

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YUMA**

THE STATE OF ARIZONA,

Plaintiff,

v.

ALMA YADIRA JUAREZ
(d/o/b XXXXXXXXXX),

Defendant.

No: S 1400 CR 2020-01214

PLEA AGREEMENT

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Assigned to the Hon. Roger Nelson
Division 5

The State of Arizona and the Defendant hereby agree to the following disposition of this case:

Plea: The defendant agrees to plead GUILTY to:

Amended Count 1, Ballot Abuse, designated to be a Class 1 misdemeanor, in violation of A.R.S. §§16-1005(H), 16-1005(I), 13-301, 13-302, 13-303, 13-304, 13-707, and 13-802, committed August 4, 2020.

This is a non-dangerous, non-repetitive offense under the criminal code.

Terms: On the following understandings, terms and conditions:

AJ 1. The crime carries a presumptive sentence of 0 years; and a maximum sentence of **six months**. Probation **IS** available. Restitution of economic loss to the victim and waiver of extradition for probation revocation procedures are required. The maximum fine that can be imposed is **\$2,500.00** plus an **83%** surcharge (plus additional surcharges and assessments listed below). Special conditions regarding sentence imposed by statute (if any) are:

- A. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-114.01, the Defendant shall pay a \$20.00 assessment which shall be deposited in the Judicial Collection Enhancement Fund established by A.R.S. §12-113.
- B. Pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 12-116, a time payment fee of \$20.00 may be imposed if the Defendant is ordered to pay a penalty, fine, or sanction and it is not paid in full on the date of sentencing.

- C. Pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 12-116.04, a \$13.00 penalty assessment shall be collected by the Court and forwarded to the treasurer of Yuma County, with \$4.00 of that assessment being forwarded by that treasurer to the agency which investigated the case, to wit: Arizona Attorney General's Office.
- D. Pursuant to A.R.S. §12-116.08, a \$9.00 penalty assessment shall be collected by the Court and forwarded to the treasurer of Yuma County, with that amount in turn being forwarded to the State Treasurer and deposited in the Victims' Rights Fund established by A.R.S. §41-191.08 and the Victim Compensation and Assistance Fund established by A.R.S. §41-2407.
- E. Pursuant to A.R.S. §12-116.09, a \$2.00 penalty assessment shall be collected by the Court and forwarded to the treasurer of Yuma County, with that amount in turn being forwarded to the State Treasurer and deposited in the Victims' Rights Enforcement Fund established by A.R.S. §41-1727.
- F. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 13-811(B), the proceeds of any fine imposed shall be deposited in the Attorney General's Anti-Racketeering Fund.
- G. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 13-901(F), if sentenced to a term of probation, the defendant may be required to be imprisoned for up to one year in a county jail at the discretion of the court.

AJ 2. The parties stipulate to the following additional terms, subject to court approval at sentencing:

- A. The Defendant agrees that the factual basis attached as Exhibit A accurately describes the actions of herself and the others mentioned therein, and agrees that this statement constitutes her factual basis for her plea of guilty.
- B. The Defendant agrees to abide by the terms of the attached Exhibit B pending sentencing in this matter.
- C. As to Amended Count 1, the Defendant shall be sentenced subject to the terms in the attached Exhibit B.
- D. Any probation grant for Amended Count 1 shall include a special term of probation prohibiting the Defendant from seeking election to a public office while on probation.

AJ 3. The following charges are dismissed, or if not yet filed, shall not be brought against the defendant by the Arizona Attorney General's Office:

No counts are to be dismissed. The Attorney General's Office agrees not to file any additional charges arising from conduct described in Arizona Attorney General's Office reports SIS-2020-0323 and SIS-2020-0494, or in Yuma County Sheriff's Office report 2020-00070132.

AS 4. This agreement serves to amend the complaint, indictment or information to charge the offense to which the defendant pleads, without the filing of any additional pleading. However, if the plea is rejected by the court or withdrawn by either party, or if the conviction is subsequently reversed, the original charges and any charges that are dismissed by reason of this plea agreement are automatically reinstated.

AS 5. If the defendant is charged with a felony, he/she hereby waives his/her rights to a preliminary hearing or other probable cause determination on the charges to which he/she pleads. The defendant agrees that this agreement shall not be binding on the State should the defendant be charged with or commit a crime between the time of this agreement and the time for sentencing in this cause; nor shall this agreement be binding on the State until the State confirms all representations made by the defendant and his/her attorney, to-wit:

- A. The Defendant avows that she has no prior felony convictions, diversions or deferred prosecutions under any name in any jurisdiction.
- B. The Defendant further avows that she was not on probation, parole, community supervision, work furlough, work release, or any other form of court-supervised monitoring at any time during the time periods of any count alleged in the indictment.
- C. The Defendant also avows that she has no other pending charges under any name in any jurisdiction.

