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District Court

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Judicial District:

Fourth

Court File Number:

27-CR-21-5150

Case Type:

Criminal

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Plaintiff

**Petition to Enter Plea of Guilty
in Felony Case Pursuant to Rule 15**

vs.

SHANTAELLO LEON CHRISTIANSON

Defendant

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED COURT:

I, Shantaello Leon Christianson, Defendant in the above-entitled action, do respectfully represent and state as follows:

1. My full name is Shantaello Leon Christianson. I am 31 years old, my date of birth is March 13, 1990. The last grade that I went through in school is 9th Grade.

2. I have received, read, and discussed a copy of the criminal Complaint.

3. I understand the charges made against me in this case.

4. Specifically, I understand that I have been charged with the crimes of Charge: Murder 2° - With Intent-Not Premeditated, a felony, in violation of Minnesota Statute § 609.19.1(1), and Riot 1°-Death Results-Armed w/Weapon, a felony, in violation of Minnesota Statute § 609.71.1, and Felony Possession of Firearm, a felony, in violation of Minnesota Statute § 624.713.1(2), all committed on or about March 6, 2021 in the City of Minneapolis, County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota.

5. I am represented by attorney Bryan J. Leary – Asst. Henn. Co. Public Defender and Andrea Reynolds - Asst. Henn. Co. Public Defender.

a. I feel that I have had sufficient time to discuss my case with my attorneys.

b. I am satisfied that my attorneys are fully informed as to facts of this case.

c. My attorneys have discussed possible defenses to the crime that I might have.

d. I am satisfied that my attorneys have represented my interests and has fully advised me.

6. I have / have never been a patient in a mental hospital.

7. I have / have not talked with or been treated by a psychiatrist or other person for a nervous or mental condition. depression

8. I have / have not been ill recently.

9. I have / have not recently been taking pills or other medicines. Tremadol

10. I do / do not make the claim that I was so drunk or so under the influence of drugs or medicine that I did not know what I was doing at the time of the crime.

11. I do / do not make the claim that I was acting in self-defense or merely protecting myself or others at the time of the crime.

12. I do / do not make the claim that the fact that I have been held in jail since my arrest and could not post bail caused me to decide to plead guilty in order to get the thing over with rather than waiting for my turn at trial.

13. I was / was not represented by an attorney when I had a probable cause hearing. If I have not had a probable cause hearing, I understand that:

a. I could now move that the complaint against me be dismissed for lack of probable cause and I know that if I do not make such a motion and go ahead with entering my plea of guilty, I waive all right to successfully object to the absence of a probable cause hearing.

b. I waive all right to successfully object to any errors in the probable cause hearing when I enter my plea of guilty.

14. My attorneys have told me and I understand that:

a. The prosecutor for the case against me has:

i. physical evidence obtained as a result of searching for and seizing the evidence;

ii. evidence in the form of statements, oral or written that I made to police or others regarding this crime;

iii. evidence discovered as a result of my statements or as a result of the evidence seized in a search;

iv. identification evidence from a line-up or photographic identification;

v. evidence the prosecution believes indicates that I committed one or more other crimes.

b. I have a right to a pretrial hearing before a judge to determine whether or not the evidence the prosecution has could be used against me if I went to trial in this case.

c. If I requested such a pretrial hearing I could testify at the hearing if I wanted to, but my testimony could not be used as substantive evidence against me if I went to trial and could only be used against me if I was charged with the crime of perjury. (Perjury means testifying falsely.)

to give up d. I do / do not now request such a pretrial hearing and I specifically do / do not now waive my right to have such a pretrial hearing.

e. Whether or not I have had such a hearing I will not be able to object tomorrow or any other time to the evidence that the prosecutor has.

15. I have been told by my attorneys and I understand that:

- a. If I wish to plead not guilty I am entitled to a trial by a jury on the issue of guilt, and all jurors would have to agree I was guilty before the jury could find me guilty.
- b. If I plead guilty I will not have a trial by either a jury or by a judge without a jury.
- c. With knowledge of my right to a trial on the issue of guilt, I now waive my right to a trial.

16. I have been told by my attorneys and I understand that if I wish to plead not guilty and have a trial by jury or trial by a judge I would be presumed innocent until my guilt is proved beyond a reasonable doubt.

