

FILED

United States Court of Appeals  
Tenth Circuit

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE TENTH CIRCUIT

January 4, 2022

Christopher M. Wolpert  
Clerk of Court

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

ORIN KRISTICH,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 21-2126  
(D.C. No. 1:18-CR-02635-WJ-1)  
(D. N.M.)

ORDER AND JUDGMENT\*

Before TYMKOVICH, Chief Judge, EID and CARSON, Circuit Judges.

This matter is before the court on the government's motion to enforce the appeal waiver in Orin Kristich's plea agreement pursuant to *United States v. Hahn*, 359 F.3d 1315 (10th Cir. 2004) (en banc) (per curiam). Exercising jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1291, we grant the motion and dismiss the appeal.

Kristich pleaded guilty to coercion and enticement, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2422(a). Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(c)(1)(C), the parties stipulated that a sentence between five to twelve years' imprisonment would be appropriate. As part of the plea agreement, Kristich waived his right to appeal his conviction and any

\* This order and judgment is not binding precedent, except under the doctrines of law of the case, res judicata, and collateral estoppel. It may be cited, however, for its persuasive value consistent with Fed. R. App. P. 32.1 and 10th Cir. R. 32.1.

sentence within the stipulated range. Both by signing the written plea agreement and in his responses to the court's questions at the change of plea hearing, Kristich acknowledged that he was entering his plea knowingly and voluntarily and that he understood its consequences, including the possible sentences and appeal waiver. The court accepted the plea, including the parties' sentencing agreement, and sentenced Kristich to 120 months in prison. Despite receiving a sentence within the stipulated range, he filed a notice of appeal.

In ruling on a motion to enforce, we consider whether the appeal falls within the scope of the waiver, whether the waiver was knowing and voluntary, and whether enforcing it would result in a miscarriage of justice. *Hahn*, 359 F.3d at 1325.

In response to the government's motion to enforce, Kristich, through counsel, acknowledged that his appeal waiver is enforceable under the standards set out in *Hahn*. Accordingly, we grant the government's motion to enforce the appeal waiver and dismiss the appeal. See *United States v. Porter*, 405 F.3d 1136, 1143 (10th Cir. 2005) (noting that court need not address uncontested *Hahn* factor).

Entered for the Court  
Per Curiam

EXHIBIT A

Page 1 of  
42 Pages

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

FILED

United States District Court  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Mitchell R. Elfers  
Clerk of Court

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
**ORIN KRISTICH,**  
Defendant.

Cr. No. 18-02635 WJ

**COPY**

**PLEA AGREEMENT**

Pursuant to Rule 11(c)(1)(C), Fed. R. Crim. P., the parties notify the Court of the following agreement between the United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico, the Defendant, Orin Kristich and the Defendant's counsel, Alejandro Fernandez:

## **REPRESENTATION BY COUNSEL**

1. The Defendant understands the Defendant's right to be represented by an attorney and is so represented. The Defendant has thoroughly reviewed all aspects of this case with the Defendant's attorney and is fully satisfied with that attorney's legal representation.

## **RIGHTS OF THE DEFENDANT**

2. The Defendant further understands the Defendant's rights:

- a. to be prosecuted by indictment;
- b. to plead not guilty, or having already so pleaded, to persist in that plea;
- c. to have a trial by jury; and
- d. at a trial:
  - 1) to confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses,

## Appendix. B

EXHIBIT B

Page 2 of  
42 Pages

- 2) to be protected from compelled self-incrimination,
- 3) to testify and present evidence on the Defendant's own behalf, and
- 4) to compel the attendance of witnesses for the defense.

**WAIVER OF RIGHTS AND PLEA OF GUILTY**

3. The Defendant agrees to waive these rights and to plead guilty to the information, charging a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2422(a), that being Coercion and Enticement.

**SENTENCING**

4. The Defendant understands that the maximum penalty provided by law for this offense is:
  - a. imprisonment for a period of not more than 20 years;
  - b. a fine not to exceed the greater of \$250,000 or twice the pecuniary gain to the Defendant or pecuniary loss to the victim;
  - c. a term of supervised release of not less than 5 years and up to lifetime supervision to follow any term of imprisonment. (If the Defendant serves a term of imprisonment, is then released on supervised release, and violates the conditions of supervised release, the Defendant's supervised release could be revoked — even on the last day of the term — and the Defendant could then be returned to another period of incarceration and a new term of supervised release.);
  - d. a mandatory special penalty assessment of \$100.00; and
  - e. a special assessment of \$5,000, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3014, if the Defendant is found to be non-indigent; and

EXHIBIT C

Page 3 of  
42 Pages

f. restitution as may be ordered by the Court.

