this agreement, defendant seeks to withdraw and succeeds in withdrawing defendant's guilty pleas on any basis other than a claim and finding that entry into this agreement was involuntary, then (a) the USAO will be relieved of all of its obligations under this agreement, (b) should the USAO choose to pursue any charge that was either dismissed or not filed as a result of this agreement, then (i) any applicable statute of limitations will be tolled between the date of defendant's signing of this agreement and the filing commencing any such action; and (ii) defendant waives and gives up all defenses based on the statute of limitations,

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23 24 any claim of pre-indictment delay, or any speedy trial claim with respect to any such action, except to the extent that such defenses existed as of the date of defendant's signing this agreement.

26. Consequence of vacatur, reversal, or set-aside: Defendant agrees that if any count of conviction is vacated, reversed, or set aside, the USAO may: (a) ask the district court to resentence defendant on any remaining counts of conviction, with both the USAO and defendant being released from any stipulations regarding sentencing contained in this agreement; (b) ask the district court to void the entire plea agreement and vacate defendant's guilty pleas on any remaining counts of conviction, with both the USAO and defendant being released from all their obligations under this agreement; or (c) leave defendant's remaining convictions, sentence. and plea agreement intact. Defendant agrees that the choice among these three options rests in the exclusive discretion of the USAO, and that, should the USAO choose to pursue any charge that was either dismissed or not filed as a result of this agreement, then (i) any applicable statute of limitations will be tolled between the date of defendant's signing of this agreement and the filing commencing any such action; and (ii) defendant waives and gives up all defenses based on the statute of limitations, any claim of pre-indictment delay, or any speedy trial claim with respect to any such action, except to the extent that such defenses existed as of the date of defendant's signing this agreement.

XII. BREACH OF AGREEMENT

27. Defendant agrees that if, at any time after this agreement becomes effective, defendant knowingly violates or fails to perform any of defendant's obligations under this agreement ("a breach"), the USAO may declare this agreement breached. All of defendant's obligations are material, a single breach of this agreement is sufficient for the USAO to declare a breach, and defendant shall not be deemed to have cured a breach without the express agreement

of the USAO in writing. If the USAO declares this agreement breached, and the district court finds such a breach to have occurred, then: (a) if defendant has previously entered guilty pleas pursuant to this agreement, defendant will remain bound by the provisions of this agreement and will not be able to withdraw the guilty pleas, and (b) the USAO will be relieved of all its obligations under this agreement.

XIII. COURT AND UNITED STATES PROBATION AND PRETRIAL SERVICES OFFICE NOT PARTIES.

- 28. Defendant understands that the Court and the U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Office are not parties to this agreement and need not accept any of the USAO's sentencing recommendations or the parties' agreements to facts or sentencing factors.
- 29. Defendant understands that both defendant and the USAO are free to argue on appeal and collateral review that the district court's sentencing guidelines calculations and the sentence it chooses to impose are not error.
- 30. Defendant understands that even if the district court ignores any sentencing recommendation, finds facts or reaches conclusions different from those agreed to by the parties, or imposes any sentence up to the maximum established by statute, defendant cannot, for that reason, withdraw defendant's guilty pleas, and defendant will remain bound to fulfill all defendant's obligations under this agreement. Defendant understands that no one—not the prosecutor, defendant's attorney, or the Court—can make a binding prediction or promise regarding the sentence defendant will receive, except that it will be within the statutory maximum.

XIV. ADDITIONAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- 31. The Defendant acknowledges that:
- a. Defendant read this agreement and defendant understands its terms and conditions.

 b. Defendant had adequate time to discuss this case, the evidence, and this agreement with defendant's attorney.

- c. Defendant carefully and thoroughly discussed all terms of this agreement with defendant's attorney.
- d. Defendant understands the terms of this agreement and voluntarily agrees to those terms.
- e. Defendant has discussed with defendant's attorney the following: the evidence; defendant's rights; possible pretrial motions that might be filed; possible defenses that might be asserted either prior to or at trial; the sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. 3553(a); the relevant sentencing guidelines provisions; and consequences of entering into this agreement.
- f. The representations contained in this agreement are true and correct, including the factual basis for defendant's offenses set forth in this agreement.
- g. Defendant was not under the influence of any alcohol, drug, or medicine that would impair defendant's ability to understand the agreement when defendant considered signing this agreement and when defendant signed it.
- 32. Defendant understands that defendant alone decides whether to plead guilty or go to trial, and acknowledges that defendant has decided to enter defendant's guilty pleas knowing of the charges brought against defendant, defendant's possible defenses, and the benefits and possible detriments of proceeding to trial.
- 33. Defendant understands that no promises, understandings, or agreements other than those set forth in this agreement have been made or implied by defendant, defendant's attorney, or the USAO, and no additional promises, agreements, or conditions shall have any force or effect unless set forth in writing and signed by all parties or confirmed on the record before the district court.

