

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
LAREDO DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

VS.

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CRIMINAL ACTION NO. 5:___-CR-___

**WAIVER OF RIGHTS AND CONSENT TO SENTENCING BY
VIDEOCONFERENCE**

I have been informed of my right to appear in person before a United States District Judge for sentencing.¹

I have discussed the implications of waiving this right with my attorney, and I understand the consequences of this waiver.

I knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waive my right to be sentenced in person. I consent to the Court sentencing me via videoconference.

I knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waive my right to appeal or collaterally challenge my sentence based on the fact I was sentenced via videoconference.

Nobody, including my attorney, has insisted upon, coerced, or improperly influenced me in my decision. I have not been promised a specific sentence in exchange for this waiver.

Signed this _____ day of _____.

Defendant's Signature

Signature of Defendant's Attorney

¹ The CARES Act authorization for video conferencing in criminal proceedings is no longer in place. See S.D. Tex. Gen. Order 2023-8. However, safety, judicial economy, and convenience for all parties merits the continued use of remote proceedings on a case-by-case basis, with the Defendant's consent.