5. The parties recognize that the federal sentencing guidelines are advisory, and that the Court is required to consider them in determining the sentence it imposes.

6. The parties are aware that the Court will decide whether to accept or reject this plea agreement. The Court may defer its decision as to acceptance or rejection until there has been an opportunity to consider the presentence report. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11(c)(5), if the Court rejects this plea agreement, the defendant shall have the right to withdraw the defendant's plea of guilty.

7. Regardless of any other provision in this agreement, the United States reserves the right to provide to the United States Pretrial Services and Probation Office and to the Court any information the United States believes may be helpful to the Court, including but not limited to information about the recommendations contained in this agreement and any relevant conduct under U.S.S.G. § 1B1.3.

#### ELEMENTS OF THE OFFENSE

8. If this matter proceeded to trial, the Defendant understands that the United States would be required to prove, beyond a reasonable doubt, the following elements for violations of the charges listed below:

18 U.S.C. § 2422(a), that being Coercion and Enticement:

*First:* The Defendant knowingly persuaded, enticed, or coerced any individual to travel in interstate or foreign commerce; and

*Second:* The purpose of the travel was for the individual to engage in prostitution, or any sexual activity for which any person can be charged with a criminal offense.

EXHIBIT D

Page 4 of 42 Pages

DEFENDANT'S ADMISSION OF FACTS

9. By my signature on this plea agreement, I am acknowledging that I am pleading guilty because I am, in fact, guilty of the offense(s) to which I am pleading guilty. I recognize and accept responsibility for my criminal conduct. Moreover, in pleading guilty, I acknowledge that if I chose to go to trial instead of entering this plea, the United States could prove facts sufficient to establish my guilt of the offense(s) to which I am pleading guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, including any facts alleged in the information that increase the statutory minimum or maximum penalties. I specifically admit the following facts related to the charges against me, and declare under penalty of perjury that all of these facts are true and correct:

From on or about March 5, 2018, and continuing to on or about March 8, 2018, I, → Orin Kristich, induced Jane Doe, who I have learned was 13 years old at the time, to travel in interstate commerce, with the intention that Jane Doe and I engage in sexual activity, for which I could have been charged with a criminal offense. Specifically, I induced Jane Doe to leave the District of Colorado and travel to the District of New Mexico. My intentions for traveling across state lines included an intention to engage in sexual activity with Jane Doe at my home in New Mexico. Sexual intercourse with Jane Doe is punishable under New Mexico state law under N.M.S.A. § 30-9-11(G)(1), which is criminal sexual penetration in the fourth degree. Sexual intercourse with Jane Doe was a criminal offense because Jane Doe was aged 13 to 16 years old and I am at least four years older than her.

10. By signing this agreement, the Defendant admits that there is a factual basis for each element of the crime(s) to which the Defendant is pleading guilty. The Defendant agrees that the Court may rely on any of these facts, as well as facts in the presentence report, to determine the Defendant's sentence, including, but not limited to, the advisory guideline offense level.

RECOMMENDATIONS

11. The United States and the Defendant recommend as follows:

EXHIBIT E

Page 5 of  
42 Pages

- a. The Defendant and the United States have made an AGREEMENT pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11(c)(1)(C), that a specific sentence within the range of 5 to 12 years imprisonment is the appropriate disposition in this case, followed by 15 years of supervised release with the potential for early termination, as described in ¶21(c). This agreement takes into account the Defendant's acceptance of responsibility, with no further reduction to occur. In addition, the Court may order a fine not to exceed \$250,000, a term of supervised release of not less than 5 years, and up to lifetime supervision, following imprisonment, a mandatory special penalty assessment and restitution.
- b. If the Court accepts the plea agreement, it must inform the Defendant that the agreed upon disposition will be included in the judgment, and the Court is bound by the terms of the plea agreement once the Court accepts the plea agreement.

**DEFENDANT'S ADDITIONAL AGREEMENT**

12. The Defendant understands the Defendant's obligation to provide the United States Pretrial Services and Probation Office with truthful, accurate, and complete information. The Defendant represents that the Defendant has complied with and will continue to comply with this obligation.