- 34. Defendant acknowledges that defendant decided to plead guilty voluntarily and that no one threatened, coerced, or forced defendant to enter into this agreement.
- 35. Defendant is satisfied with the representation of defendant's attorney, and defendant is pleading guilty because defendant is guilty of the charges and chooses to take advantage of the promises set forth in this agreement and for no other reason.

XV. PLEA AGREEMENT PART OF THE GUILTY PLEA HEARING

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2	36. The parties agree that this agreement will be considered part of the record of						
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Forfeiture or Release of the Bond

Forfeiture of the Bond. This appearance bond may be forfeited if the defendant does not comply with the above agreement. The court may immediately order the amount of the bond surrendered to the United States, including the security for the bond, if the defendant does not comply with the agreement. At the request of the United States, the court may order a judgment of forfeiture against the defendant and each surety for the entire amount of the bond, including interest and costs.

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(5) The defendant must sign an Appearance Bond, if ordered.

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ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS OF RELEASE

Upon finding that release by one of the above methods will not by itself reasonably assure the defendant's appearance and the safety of other persons or the community, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant's release is subject to the conditions marked below:
SUPERVISION () (6) The defendant is placed in the custody of: Person or organization
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who agrees (a) to supervise the defendant in accordance with all of the conditions of release, (b) to use every effort to assure the defendant's appearance at all scheduled court proceedings and (c) to notify the court immediately if the defendant violates any condition or release or disappears.
Signed: Custodian or Proxy
(**) (7) The defendant shall report to: (**) U.S. Pretrial Services Office no later than: (**) U.S. Probation Office (**) Las Vegas 702-464-5630 (**) Reno 775-686-5980 (**) (**) Las Vegas 702-527-7300 (**) Reno 775-686-5980 (**) (**) Las Vegas 702-527-7300 (**) Reno 775-686-5980 (**
BOND () (9) The defendant shall execute a bond or an agreement to forfeit upon failing to appear as required the following sum of money or designated property: () (10) The defendant shall post with the court the following proof of ownership of the designated property, or the following amount or percentage of the above-described sum: () (11) The defendant shall execute a bail bond with solvent sureties in the amount of \$
PENDING MATTERS () (12) The defendant shall satisfy all outstanding warrants within days and provide verification to Pretrial Services or the supervising officer. () (13) The defendant shall pay all outstanding fines within days and provide verification to Pretrial Services or the supervising officer. () (14) The defendant shall abide by all conditions of release of any current term of parole, probation, or supervised release.
IDENTIFICATION () (15) The defendant shall use his/her true name only and shall not use any false identifiers. () (16) The defendant shall not possess or use false or fraudulent access devices.
TRAVEL (**) (17) The defendant shall surrender any passport and/or passport card to U.S. Pretrial Services or the supervising officer. (**) (18) The defendant shall report any lost or stolen passport or passport card to the issuing agency as directed by Pretrial Services or the supervising officer within 48 hours of release.
(19) The defendant shall not obtain a passport or passport card. (10) The defendant shall abide by the following restrictions on personal association, place of abode, or travel: Travel is restricted to the following areas:
() Clark County, NV () Washoe County, NV () State of NV () Continental U.S.A. () Other
RESIDENCE () (22) The defendant shall maintain residence at () current address, or () at: and may not move prior to obtaining permission from the Court, Pretrial Services or the supervising officer. () (23) The defendant shall maintain residence at a halfway house or community corrections center as Pretrial Services or the supervising officer considers necessary. () (24) The defendant shall pay all or part of the costs for residing at the halfway house or community corrections center based upon his/her ability to pay as Pretrial Services or the supervising officer determines.

