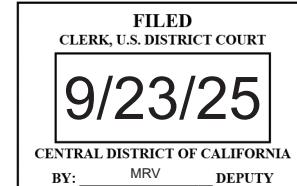


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19 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

No. 2:25-cr-00776-AB

20 Plaintiff,

PLEA AGREEMENT FOR DEFENDANT  
SABRINA THIPDAVONE RHODES

21 v.

22 SABRINA THIPDAVONE RHODES,

23 Defendant.

1. This constitutes the plea agreement between SABRINA THIPDAVONE RHODES ("defendant") and the United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California (the "USAO") in the above-captioned case. This agreement is limited to the USAO and cannot bind any other federal, state, local, or foreign prosecuting, enforcement, administrative, or regulatory authorities.

24 DEFENDANT'S OBLIGATIONS

25 2. Defendant agrees to:

26 a. Give up the right to indictment by a grand jury and,  
 27 at the earliest opportunity requested by the USAO and provided by the  
 28 Court, appear and plead guilty to an information in the form attached

1 to this agreement as Exhibit A or a substantially similar form, that  
2 charges defendant with theft of government property in violation of  
3 18 U.S.C. § 641.

4                   b. Not contest facts agreed to in this agreement.

5                   c. Abide by all agreements regarding sentencing contained  
6 in this agreement.

7                   d. Appear for all court appearances, surrender as ordered  
8 for service of sentence, obey all conditions of any bond, and obey  
9 any other ongoing court order in this matter.

10                  e. Not commit any crime; however, offenses that would be  
11 excluded for sentencing purposes under United States Sentencing  
12 Guidelines ("U.S.S.G." or "Sentencing Guidelines") § 4A1.2(c) are not  
13 within the scope of this agreement.

14                  f. Be truthful at all times with the United States  
15 Probation and Pretrial Services Office and the Court.

16                  g. Pay the applicable special assessment at or before the  
17 time of sentencing unless defendant has demonstrated a lack of  
18 ability to pay such assessments.

19                  h. Defendant agrees that any and all criminal debt  
20 ordered by the Court will be due in full and immediately. The  
21 government is not precluded from pursuing, in excess of any payment  
22 schedule set by the Court, any and all available remedies by which to  
23 satisfy defendant's payment of the full financial obligation,  
24 including referral to the Treasury Offset Program.

25                  i. Complete the Financial Disclosure Statement on a form  
26 provided by the USAO and, within 30 days of defendant's entry of a  
27 guilty plea, deliver the signed and dated statement, along with all  
28 of the documents requested therein, to the USAO by either email at

1 usacac.FinLit@usdoj.gov (preferred) or mail to the USAO Financial  
2 Litigation Section at 300 North Los Angeles Street, Suite 7516, Los  
3 Angeles, CA 90012. Defendant agrees that defendant's ability to pay  
4 criminal debt shall be assessed based on the completed Financial  
5 Disclosure Statement and all required supporting documents, as well  
6 as other relevant information relating to ability to pay.

7 j. Authorize the USAO to obtain a credit report upon  
8 returning a signed copy of this plea agreement.

9 k. Consent to the USAO inspecting and copying all of  
10 defendant's financial documents and financial information held by the  
11 United States Probation and Pretrial Services Office.

12 THE USAO'S OBLIGATIONS

13 3. The USAO agrees to:

14 a. Not contest facts agreed to in this agreement.

15 b. Abide by all agreements regarding sentencing contained  
16 in this agreement.

17 c. At the time of sentencing, provided that defendant  
18 demonstrates an acceptance of responsibility for the offense up to  
19 and including the time of sentencing, recommend a two-level reduction  
20 in the applicable Sentencing Guidelines offense level, pursuant to  
21 U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1, and recommend and, if necessary, move for an  
22 additional one-level reduction if available under that section.

23 d. Except for criminal tax violations (including  
24 conspiracy to commit such violations chargeable under 18 U.S.C.  
25 § 371), not further criminally prosecute defendant for violations of  
26 18 U.S.C. §§ 1956, 1957 arising out of defendant's conduct described  
27 in the agreed-to factual basis set forth in paragraph 9 below.

28 Defendant understands that the USAO is free to criminally prosecute

1 defendant for any other unlawful past conduct or any unlawful conduct  
2 that occurs after the date of this agreement. Defendant agrees that  
3 at the time of sentencing the Court may consider the uncharged  
4 conduct in determining the applicable Sentencing Guidelines range,  
5 the propriety and extent of any departure from that range, and the  
6 sentence to be imposed after consideration of the Sentencing  
7 Guidelines and all other relevant factors under 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a).