17. I have been told by my attorneys and I understand that:

- a. If I wish to plead not guilty and have a trial the prosecutor would be required to have the witnesses testify against me in open court in my presence and that I would have the right, through my attorney, to question these witnesses.
- b. With knowledge of my right to have the prosecution's witnesses testify in open court in my presence and be questioned by my attorney, I now waive this right.

18. I have been told by my attorneys and I understand that:

- a. If I wish to plead not guilty and have a trial I would be entitled to require any witnesses that I think are favorable to me to appear and testify at trial.
- b. With knowledge of my right to require favorable witnesses to appear and testify at trial I now waive this right.

19. I have been told by my attorneys and I understand that:

- a. A person who has prior convictions or a prior conviction can be given a longer prison term.
- b. The maximum penalty that the court could impose for this crime (taking into consideration any prior conviction or convictions) is imprisonment for 40 years. If a minimum sentence is required by statute the court may impose a sentence of imprisonment of not less than 36 months for Counts 1 and 2 or 60 months for Count 3.

~~e. For felony driving while impaired offenses and most sex offenses, a mandatory period of conditional release will follow any executed prison sentence that is imposed. Violating the terms of this conditional release may increase the time I serve in prison. In this case, the period of conditional release is _____ years.~~

d. A person who participates in a crime by intentionally aiding, advising, counseling, and conspiring with another person or persons to commit a crime is just as guilty of that crime as the person or persons who are present and participating in the crime when it is actually committed.

e. My present probation or parole could be revoked because of my plea of guilty to this crime.

f. The prosecutors are NOT seeking an aggravated sentence.

20. I have been told by my attorneys and I understand that:

a. My attorneys have discussed this case with the prosecuting attorneys, and my attorneys and the prosecuting attorneys agree that if I enter a plea of guilty, the prosecutors will do the following:

Defendant will plead guilty to the crime of Possession of Firearm, a felony, in violation of Minnesota Statute § 624.713.1(2), and the Court will sentence Defendant to serve 60 months in the custody of the Department of Corrections.

Defendant will plead guilty to the crime of Manslaughter 1°, a felony, in violation of Minnesota Statute § 609.20, and the Court will sentence Defendant to serve 120 months in the custody of the Department of Corrections, concurrent.

b. If the court does not approve this agreement:

i. I have an absolute right to withdraw my plea of guilty and have a trial.

ii. Any testimony that I have given concerning the guilty plea could not be used against me unless I am charged with the crime of perjury based on this testimony.

21. That except for the agreement between my attorneys and the prosecuting attorneys:

a. No one - including my attorneys, any police officer, prosecutor, judge, or any other person - has made any promises to me, to any member of my family, to any of my friends, or to other persons, to obtain a plea of guilty from me.

b. No one - including my attorneys, any police officer, prosecutor, judge, or any other person - has threatened me, any member of my family, my friends, or other persons, to obtain a plea of guilty from me.

22. My attorneys have told me and I understand that if my plea of guilty is for any reason not accepted by the court, or if I withdraw the plea with the court's approval, or if the plea is withdrawn by court order on appeal or other review:

a. I would then stand trial on the original charges.

b. The prosecution could proceed against me just as if there had been no plea of guilty and no plea agreement.

23. My attorneys have told me and I understand that if my plea of guilty is accepted by the judge I have the right to appeal, but that any appeal or other court action I may take claiming error in the proceedings probably would be useless and a waste of my time and the court's time.

24. My attorneys have told me and I understand that a judge will not accept a plea of guilty from anyone who claims to be innocent.

25. I now make no claim that I am innocent.

26. I have been told by my attorneys and I understand that if I wish to plead not guilty and have a jury trial:

a. I could testify at trial if I wanted to but I could not be forced to testify.

b. If I decided not to testify neither the prosecutors nor the judge could comment on my failure to testify.

c. With knowledge of my right not to testify and that neither the judge nor the prosecutors could comment on my failure to testify at trial, I now waive this right and will tell the judge about the facts of the crime.

27. My attorneys have told me and I understand that if I am not a citizen of the United States, my plea of guilty may result in deportation, exclusion from admission to the United States, or denial of naturalization as a United States citizen.

28. That in view of all the above facts and considerations, I wish to enter a plea of guilty to the offenses of Felony Possession of Firearm, a felony, in violation of Minnesota Statute § 624.713.1(2), and Manslaughter 1^o, a felony, in violation of Minnesota Statute § 609.20.

Dated: October 1, 2021



Shantaello Leon Christianson
Defendant

JUDICIAL
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