

IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA,
Plaintiff,

v.

ROBERT J. BENTLEY,
Defendant.

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D_C No. 2017- 1170 + 1171 - TM

PLEA AGREEMENT

Come now the State of Alabama, by and through Supernumerary District Attorney Eleanor

I. Brooks appointed by the Attorney General pursuant to Section 12-17-216 of the Code of Alabama as Special Assistant Attorney General, and the Defendant, by and through his attorney, and agree to the following terms, each of which is an essential part of the parties' agreement:

1. No later than April 10, 2017, the Defendant will enter a plea of guilty, stating under oath sufficient facts to support his guilty pleas, to each of two complaints:

A. Complaint 1 – Failing to File a Major Contribution Report - Ala. Code Section 17-5-8.1(c), a Class A misdemeanor

B. Complaint 2 – Knowingly Converting Campaign Contributions to Personal Use - Ala. Code Section 36-25-6, a Class A misdemeanor

2. Sentencing will occur immediately after the acceptance of the guilty pleas; the pre-sentence report will be waived; the duration of the sentences and the determination of probation will be at the discretion of the Court; as part of his sentences the Defendant will do the following:

A. Pay the following within 1 week of sentencing:

(1) \$100 (\$50 per complaint) assessment to the Alabama Crime Victims

Compensation Commission;

(2) Full court costs for both complaints;

(3) Fines of \$5000 in Complaint 1 and of \$2000 in Complaint 2;

B. Reimburse the campaign fund \$8912.40 within 1 week of sentencing;

C. Surrender all campaign funds (approximately \$36,912.40) to the State of Alabama within 1 week of sentencing;

D. Render at least 100 hours of community service in his capacity as a licensed physician to the people of the State of Alabama within the terms of his sentence.


3. The Defendant will resign from his position as Governor of the State of Alabama by letter no later than 1 hour before pleading guilty and provide the State of Alabama with a copy of that resignation letter before pleading guilty.
4. The Defendant will not seek or serve in any public office.
5. The Defendant will waive any retirement or other benefits to which he would otherwise be entitled, including but not limited to benefits under Ala. Code §§ 36-13-11 and 36-33-2.
6. The Defendant will waive any and all objections to venue and his right to appeal any issue.
7. By signing this document, the Defendant represents that he is an adult; is competent to enter into this agreement and plead guilty; is satisfied with the work of his attorney; has been advised of his rights by his attorney; and that he intelligently, knowingly, and voluntarily agrees with the terms of the Plea Agreement.
8. The parties agree that this plea agreement resolves all potential state criminal charges against this Defendant based on pending investigations, including the

referrals from the Alabama Ethics Commission and the matters referenced in the
Pre-Hearing Submission of Special Counsel to the House Judiciary Committee
dated April 7, 2017.

Agreed this 10th day of April, 2017.



Robert J. Bentley
Defendant



William C. Athanas
Attorney for Defendant



Eleanor I. Brooks
Special Assistant Attorney General



Miles M. Hart
Deputy Attorney General
Chief, Special Prosecutions Division