

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

THE STATE OF ARIZONA,

*Plaintiff,*

v.

LEAH ANN CHAVEZ (d/o/b 8/31/1977),

*Defendant.*

Case No: CR 2017-002426-001 DT

PLEA AGREEMENT

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(Assigned to the Hon. Douglas Gerlach)  
(Calendar CRJ-16)

The State of Arizona and the Defendant hereby agree to the following disposition of this case:

Plea: The defendant agrees to plead **GUILTY** to **BOTH**:

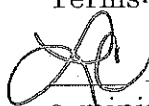
**Amended Count 1, Theft, a Class 6 Designated felony, in violation of A.R.S. §§ 13-1802(A)(2), 13-1801, 13-1802(G), 13-701, 13-702, 13-801, committed during a time period beginning on or about July 1, 2016 and ending or about August 16, 2016.**

**AND**

**Count 10 (as charged), Misuse of Public Monies, a Class 4 felony, in violation of A.R.S. §§ 35-301(1), 35-302, 13-701, 13-702, 13-801, committed August 16, 2016.**


Each is a non-dangerous, non-repetitive offense under the criminal code.

Terms: On the following understandings, terms and conditions:

 1a. The crime **IN AMENDED COUNT 1** carries a presumptive sentence of **1 year**; a minimum sentence of **.5 years (.33 years if trial court makes exceptional circumstances finding)**; and a maximum sentence of **1.5 years (2 years if trial court makes exceptional circumstances finding)**. Probation **IS** available **BY LAW, BUT IS NOT AVAILABLE UNDER THE STIPULATIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT**. Restitution of economic loss to the victim and waiver of extradition for probation revocation procedures are required. The maximum fine that can be imposed is **\$150,000.00** plus an **83%** surcharge (plus additional surcharges and assessments listed below). If the defendant is sentenced to prison, the defendant shall also be sentenced to serve a term of community supervision equal to one-seventh of the prison term to be served consecutively to the actual period of imprisonment.

If the defendant fails to abide by the conditions of community supervision, the defendant can be required to serve the remaining term of community supervision in prison. Special conditions regarding sentence imposed by statute (if any) are:


- A. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-116.04, a \$13.00 penalty assessment shall be collected by the Court and forwarded to the treasurer of Maricopa County, with \$4.00 of that assessment being forwarded by that treasurer to the agency which investigated the case, to wit: Arizona Attorney General's Office.
- B. Pursuant to A.R.S. §12-116.09, a \$2.00 penalty assessment shall be collected by the Court and forwarded to the treasurer of Maricopa County, with that amount in turn being forwarded to the State Treasurer and deposited in the Victims' Rights Enforcement Fund established by A.R.S. §41-1727.
- C. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-269, the Defendant shall pay a \$20.00 assessment which shall be deposited in the Adult Probation Services Fund established by A.R.S. §12-267.
- D. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 13-610, the defendant must submit to Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) testing for law enforcement identification purposes.
- E. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 13-901(F), if sentenced to a term of probation, the defendant may be required to be imprisoned for up to one year in a county jail at the discretion of the court.

 1b. The crime IN COUNT 10 carries a presumptive sentence of 2.5 years; a minimum sentence of 1.5 years (1 year if trial court makes exceptional circumstances finding); and a maximum sentence of 3 years (3.75 years if trial court makes exceptional circumstances finding). Probation IS available. Restitution of economic loss to the victim and waiver of extradition for probation revocation procedures are required. The maximum fine that can be imposed is \$150,000.00 plus an 83% surcharge (plus additional surcharges and assessments listed below). If the defendant is sentenced to prison, the defendant shall also be sentenced to serve a term of community supervision equal to one-seventh of the prison term to be served consecutively to the actual period of imprisonment. If the defendant fails to abide by the conditions of community supervision, the defendant can be required to serve the remaining term of community supervision in prison. Special conditions regarding sentence imposed by statute (if any) are:

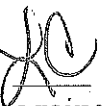
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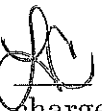
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 2. The parties stipulate to the following additional terms, subject to court approval at sentencing:

- A. As to Amended Count 1, the Defendant shall be sentenced to the presumptive term of one (1) year in the Arizona Department of Corrections. Community supervision shall be waived pursuant to A.R.S. §13-603(K).
- B. As to Count 10, the Defendant shall be sentenced to a term of supervised probation with white collar terms, to commence upon the Defendant's release from confinement for Amended Count 1. The State does not object to supervision in Navajo County or Yavapai County.
- C. For both Counts, the Defendant agrees to pay restitution to the Arizona Municipal Risk Retention Pool (on behalf of the Town of Pinetop Lakeside) in the amount of \$32,334.76, and waives her right to any restitution hearing on this amount.
- D. While on probation for Count 10, the Defendant shall be prohibited from holding any elected or appointed office, and shall be prohibited from holding any employment or volunteer position with the State or any political subdivision where she would have access to public funds.

 3. The following charges are dismissed, or if not yet filed, shall not be brought against the defendant by the Arizona Attorney General's Office:

**Counts 2-9, allegation of multiple offenses.**

 4. This agreement serves to amend the complaint, indictment or information to charge the offense to which the defendant pleads, without the filing of any additional pleading. However, if the plea is rejected by the court or withdrawn by either party, or if the conviction is subsequently reversed, the original charges and any charges that are dismissed by reason of this plea agreement are automatically reinstated.

