

United States District Court
Middle District of Florida
Jacksonville Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

No. 3: ____-J- _____

Defendant.

**Consent to Taking Plea by
Video Teleconferencing or Telephone Conferencing**

Because of the national emergency created by the novel coronavirus, the court has found that no one can plead guilty in person in the courthouse without serious jeopardy to public health and safety.

The judge therefore can delay taking my guilty plea. But if the judge finds a delay in my case will cause serious harm to the interests of justice, the judge can take my guilty plea by video teleconferencing (or telephone conferencing if video teleconferencing is not reasonably available) if I consent after talking to my lawyer.

I understand that I may insist the judge take my guilty plea with me present in person when it is safe to do so. But after talking to my lawyer, I consent to having the judge take my guilty plea by video teleconferencing (or by telephone conferencing if video teleconferencing is not reasonably available).

I am voluntarily consenting. No one has forced me, threatened me, coerced me, intimidated me, or promised me anything to get me to provide this consent. I am getting no benefit from this consent except a sooner date for the judge to take my guilty plea.

DEFENDANT

Date

DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY

Date

By my signature below, I accept the defendant's consent.

JUDICIAL OFFICER

Date