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() (25) The defendant shall return to custody each (week) day ato'clock for employment, schooling, or the following purpose(s):	o'clock after being released each (week) day at
EMPLOYMENT () (26) The defendant shall maintain or actively seek lawful and verifiable to any change. () (27) The defendant shall not be employed in, or be present in, any setting (28) The defendant shall not secure employment in the following field () (29) The defendant is prohibited from employment/self-employment in identifiers of others.	ng directly involving minor children. s): allowing defendant to prescribe medication.
EDUCATION/VOCATION () (30) The defendant shall maintain or commence an education or vocation	onal program as directed by Pretrial Services or the supervising officer.
CONTACT (**) (31) The defendant shall avoid all contact directly or indirectly with investigation or prosecution, (including but not limited to: () (32) The defendant shall avoid all contact directly or indirectly with co- () (33) The defendant is prohibited from contact with anyone under the agalleged instant offense. () (33B) The defendant is prohibited from entering or remaining has the express prior permission of his/her Pretrial Services Office schools, playgrounds, and child care facilities. () (34) The defendant shall report as soon as possible to Pretrial Service including but not limited to any arrest, questioning, or traffic stop.	defendant(s) unless it is in the presence of counsel. se of 18, unless in the presence of a parent or guardian who is aware of the at any place primarily used by children under the age of 18, unless he/she are or supervising officer. Examples of such prohibited places include parks,
FIREARMS/WEAPONS (V) (35) The defendant shall refrain from possessing a firearm, destructive (L) (36) Any firearms and/or dangerous weapons shall be removed from the release from custody, and the defendant shall provide written proof of such (L) (37) The defendant shall provide written proof that his/her access to an discontinued. The written proof shall be provided to Pretrial Services or the	e defendant's possession by another responsible adult within 24 hours of to Pretrial Services or the supervising officer. d possession of said firearm and/or dangerous weapon(s) has been
SUBSTANCE USE TESTING AND TREATMENT	
(*) (38) The defendant shall refrain from use or unlawful possession of a nar prescribed by a licensed medical practitioner. This includes Marijuana and () (39) The defendant shall refrain from any use of alcohol. (*) (40) The defendant shall refrain from the excessive use of alcohol. () (41) The defendant shall refrain from the use or possession of synthetic () (42) The defendant shall submit to an initial urinalysis. If positive, then (*) (43) The defendant shall submit to any testing required by Pretrial Serv a prohibited substance. Any testing may be used with random frequency a form of prohibited substance screening or testing. The defendant shall refrait the efficiency and accuracy of any prohibited substance testing or monitorin (*) (44) The defendant shall pay all or part of the cost of the testing progra officer determines. () (45) The defendant shall not be in the presence of anyone using or poss () (45A) A narcotic drug or other controlled substances () (45B) Alcohol () (45C) Intoxicating substances or synthetics	ices or the supervising officer to determine whether the defendant is using nd may include urine testing, a remote alcohol testing system and/or any n from obstructing or attempting to obstruct or tamper, in any fashion, with ng which is/are required as a condition of release. In based upon his/her ability to pay as Pretrial Services or the supervising
() (46) The defendant shall participate in a program of inpatient or output supervising officer considers it advisable. () (47) The defendant shall pay all or part of the cost of the substance ald determined by Pretrial Services or the supervising officer.	•

MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT

(48) The defendant shall submit to a mental health evaluation as directed by Pretrial Services or the supervising officer.

(49) The defendant shall participate in mental health treatment as directed by Pretrial Services or the supervising officer.

(10) The defendant shall pay all or part of the cost of the medical or psychiatric treatment program or evaluation based upon his/her ability to pay as determined by Pretrial Services or the supervising officer.