13. Except under circumstances where the Court, acting on its own, rejects this plea agreement, the Defendant agrees that, upon the Defendant's signing of this plea agreement, the facts that the Defendant has admitted under this plea agreement as set forth above, as well as any

facts to which the Defendant admits in open court at the Defendant's plea hearing, shall be admissible against the Defendant under Federal Rule of Evidence 801(d)(2)(A) in any subsequent proceeding, including a criminal trial, and the Defendant expressly waives the Defendant's rights under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11(f) and Federal Rule of Evidence 410 with regard to the facts the Defendant admits in conjunction with this plea agreement.

14. By signing this plea agreement, the defendant waives the right to withdraw the defendant's plea of guilty pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11(d) unless (1) the court rejects the plea agreement pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11(c)(5) or (2) the defendant can show a fair and just reason as those terms are used in Rule 11(d)(2)(B) for requesting the withdrawal. Furthermore, defendant understands that if the court rejects the plea agreement, whether or not defendant withdraws the guilty plea, the United States is relieved of any obligation it had under the agreement and defendant shall be subject to prosecution for any federal, state, or local crime(s) which this agreement otherwise anticipated would be dismissed or not prosecuted.

15. The Defendant recognizes that this plea agreement has already conferred a benefit on the Defendant. Consequently, in return for the benefit conferred on the Defendant by entering into this agreement, the Defendant agrees not to seek a downward departure or variance from the specific within the range of 5 to 12 years imprisonment as agreed to by the parties pursuant to Rule 11(c)(1)(C) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. If the Defendant, in violation of this paragraph, should nevertheless seek a downward departure or variance, including a departure or variance from the guideline Criminal History Category, the United

States shall have the right to treat this plea agreement as null and void and to proceed to trial on all charges before the Court.

**RESTITUTION**

16. The parties agree that, as part of the Defendant's sentence, the Court will enter an order of restitution pursuant to the Mandatory Victim's Restitution Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3663A. No later than July 1 of each year after sentencing, until restitution is paid in full, the Defendant shall provide the Asset Recovery Unit, United States Attorney's Office, P.O. Box 607, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103, (1) a completed and signed financial statement provided to the Defendant by the United States Attorney's Office and/or the United States Probation Office and (2) a copy of the Defendant's most recent tax returns.

**SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION**

17. The Defendant understands that by pleading guilty, the Defendant will be required to register as a sex offender upon the Defendant's release from prison as a condition of supervised release pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3583(d). The Defendant also understands that independent of supervised release, the Defendant will be subject to federal and state sex offender registration requirements, and that those requirements may apply throughout the Defendant's life. The Defendant understands that the Defendant shall keep the Defendant's registration current, shall notify the state sex offender registration agency or agencies of any changes to the Defendant's name, place of residence, employment, or student status, or other relevant information within three business days after such change. The Defendant shall comply with requirements to periodically verify in person the Defendant's sex offender registration information. The Defendant understands that the Defendant will be subject to possible federal

and state penalties for failure to comply with any such sex offender registration requirements. If the Defendant resides in New Mexico following release from prison, the Defendant will be subject to the registration requirements of N.M.S.A. 1978 §§ 29-11A-1 to 10. The Defendant further understands that, under 18 U.S.C. § 4042(c), notice will be provided to certain law enforcement agencies upon the Defendant's release from confinement following conviction.

18. As a condition of supervised release, the Defendant shall initially register with the state sex offender registration in New Mexico, and shall also register with the state sex offender registration agency in any state where the Defendant resides, is employed, works, or is a student, as directed by the Probation Officer. The Defendant shall comply with all requirements of federal and state sex offender registration laws, including the requirements to update the Defendant's registration information. The Defendant shall provide proof of registration to the Probation Officer within 72 hours of release from imprisonment.

#### **IMMIGRATION REMOVAL AND OTHER IMMIGRATION CONSEQUENCES**

19. The Defendant recognizes that pleading guilty may have consequences with respect to the Defendant's immigration status if the Defendant is not a citizen of the United States. Under federal law, a broad range of crimes are removable offenses, including the offense(s) to which the Defendant is pleading guilty. Removal and other immigration consequences are the subject of a separate proceeding, however, and the Defendant understands that no one, including the Defendant's attorney or the district court, can predict to a certainty the effect of the Defendant's conviction on the Defendant's immigration status. The Defendant nevertheless affirms that the Defendant wants to plead guilty regardless of any immigration

consequences that the Defendant's plea may entail, even if the consequence is the Defendant's automatic removal from the United States.

