

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

v.

**CHANGE OF PLEA HEARING MINUTES**

**STEPHANIE M. ORTIZ**

Case No. 19-CR-151

HONORABLE WILLIAM C. GRIESBACH presiding  
Proceeding Held: December 7, 2020  
Deputy Clerk: Mara

Time Called: 10:05 a.m.  
Time Concluded: 10:40 a.m.  
Tape: 120720 Zoom Video

**Appearances:**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA by:	William J. Roach
STEPHANIE M. ORTIZ via video and by:	Thomas G. Wilmouth
US PROBATION OFFICE by:	Amy Kosmoski

The defendant consents to proceeding via video conference. The Court makes findings as to proceeding via video. No objections.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defense counsel advises that defendant wishes to enter a plea of guilty<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plea agreement filed<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defendant has reviewed plea agreement with counsel and is satisfied w/representation<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defendant sworn<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defendant advised that false statements made under oath may result in prosecution for perjury<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Court questions defendant as to background, education, medical history, drug usage | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Court advises defendant as to:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elements of the offense<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maximum penalties<br><input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory minimum sentence<br><input type="checkbox"/> Forfeiture provision<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sentencing guidelines<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Right to a jury trial<br><input type="checkbox"/> Waiver of appeal rights<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government provides factual basis as set forth in plea agreement |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GUILTY plea entered to Count(s) 1 of the <input type="checkbox"/> indictment, <input type="checkbox"/> superseding indictment, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> information<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CHARGE: 18:3 Conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute marijuana and tetrahydrocannabinols; acting as an accessory after the fact.<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PSR ordered<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sentencing set for: <b>March 8, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Court finds Defendant's plea to be knowing and voluntary and that a factual basis exists for the plea<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defendant adjudged guilty<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FPT and JT dates removed from court calendar |
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☐ Detention continued; or ☒ Bond continued: ☐ as previously set, or ☒ as modified:  
The defendant orally waives her right to prosecution by indictment. The Court finds the defendant's waiver to be knowing and voluntary and accepts the waiver.  
Mr. Wilmouth addresses the elements of the offense and factual basis as set forth in the plea agreement.

Ms. Kosmoski notes the defendant has mostly been in compliant with her conditions of release besides a positive drug test and failure to make monthly payments for court attorney fees as previously ordered.

Mr. Wilmouth notes that the defendant previously posted a \$4,000.00 cash bond and requests that \$2,300.00 be released to the defendant and \$1,700.00 be retained by the Clerk's office to put towards the court ordered attorney fees. No objections.

**The Court directs that \$2,300.00 of the defendant's previous \$4,000.00 posted cash bond be returned to the defendant. \$1,700.00 of that shall be retained by the Clerk's Office to put towards the defendant's court ordered appointment of counsel fees.**