 5. If the defendant is charged with a felony, she hereby waives her rights to a preliminary hearing or other probable cause determination on the charges to which she pleads. The defendant agrees that this agreement shall not be binding on the State should the defendant be charged with or commit a crime between the time of this agreement and the time for sentencing in this cause; nor shall this agreement be binding on the State until

the State confirms all representations made by the defendant and her attorney, to-wit:

**The Defendant avows that she has no prior felony convictions, diversions or deferred prosecutions, and was not on probation, parole, community supervision, work furlough, work release, or any other form of court-supervised monitoring at any time during the time periods of any count alleged in the indictment.**

If the defendant fails to appear for sentencing, the court may disregard the stipulated sentence and impose any lawful sentence which is the same as or exceeds the stipulated sentence in the plea agreement. In the event the court rejects the plea, or either the State or the defendant withdraws the plea, the defendant hereby waives and gives up her right to a preliminary hearing or other probable cause determination on the original charges.

*RC* 6. Unless this plea is rejected by the court or withdrawn by either party, the defendant hereby waives and gives up any and all motions, defenses, objections, or requests which she has made or raised, or could assert hereafter, to the court's entry of judgment against her and imposition of a sentence upon her consistent with this agreement. By entering this agreement, the defendant further waives and gives up the right to appeal (A.R.S. §13-4033) and agrees that the only available review is pursuant to Ariz. R. Crim. P. 32.

*RC* 7. The parties hereto fully and completely understand and agree that by entering into a plea agreement, the defendant consents to judicial fact-finding by preponderance of the evidence as to any aspect or enhancement of sentence, and that any sentence either stipulated to or recommended herein in paragraph 2 is not binding on the court. In making the sentencing determination, the court is not bound by the rules of evidence. If after accepting this plea the court concludes that any of the plea agreement's provisions regarding the sentence or the term and conditions of probation are inappropriate, it can reject the plea. If the court decides to reject the plea agreement provisions regarding the sentencing, it must give both the state and the defendant an opportunity to withdraw from the plea agreement. In case this plea agreement is withdrawn, all original charges will automatically be reinstated. The defendant in such case waives and gives up her right to a probable cause determination on the original charges.

*RC* 8. If the court decides to reject the plea agreement provisions regarding sentencing and neither the state nor the defendant elects to withdraw the plea agreement, then any sentence either stipulated to or recommended herein in paragraph 2 is not binding upon the court, and the court is bound only by the sentencing limits set forth in paragraph 1 and the applicable statutes.

*RC* 9. This plea agreement does not in any way compromise, or provide any protection or defense with regard to, any civil action, whether by or on behalf of a victim or any government entity, and whether previously or later filed, including but not limited to an

action pursuant to A.R.S. Title 13, Chapter 23 or §§ 13-4301-4315; nor does it abrogate or limit the provisions of A.R.S. § 13-2314(H) or A.R.S. § 13-4310(C), or in any other way adversely affect the State in any current or future forfeiture proceeding or other civil action pursuant to A.R.S. § 13-2314, §§ 13-4301-4315, or § 32-1993, if applicable.

*LC* 10. I understand that if I am not a citizen of the United States that my decision to go to trial or enter into a plea agreement may have immigration consequences. Specifically, I understand that pleading guilty or no contest to a crime may affect my immigration status. Admitting guilt or entering a no contest plea may result in deportation even if the charge is later dismissed. My plea or admission of guilt could result in my deportation or removal, could prevent me from ever being able to get legal status in the United States, or could prevent me from becoming a United States citizen. I understand that I am not required to disclose my legal status in the United States to the court.

*LC* 11. I have read and understand all of the provisions on all of the pages of this agreement, and I have discussed the case and my constitutional rights with my lawyer. I understand that, by pleading guilty or no contest, I will be waiving and giving up my right to a determination of probable cause; to a trial by jury; to confront, cross-examine, and compel the attendance of witnesses; to present evidence and witnesses on my behalf; my right to remain silent; my privilege against self-incrimination, presumption of innocence, my right to a trial by jury on facts used to aggravate a sentence, and my right to appeal. I agree to enter my plea as indicated above on the terms and conditions set forth herein. I fully understand that if, as part of this plea agreement, I am granted probation by the court, the terms and conditions thereof are subject to modification at any time during the period of probation. I understand that if I violate any of the written conditions of my probation, my probation may be terminated and I can be sentenced to any term or terms stated above in paragraph 1, without limitation.

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I have personally and voluntarily placed my initials in each of the above boxes and signed the signature line below to indicate I read, or had read to me, understood and approved all of the previous paragraphs in this agreement, both individually and as a total binding agreement. My plea is voluntary and is not the result of force, or threat, or promises other than those contained in this plea agreement.

Date 6-6-18

Defendant *Leah Ann Chavez*  
LEAH ANN CHAVEZ

I have discussed this case with my client in detail and advised her of her constitutional rights and all possible defenses. I believe that the defendant's plea is knowing, intelligent, and voluntary and that the plea and disposition are consistent with law. I concur in the entry of the plea as indicated above and on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

Date 06/06/2018

*RKJ 028063*  
RICHARD K. JONES #028063  
Attorney for Defendant

I have reviewed this matter and concur that the plea and disposition set forth herein are appropriate and are in the interests of justice.

Date 6-6-18

*TCL*  
TODD C. LAWSON #020216  
Assistant Attorney General