

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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v.

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CR No. 21-cr-0662-PLF

WILLARD JAKE PEART

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Defendant

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**DEFENDANT WILLARD JAKE PEART’S WAIVER OF TRIAL BY JURY  
PURSUANT TO RULE 23 OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF CRIMINAL  
PROCEDURE**

The Defendant by counsel John S. Tatum, P.C., pursuant to F.R.Crim. P. 23, hereby waives his right to Trial By Jury and more specifically states as follows:

1. The Defendant has been advised by the Court and his counsel that he has an absolute right to a trial by a jury on at least one of the charges originally filed against him by Complaint or Information. The right to Jury Trial is guaranteed by the Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution.
2. The Defendant, after having had the opportunity to discuss his options as to whether he desires to persist in his Plea of Not Guilty or to elect to change his Plea and enter into a Plea Agreement with the Government, has determined that he wishes to waive his right to trial and change his Plea to Guilty. In furtherance of his decision

to resolve his case by Plea Agreement, Mr. Peart hereby expressly waives his Sixth Amendment right to a trial by jury in this case.

3. This waiver is submitted voluntarily, knowingly and intelligently by the Defendant at a time when the Defendant is fully in possession of his faculties, clearly understands the import of this decision and after adequate time to consult with his counsel.
4. Defense Counsel has been authorized by Assistant United States Attorney Brittany Reed to inform the Court that the Government consents pursuant to F.R.Crim.P. 23 (a)(2) to the Defendant's waiver of jury trial.
5. By his signature affixed below, Defense Counsel represents to the Court that he has discussed with the Defendant his right to trial by jury, believes the Defendant understands the nature of that right and believes that the Defendant is making an intelligent, knowing and voluntary decision in executing this waiver of jury trial.

WHEREFORE, the Defendant submits this Waiver of Trial by Jury.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATION BY DEFENDANT**

I, Willard Jake Peart, certify that I have read the foregoing Waiver of Trial by Jury, that I understand the import of this decision and request the Court to allow me to waive my right to a trial by jury.

Date: January 11, 2022

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*Willard Jake Peart*  
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Willard Jake Peart, Defendant

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022 a true and correct copy of the foregoing **DEFENDANT WILLARD JAKE PEART’S WAIVER OF TRIAL BY JURY PURSUANT TO RULE 23 OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE** was filed with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to parties of record, including the following:

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/s/ John Tatum \_\_\_\_\_