If the defendant fails to appear for sentencing, the court may disregard the stipulated sentence and impose any lawful sentence which is the same as or exceeds the stipulated sentence in the plea agreement. In the event the court rejects the plea, or either the State or the defendant withdraws the plea, the defendant hereby waives and gives up his/her right to a preliminary hearing or other probable cause determination on the original charges.

AS 6. Unless this plea is rejected by the court or withdrawn by either

party, the defendant hereby waives and gives up any and all motions, defenses, objections, or requests which he/she has made or raised, or could assert hereafter, to the court's entry of judgment against him/her and imposition of a sentence upon him/her consistent with this agreement. By entering this agreement, the defendant further waives and gives up the right to appeal (A.R.S. §13-4033) and agrees that the only available review is pursuant to Ariz. R. Crim. P. 32.

A.J. 7. The parties hereto fully and completely understand and agree that by entering into a plea agreement, the defendant consents to judicial fact-finding by preponderance of the evidence as to any aspect or enhancement of sentence, and that any sentence either stipulated to or recommended herein in paragraph 2 is not binding on the court. In making the sentencing determination, the court is not bound by the rules of evidence. If after accepting this plea the court concludes that any of the plea agreement's provisions regarding the sentence or the term and conditions of probation are inappropriate, it can reject the plea. If the court decides to reject the plea agreement provisions regarding the sentencing, it must give both the state and the defendant an opportunity to withdraw from the plea agreement. In case this plea agreement is withdrawn, all original charges will automatically be reinstated. The defendant in such case waives and gives up his/her right to a probable cause determination on the original charges.

A.J. 8. If the court decides to reject the plea agreement provisions regarding sentencing and neither the state nor the defendant elects to withdraw the plea agreement, then any sentence either stipulated to or recommended herein in paragraph 2 is not binding upon the court, and the court is bound only by the sentencing limits set forth in paragraph 1 and the applicable statutes.

A.J. 9. This plea agreement does not in any way compromise, or provide any protection or defense with regard to, any civil action, whether by or on behalf of a victim or any government entity, and whether previously or later filed, including but not limited to an action pursuant to A.R.S. Title 13, Chapter 23 or §§ 13-4301-4315; nor does it abrogate or limit the provisions of A.R.S. § 13-2314(H) or A.R.S. § 13-4310(C), or in any other way adversely affect the State in any current or future forfeiture proceeding or other civil action pursuant to A.R.S. § 13-2314, § 13-4301-4315, or § 32-1993, if applicable.

A.J. 10. I understand that if I am not a citizen of the United States that my decision to go to trial or enter into a plea agreement may have immigration consequences. Specifically, I understand that pleading guilty or no contest to a crime may affect my immigration status. Admitting guilt or entering a no contest plea may result in deportation even if the charge is later dismissed. My plea or admission of guilt could result in my deportation or removal, could prevent me from ever being able to get legal status in the United States, or could prevent me from becoming a United States citizen. I understand that I am not required to disclose my legal status in the United States to the court.

A.J. 11. I have read and understand all of the provisions on all of the pages of this agreement, and I have discussed the case and my constitutional rights with my lawyer. I understand that, by pleading guilty or no contest, I will be waiving and giving up my right to a determination of probable cause; to a trial by jury; to confront, cross-examine, and compel the attendance of witnesses; to present evidence and witnesses on my behalf; my right to remain silent, my privilege against self-incrimination, presumption of innocence, my right to a trial by jury on facts used to aggravate a sentence, and my right to appeal. I agree to enter my plea as indicated above on the terms and conditions set forth herein. I fully understand that if, as part of this plea agreement, I am granted probation by the court, the terms and conditions thereof are subject to modification at any time during the period of probation. I understand that if I violate any of the written conditions of my probation, my probation may be terminated and I can be sentenced to any term or terms stated above in paragraph 1, without limitation.

I have personally and voluntarily placed my initials in each of the above boxes and signed the signature line below to indicate I read, or had read to me, understood and approved all of the previous paragraphs in this agreement, both individually and as a total binding agreement. My plea is voluntary and is not the result of force, or threat, or promises other than those contained in this plea agreement.

