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Honorable Martin L.C. Feldman  
United States District Judge  
Eastern District of Louisiana  
500 Poydras Street, Room C-555  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

Re: *United States v. Dennis LeBlanc*  
Criminal Docket No. 06-336 "F"(3)

Dear Judge Feldman:

In compliance with the holding of Bryan v. United States, 492 F.2d 775 (1974), and with Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the government<sup>1</sup> wishes to acknowledge the following agreement between the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana and Dennis LeBlanc, the defendant, in the above-captioned proceeding. Defendant's undersigned counsel, Donald Sauviac, has reviewed the terms of this agreement and has been advised by the defendant that the defendant fully understands the terms of this agreement.

The defendant, Dennis LeBlanc, has agreed to plead guilty to a bill of information charging him with making a false statement to obtain a loan insured by the Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD fraud"), in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2 and 1010. In exchange for the defendant's plea of guilty, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana agrees not to file any additional charges arising out of the present offense or investigation against the defendant, unless the defendant withdraws his decision to plead guilty or violates the terms of this plea agreement.

If the Court accepts the defendant's plea of guilty to the one count bill of information, the defendant understands that he may receive up to two years of imprisonment and a fine of not more

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<sup>1</sup> The parties acknowledge that the term "government" refers exclusively to the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

than 250,000 dollars or the greater of twice the gross gain to the defendant or twice the gross loss to any person. See Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1010 and 3571 (b)(3) and (d).

Further, the defendant understands that a mandatory special assessment fee of \$100.00 shall be imposed under the provisions of Section 3013 of Title 18, United States Code. This special assessment must be paid on the date of sentencing. Failure to pay this special assessment may at the behest of the government void the plea agreement.

The defendant further understands that the Court, in imposing a sentence of a term of imprisonment, shall include as part of the sentence a requirement that the defendant be placed on a term of supervised release after imprisonment for a period of not more than one year pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3583 (b)(3) (Class E felony). Supervised release is a period following release from prison during which defendant's conduct will be monitored by the Court or the Court's designee. Defendant fully understands that if he violates any of the conditions of supervised release that the Court has imposed, his supervised release may be revoked and he may be ordered by the Court to serve in prison all or part of the term of supervised release.

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the defendant hereby expressly waives the right to appeal his conviction and sentence on any ground, including but not limited to any appeal right conferred by Title 18, United States Code, Section 3742 on the defendant, and the defendant further agrees not to contest his conviction or sentence in any post-conviction proceeding, including but not limited to a proceeding under Title 28, United States Code, Section 2255. The defendant, however, reserves the right to appeal any punishment imposed in excess of the statutory maximum.

The defendant further waives any right to seek attorney's fees and/or other litigation expenses under the "Hyde Amendment," Title 18, United States Code, Section 3006A and the defendant acknowledges that the government's position in the instant prosecution was not vexatious, frivolous or in bad faith.

It is also understood that the restitution provisions of Sections 3663 and 3663A of Title 18, United States Code will apply and the defendant agrees that any restitution imposed will be non-dischargeable in any bankruptcy proceeding and that defendant will not seek or cause to be sought a discharge or a finding of dischargeability as to the restitution obligation.

The defendant understands that he may have the right to request DNA testing of physical evidence in the government's possession and applicable to this case pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 3600 and 3600A. Pursuant to this agreement, the defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives and relinquishes any such right and fully understands that, as a result of this waiver, the defendant will not have another opportunity to have the physical evidence in this case submitted for DNA testing or to employ the results of DNA testing to support any claim of innocence regarding the offense to which the defendant is pleading guilty. In addition, the defendant also

understands that the government may dispose of such evidence upon the defendant's entering a plea of guilty.

The defendant has also agreed to toll the running of any statute of limitations related to the conduct outlined in the bill of information, and waives any right under 18 U.S.C. §3282(a) to have criminal charges related to the conduct outlined in the bill of information brought within five years of the date of the offense. By waiving the right to assert the statute of limitations as a bar to prosecution, the defendant also understands that should he fail to appear and testify at a later date, the government is free to pursue additional charges, despite the running of any statute of limitations.

The defendant understands that any discussions with defendant's attorney or anyone else regarding sentencing guidelines are merely rough estimates and the Court is not bound by those discussions. The defendant understands that the sentencing guidelines are advisory and are not mandatory for sentencing purposes. The defendant understands the Court could impose the maximum term of imprisonment and fine allowed by law, including the imposition of supervised release.

