## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

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United States of America,

Plaintiff,

Hon: Gershwin A. Drain

v.

Case No: 19-20831

Lawrence Rider-El,

Defendant.

## <u>DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO WITHDRAW HIS GUILTY PLEA</u> <u>PURSUANT TO FEDERAL RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE 32(e)</u>

Now Comes, Lawrence Rider-El, In Pro Se, defendant, and moves this Honorable Court to Withdraw his Guilty Plea entered in the above titled case, on the grounds of Ineffective Assistance of Stand-By Counsel and Prosecutorial Misconduct, where stand by counsel colluded with the prosecutor to enter into the defendant's plea agreement language that would make the defendant appear Guilty of "Mail Fraud," where the defendant continuously stated for the record, as well as to stand by counsel and the Attorney General's Office, that he was Not Guilty of the charge of mail fraud, because at no time did he demonstrate any actions which would support these allegations. In further support of his Motion To Withdraw his Guilty Plea, the defendant states the following:

- That the defendant is "Legally Blind," and his impairment prevented him from being able
  to personally read the contents of his Rule 11 Plea, and that he had to rely on his standby
  to read and explain to him the contents and ramifications of his plea.
- 2. That at a session with counsel and the defendant's Paralegal Assistant, he again stated that there was certain language pertaining to the defendant's guilt that the defendant was uncomfortable with. The defendant's paralegal offered language that the defendant was comfortable with, but when given to the Attorney General's Office, that language was immediately rejected. Instead of allowing the defendant to once again submit language that he was comfortable with, the Prosecutor / Asst. Attorney General changed the language herself, and standby counsel entered that language into the plea.
- 3. The defendant in this cause contends that at no time did he receive, send, or authorize anything to be sent through the mail, and therefore he is not guilty of mail fraud. The allegations as set for in the body of the compliant are insufficient to established the charge for which the defendant has been coerced to plead guilty, and there, he would at this time like to Withdraw his plea and proceed to trial.
- 4. That as a result of the plea, the defendant understands the following:

## **Collateral Review Waiver**

The defendant retains the right to raise claims alleging ineffective assistance of counsel or prosecutorial misconduct, as long as the defendant properly raises those claims by collateral review under 28 U.S.C. subsection 2255. The defendant also retains the right to pursue any relief permitted under 18 U.S.C. subsection 3582( c ), as long as the defendant properly files a motion under that section. The defendant however, waives any other right he may have to

challenge his conviction or sentence by collateral review, including, but not limited to any right he may have to challenge his conviction or sentence on any grounds under 28 U.S.C. subsection 2255 (except for properly raised ineffective assistance of counsel, or prosecutorial misconduct claims as described above), 28 U.S.C. subsection 2241; or Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 59 or 60.

- 5. The defendant contends that he understands and accepts the responsibility associated with the Withdrawal of his Plea, but once again asserts to this Honorable Court that he does not believe that he is Guilty of Mail Fraud, and would be lying to the court if he pled guilty to the same in open court.
- 6. That the only language contained in the body of the plea alluding to or admitting to Guilt, is the language changed and drafted by the prosecutor in this case, and placed in the body of the plea by Wanda R. Cal, defendant's counsel.
- 7. That the defendant contends that this Plea Agreement is **VOID** on its face, because it lists Wanda R. Cal as the Attorney for the Defendant, when she is not. Attorney Cal is merely "Standby Counsel," and the Defendant is actually representing himself. Whereby, where the plea contains this fraudulent information, and does not accurately display the roles of counsel in this case, the defendant upon the premise of Prosecutorial Misconduct and Ineffective Assistance of Counsel, moves to withdraw his plea, and where his role is absent, and counsel's role is misrepresented in this legal document, the defendant moves to have it rendered as Void, and the contents thereof struck from this record.

## **Relief Requested**

Wherefore, because of the aforementioned facts, the defendant in this cause, Lawrence Rider-El, prays that this Honorable Court will allow him to withdraw his plea of Guilt, and to proceed to trial in this matter,

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dated: November 8. 2022

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