Date 01/18/2022

Defendant

Alma Yadira Juarez
ALMA YADIRA JUAREZ


I have discussed this case with my client in detail and advised him/her of his/her constitutional rights and all possible defenses. I believe that the

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defendant's plea is knowing, intelligent, and voluntary and that the plea and disposition are consistent with law. I concur in the entry of the plea as indicated above and on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

Date 1/18/2022


FOR TIMOTHY J. ECKSTEIN #018321
Attorney for Defendant

I have reviewed this matter and concur that the plea and disposition set forth herein are appropriate and are in the interests of justice.

Date 20 JAN '22



TODD C. LAWSON #020216
Assistant Attorney General

Exhibit A
Factual Basis for Plea of Guilty

The Defendant affirms that the following statement of facts accurately depicts the actions of the Defendant and others mentioned, and constitutes the factual basis for her plea of guilty:

On August 4, 2020, I, Alma Yadira Juarez, did knowingly collect voted early ballots from another person, and those early ballots belonged to individuals for whom I am not a family member, household member, or caregiver. I did this when I possessed four (4) early ballots for the August 4, 2020, primary election which were given to me by Guillermina Fuentes.

I acknowledge that this statement, contained in this Exhibit A, is part of my plea of guilty in S 1400 CR 2020-01214, and that the facts in this statement are true and correct.

Date 1/18/2022

Defendant


ALMA YADIRA JUAREZ

Exhibit B
Testimony Agreement

1. This three-page agreement is being entered into by the Arizona Attorney General's Office based upon, and premised upon, the truthful statements by Alma Yadira Juarez during an interview on August 6, 2020.
2. Alma Yadira Juarez will waive her rights under the 5th Amendment and agrees to provide information and testify at any time requested by the State of Arizona, including, but not limited to, at any Grand Jury proceeding, hearing, trial, or retrial (if necessary), and in any forfeiture or related proceeding. All such information and testimony shall, at all times, be truthful and honest and with no material mis-statements or omissions. Alma Yadira Juarez avows that the statements made on August 6, 2020, are truthful. Alma Yadira Juarez understands that this Agreement may require her to provide information and to testify in multiple trials involving the pending case and in other cases, pending or to be brought in the future, which she may have information about.
3. Alma Yadira Juarez shall waive her rights pursuant to Ariz. R. Crim. P. 26.3, and agrees that the sentencing shall be deferred until the substantial completion of her cooperation pursuant to this Agreement, the time to be mutually agreed upon by the parties.
4. If Alma Yadira Juarez complies with the terms of this Agreement, the parties agree that:
 - a. for Amended Count 1, the Defendant shall be sentenced to a term of probation. The State will not recommend an initial term of incarceration as a part of this probation grant.
 - b. pursuant to A.R.S. §13-603(D), the Defendant will pay a fine in the amount of \$250.00, to be paid to the Attorney General's Anti-Racketeering Fund pursuant to A.R.S. §13-811(B).

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5. In the event Alma Yadira Juarez does not complete her duties pursuant to this Agreement, Alma Yadira Juarez understands and agrees that she shall be sentenced on Amended Count 1 to a term of supervised probation without any further agreements between the parties regarding sentencing. Alma Yadira Juarez further understands that this provision allows her to be sentenced to up to six (6) months in the Yuma County Jail, and may result in her being ordered to pay a fine of up to \$2,500.00 before surcharges and fees.
6. In the event Alma Yadira Juarez violates any provision of this Agreement, Alma Yadira Juarez understands and agrees that:
 - a. Any charges or allegations which were not filed pursuant to this Agreement can and will be filed against Alma Yadira Juarez;
 - b. Alma Yadira Juarez will not be permitted to withdraw her plea of guilty already entered, however, any agreements concerning sentencing on this offense shall be null and void;
 - c. The State of Arizona may and will use any information and testimony provided by Alma Yadira Juarez against her in any prosecutions; and
 - d. All other obligations of the State of Arizona under this Agreement are null and void.
7. Alma Yadira Juarez's obligations under this Agreement will remain in full force and effect until the State notifies her in writing that her obligations are concluded.
8. The parties shall, at all times, act in good faith in order to carry out the intent of the parties in entering into this Agreement.

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This testimony agreement, contained in this three-page Exhibit B, is part of the Defendant's plea of guilty in S1400 CR 2020-01214.

Date 1/18/2022 Defendant *Alma Yadira Juarez*
ALMA YADIRA JUAREZ

Date 1/18/2022 *[Signature]*
FOR TIMOTHY J. ECKSTEIN #018321
Attorney for Defendant

Date 20 JAN '22 *[Signature]*
TODD C. LAWSON #020216
Assistant Attorney General