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LOCATION MONITORING () (51) The defendant shall participate in one of the following location monitoring program components and abide Services or the supervising officer instructs. () (51A) Curfew.	by its requirements as Pretrial
The defendant is restricted to his/her residence every day from to and/or a time schedule deemed appropriate by Pretrial Services or the supervising officer. () (51B) Home Detention.	
The defendant is restricted to his/her residence at all times except for employment; education; religi substance abuse or mental health treatment; attorney visits; court appearances; court-ordered obligat preapproved by Pretrial Services or the supervising officer. () (51C) Home Incarceration.	tions; or other activities
The defendant is restricted to 24-hour-a-day lock-down except for medical necessities and court app specifically approved by the court.	pearances or other activities
() (52) The defendant shall submit to the type of location monitoring technology indicated below and abide by all of instructions provided by Pretrial Services or the supervising officer related to the proper operation of the technology. () (52A) Location monitoring technology as directed by Pretrial Services or the supervising officer. () (52B) Voice Recognition monitoring. () (52C) Radio Frequency (RF) monitoring.	the program requirements and
 () (52D) Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) monitoring. () (53) The defendant shall not tamper with, damage, or remove the monitoring device and shall charge the said equipment provided by Pretrial Services or the supervising officer. () (54) The defendant shall pay all or part of the cost of the location monitoring program based upon his/her ability to Services or the supervising officer. 	_
INTERNET ACCESS AND COMPUTERS () (55) The defendant shall not have access to computers or connecting devices which have Internet, Instant Messaging World Wide Web, including but not limited to: PDA's, Cell Phones, iPods, iPads, Tablets, E-Readers, Wii, PlayStation, home, place of employment, or in the community.	g, IRC Servers and/or the , Xbox or any such devices, at
() (56) The defendant must not access the Internet except for the purpose(s) marked below: () 56A. Employment () 56B. Banking/Bill Paying () 56C. Other	
() (57) The defendant must submit his/her computers (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1030(e)(1)) or other electronic co devices or media, to a search. The defendant must warn any other people who use these computers or devices capable the devices may be subject to searches pursuant to this condition. A Pretrial Services Officer, or supervising officer may this condition only when reasonable suspicion exists that there is a violation of a condition of supervision and that the evidence of this violation. Any search will be conducted at a reasonable time and in a reasonable manner.	e of accessing the Internet that y conduct a search pursuant to
() (58) The defendant must allow Pretrial Services or the supervising officer to install computer monitoring software of capable device (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1030(e)(1)) he/she uses.	n any computer and/or internet
() (59) To ensure compliance with the computer monitoring condition, the defendant must allow the Pretrial Services to conduct initial and periodic unannounced searches of any computers (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1030(e)(1)) subject to searches shall be conducted to determine whether the computer contains any prohibited data prior to installation of the the monitoring software is functioning effectively after its installation, and whether there have been attempts to circun after its installation. The defendant must warn any other people who use these computers that the computers may be subj condition.	o computer monitoring. These monitoring software, whether nvent the monitoring software
() (60) The defendant shall refrain from possession of pomography or erotica in any form or medium.	
() (61) The defendant shall pay all or part of the cost of the internet monitoring software upon his/her ability to pay a Services or the supervising officer.	as determined by Pretrial
() (62) Other	
FINANCIAL () (63) The defendant shall not obtain new bank accounts or lines of credit. () (64) The defendant shall not act in a fiduciary manner on behalf of another person. () (65) The defendant shall not use any identifiers, access devices, or accounts, unless under his/her true name. () (66) The defendant shall not solicit monies from investors. Revised 3/2020 to include USDC/NV Special 6	Candinia

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() (67) The defendant shall disclose financial information as directed by Pretrial Services or the supervising of () (68) The defendant shall reimburse the Treasury of the United States for the cost of, payable to the Clerk of the Court for department of the court for de	
SEARCH () (69) The defendant shall be subject to search of person, residence and/or vehicle as directed by Pretrial Servi compliance with these conditions.	ces or the supervising officer to ensure
OTHER PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES () (70) The defendant shall refrain from gambling or entering any establishment whose primary business invol. () (71) The defendant is prohibited from entering any establishment whose primary source of business in entertainment. () (72) The defendant shall withdraw from any interest, in any state, that he/she may have in any business whi manufacture or promotion of marijuana or synthetic marijuana. This includes other dispensaries or paraphernali () (73) The defendant shall not obtain or renew a "medical marijuana" card within the State of Nevada or any () (74) All aspects of the	evolves pornography, erotica, or adult ch is related to the sale, distribution, a stores. other state. d. d. hydroponics. asulting, manufacture, or dispensing of
OTHER CONDITIONS (**) (80) The defendant shall abide by other conditions as noted below: Report Report via telephone any instance of COVID-19 symptoms, exposure, and/or quara the supervising officer; (**)(81) Comply with the directives of medical, public health, and government officials with and/or stay at home order.	
and/or stay at nome order.	