This plea agreement is predicated upon the fact that the defendant agrees to submit to interviews whenever and wherever requested by law enforcement authorities. The defendant understands he must be completely truthful. The defendant also agrees to appear before any Grand Jury or jury trial or any other hearing deemed necessary by the government to testify truthfully. Again, the defendant understands that any failure to appear and testify at any future judicial proceeding, authorizes the government to pursue any additional charges arising from the criminal activity under investigation, despite the running of any statute of limitations. The defendant also understands if he is not truthful, this agreement will be null and void and defendant may be prosecuted for perjury or making false statements. The defendant agrees neither to implicate anyone falsely nor to exculpate or protect anyone falsely. The defendant further agrees to immediately advise the government of any person he believes to be violating the law and defendant agrees to assist the government with regard to the investigation and prosecution of criminal conduct.

In exchange for defendant's agreement to cooperate with the government, the government agrees not to use new information that defendant provides about his own criminal conduct except as specifically addressed by this agreement or as specifically authorized by Section 1B1.8 of the United States Sentencing Guidelines.

The defendant understands and agrees that in the event he violates the plea agreement (or withdraws his decision to plead guilty), all statements made by him to law enforcement agents before or after the execution of the plea agreement, any testimony given by him before a grand jury or any

tribunal, and any leads from such statements or testimony shall be admissible for all purposes against him in any and all criminal proceedings.

The government agrees to bring to the attention of the Court any cooperation rendered by the defendant prior to sentencing. The government may, but shall not be required to make a motion or provide a letter to the Court requesting the Court to impose a sentence below the sentence contemplated by the sentencing guidelines or to request the Court to impose any sentence within the statutory maximum term of imprisonment and fine allowed by law. It shall be in the sole discretion of the United States Attorney as to whether a motion requesting the Court to impose a sentence below the sentence contemplated by the sentencing guidelines should be filed or to impose any sentence within the statutory maximum term of imprisonment and fine allowed by law.

The defendant also understands that should he withdraw his decision to plead guilty and testify contrary to the substance of his proffer and the factual basis signed prior to the filing of the charges, or pursue a position or defense inconsistent with the substance of his proffer and factual basis, the government may use the substance of the proffer and the signed factual basis for any purpose, including, but not limited to, its use during the government's case-in-chief at trial. All parties also understand that any statement or testimony given by the defendant can be used as leads or for any other reason against other persons. Furthermore, the defendant fully understands that should he commit perjury or give false statements to federal agents, any prior statements and testimony he has given can be used to prove those offenses, and he faces additional criminal charges.

The defendant agrees to forfeit and give to the government prior to the date of sentencing any right, title and interest which the defendant may have in assets constituting or derived from proceeds the defendant obtained directly or indirectly as a result of the violation to which he is pleading guilty and/or which are assets used or intended to be used in any manner or part to commit and to facilitate the commission of the violation to which defendant is pleading guilty. The defendant further agrees not to contest the administrative, civil or criminal forfeiture of any such asset(s). These assets include, but are not limited to, any assets charged in the Bill of Information or any Bill of Particulars filed by the United States Attorney. The defendant agrees that any asset charged in the Bill of Information or Bill of Particulars is forfeitable as proceeds of the illegal activity for which he is pleading guilty.

The defendant further agrees to submit to interview whenever and wherever requested by law enforcement authorities regarding all assets within his possession or those assets transferred or sold to or deposited with any third party as outlined within the preceding paragraph. It is also understood that defendant will fully cooperate in providing any and all financial information and documentation, and agrees to voluntarily execute a complete and thorough Financial Statement, Form OBD-500.

The defendant understands this information may be provided to a representative of any victim of this offense.

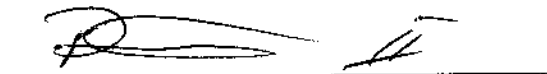
The defendant understands that the statements set forth above represent defendant's entire agreement with the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana; there are not any other agreements, letters, or notations that will affect this agreement.

Very truly yours,

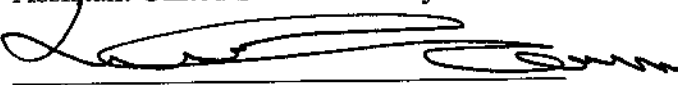
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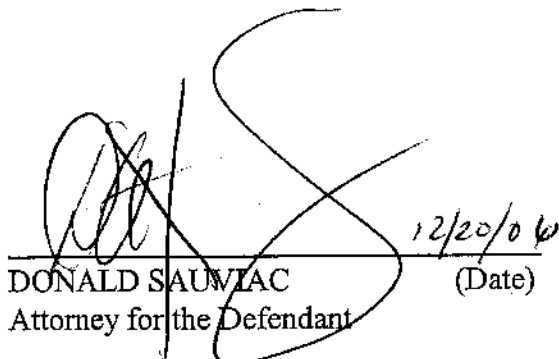
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