

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

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Deputy

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CRIMINAL NO. 3:07CR192

RICHARD F. "DICKIE" SCRUGGS

PLEA AGREEMENT

The United States Attorney hereby proposes to the Court a plea agreement to be filed in this cause under Rule 11(c) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. Defendant has read and fully understands this plea agreement and approves same, realizing that the plea agreement is subject to acceptance or rejection by the Court. The plea agreement is as follows:

1. **GUILTY PLEA.** The defendant agrees to plead guilty under oath to Count One of the Indictment, which charges conspiracy to corruptly influence a state circuit court judge, and which carries maximum possible penalties of 5 years imprisonment, \$250,000 fine, 3 years supervised release, and a mandatory special assessment of \$100; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code § 371.
2. **OTHER CHARGES.** The United States agrees to move the Court to dismiss the remaining counts Two through Six of the Indictment (as to this defendant) at sentencing.
3. **SENTENCING.** There is no agreement as to the sentence to be imposed, which will be in the sole discretion of the Court subject to the Federal Sentencing Guidelines. Both parties reserve their right to speak at sentencing.

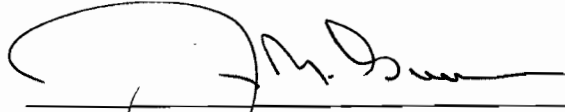
4. **SPECIAL ASSESSMENT.** The defendant agrees pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3013 to pay to the Clerk of the U. S. District Court prior to sentencing in this case the mandatory \$100 assessment fee for each count to which he pleads guilty, which is by law in addition to any other penalty imposed.

5. **OTHER AUTHORITIES.** This agreement does not bind any prosecuting authority of any state or any other federal district, nor does it bind the Attorney General of the United States with regard to any matter, criminal or civil, involving federal tax laws.

6. **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS: NO OTHER AGREEMENTS; DEFENDANT IS IN FACT GUILTY.** Apart from being advised of the applicability of the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, no promise or representation whatsoever has been made to defendant as to what punishment the Court might impose if it accepts the plea(s) of guilty. Defendant agrees that the Court may continue all proceedings in the case until such date as the Court may set for consideration of the plea agreement, the plea of guilty and imposition of sentence. This agreement fully reflects all promises, agreements and understandings between the defendant and the United States Attorney. The defendant's agreement is knowing, free and voluntary, and not the product of force, threat, or coercion. The defendant is pleading guilty because defendant is in fact guilty of the charges.

The foregoing constitutes the only plea agreement between the parties.

This the 14th day of March, 2008.



JIM M. GREENLEE
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
Mississippi Bar No. 7018

AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:



RICHARD F. "DICKIE" SCRUGGS, Defendant

APPROVED:



JOHN KEKER, Attorney for Defendant

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PENALTIES

Count One

nm 5 years imprisonment – 18 U.S.C. § 371
nm \$250,000 fine – 18 U.S.C. § 3571(b)(3)
nm 3 years supervised release – 18 U.S.C. § 3583(b)(2)
\$100 special assessment – 18 U.S.C. § 3013