**WAIVER OF APPEAL RIGHTS**

20. The Defendant is aware that 28 U.S.C. § 1291 and 18 U.S.C. § 3742 afford a defendant the right to appeal a conviction and the sentence imposed. Acknowledging that, the Defendant knowingly waives the right to appeal the Defendant's conviction(s) and any sentence, including any fine, imposed in conformity with this Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(c)(1)(C) plea agreement, as well as any order of restitution entered by the Court. The Defendant also waives the right to appeal any sentence imposed below or within the Guideline range upon a revocation of supervised release in this cause number. In addition, the Defendant agrees to waive any collateral attack to the Defendant's conviction(s) and any sentence, including any fine, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 2241 or 2255, or any other extraordinary writ, except on the issue of defense counsel's ineffective assistance.

**GOVERNMENT'S ADDITIONAL AGREEMENT**

21. Provided that the Defendant fulfills the Defendant's obligations as set out above, the United States agrees that:

- a. Following sentencing, the United States will move to dismiss the indictment.
- b. The United States will not bring additional criminal charges against the Defendant arising out of the facts forming the basis of the present information.

EXHIBIT J

Page 10 of  
42 Pages

c. In the event that the United States Probation Office recommends early termination, or does not oppose Defendant's request for early termination, the United States agrees not to oppose this request, so long as the Defendant has been supervised for a minimum of 10 years.

22. This agreement is limited to the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Mexico and does not bind any other federal, state, or local agencies or prosecuting authorities.

**VOLUNTARY PLEA**

23. The Defendant agrees and represents that this plea of guilty is freely and voluntarily made and is not the result of force, threats, or promises (other than the promises set forth in this agreement and any addenda). The Defendant also represents that the Defendant is pleading guilty because the Defendant is in fact guilty.

**VIOLATION OF PLEA AGREEMENT**

24. The Defendant agrees that if the Defendant violates any provision of this agreement, the United States may declare this agreement null and void, and the Defendant will thereafter be subject to prosecution for any criminal violation, including but not limited to any crime(s) or offense(s) contained in or related to the charges in this case, as well as perjury, false statement, obstruction of justice, and any other crime committed by the Defendant during this prosecution.

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT**

25. At the time of sentencing, the Defendant will tender to the United States District Court, District of New Mexico, 333 Lomas Blvd. NW, Suite 270, Albuquerque, New Mexico

87102, a money order or certified check payable to the order of the **United States District Court** in the amount of 100.00 in payment of the special penalty assessment described above.

26. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3014, if the Defendant is found to be non-indigent, the Defendant will also tender to the United States District Court, a money order or certified check payable to the order of the United States District Court in the amount of \$5,000 in payment of the additional special assessment. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3014(b), this assessment "shall not be payable until the person subject to the assessment has satisfied all outstanding court-ordered fines, orders of restitution, and any other obligation related to victim-compensation arising from the criminal convictions on which the special assessment is based."

**ENTIRETY OF AGREEMENT**

27. This document and any addenda are a complete statement of the agreement in this case and may not be altered unless done so in writing and signed by all parties. This agreement is effective upon signature by the Defendant and an Assistant United States Attorney.

AGREED TO AND SIGNED this 29th day of September, 2020.

Had Covid Aug. 4, 2020

JOHN C. ANDERSON  
United States Attorney

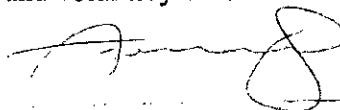


SARAH J. MEASE  
Assistant United States Attorney  
Post Office Box 607  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102  
(505) 346-7274

EXHIBIT L

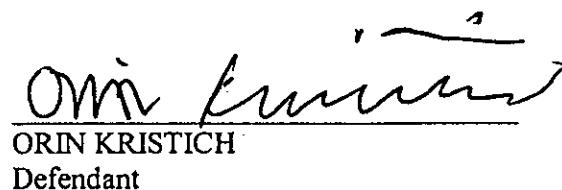
Page 12 of  
42 Pages

I have carefully discussed every part of this agreement with my client. Further, I have fully advised my client of my client's rights, of possible defenses, of the sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), of the relevant Sentencing Guidelines provisions, and of the consequences of entering into this agreement. In addition, I have explained to my client the elements to each offense to which she/he is pleading guilty. To my knowledge, my client's decision to enter into this agreement is an informed and voluntary one.



ALEJANDRO FERNANDEZ  
Attorney for the Defendant

I have carefully discussed every part of this agreement with my attorney. I understand the terms of this agreement, and I voluntarily agree to those terms. My attorney has advised me of my rights, of possible defenses, of the sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), of the relevant Sentencing Guidelines provisions, and of the consequences of entering into this agreement.



ORIN KRISTICH  
Defendant

**Additional material  
from this filing is  
available in the  
Clerk's Office.**