8 NATURE OF THE OFFENSE

9 4. Defendant understands that for defendant to be guilty of  
10 the crime charged in the information, that is, theft of government  
11 property, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 641,  
12 the following must be true: First, defendant knowingly stole  
13 property of value with the intention of depriving the owner of the  
14 user or benefit of the property. Second, the property belonged to  
15 the United States. Third, the value of the property was more than  
16 \$1,000.

17 PENALTIES AND RESTITUTION

18 5. Defendant understands that the statutory maximum sentence  
19 that the Court can impose for a violation of Title 18, United States  
20 Code, Section 641, is: 10 years imprisonment; a 3-year period of  
21 supervised release; a fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or  
22 gross loss resulting from the offense, whichever is greatest; and a  
23 mandatory special assessment of \$100.

24 6. Defendant understands that defendant will be required to  
25 pay full restitution to the victim(s) of the offense to which  
26 defendant is pleading guilty. Defendant agrees that, in return for  
27 the USAO's compliance with its obligations under this agreement, the  
28 Court may order restitution to persons other than the victim(s) of

1 the offense to which defendant is pleading guilty and in amounts  
2 greater than those alleged in the count to which defendant is  
3 pleading guilty. Defendant agrees that the Court may order  
4 restitution to any victim of any of the following for any losses  
5 suffered by that victim as a result of any relevant conduct, as  
6 defined in U.S.S.G. § 1B1.3, in connection with the offense to which  
7 defendant is pleading guilty. The parties currently believe that the  
8 applicable amount of restitution is approximately \$689,688 but  
9 recognize and agree that this amount could change based on facts that  
10 come to the attention of the parties prior to sentencing.

11       7. Defendant understands that supervised release is a period  
12 of time following imprisonment during which defendant will be subject  
13 to various restrictions and requirements. Defendant understands that  
14 if defendant violates one or more of the conditions of any supervised  
15 release imposed, defendant may be returned to prison for all or part  
16 of the term of supervised release authorized by statute for the  
17 offense that resulted in the term of supervised release, which could  
18 result in defendant serving a total term of imprisonment greater than  
19 the statutory maximum stated above.

20       8. Defendant understands that, by pleading guilty, defendant  
21 may be giving up valuable government benefits and valuable civic  
22 rights, such as the right to vote, the right to possess a firearm,  
23 the right to hold office, and the right to serve on a jury. Defendant  
24 understands that she is pleading guilty to a felony and that it is a  
25 federal crime for a convicted felon to possess a firearm or  
26 ammunition. Defendant understands that the conviction in this case  
27 may also subject defendant to various other collateral consequences,  
28 including but not limited to revocation of probation, parole, or

1 supervised release in another case and suspension or revocation of a  
2 professional license. Defendant understands that unanticipated  
3 collateral consequences will not serve as grounds to withdraw  
4 defendant's guilty plea.

5       9. Defendant understands that, if defendant is not a United  
6 States citizen, the felony conviction in this case may subject  
7 defendant to: removal, also known as deportation, which may, under  
8 some circumstances, be mandatory; denial of citizenship; and denial  
9 of admission to the United States in the future. The Court cannot,  
10 and defendant's attorney also may not be able to, advise defendant  
11 fully regarding the immigration consequences of the felony conviction  
12 in this case. Defendant understands that unexpected immigration  
13 consequences will not serve as grounds to withdraw defendant's guilty  
14 plea.

## FACTUAL BASIS

16        10. Defendant admits that defendant is, in fact, guilty of the  
17 offense to which defendant is agreeing to plead guilty. Defendant  
18 and the USAO agree to the statement of facts provided below and agree  
19 that this statement of facts is sufficient to support a plea of  
20 guilty to the charge described in this agreement and to establish the  
21 Sentencing Guidelines factors set forth in paragraph 12 below but is  
22 not meant to be a complete recitation of all facts relevant to the  
23 underlying criminal conduct or all facts known to either party that  
24 relate to that conduct.

25 In July 2022, defendant was employed as an Intelligence Analyst  
26 with the Nevada High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area ("HIDTA") and  
27 worked with the Drug Enforcement Administration's ("DEA") Las Vegas  
28 District Office. On July 21, 2022, as part of her job duties,

1 defendant assisted with the seizure of virtual currency during an  
2 investigation. The seizure involved transferring 243,199.0421 of the  
3 virtual currency Ripple ("XRP") from a virtual currency wallet  
4 controlled by a third party to a physical virtual currency wallet  
5 (the "DEA Wallet") controlled by the government. During the process  
6 of transferring the XRP, defendant wrote down and retained in her  
7 notebook the "seed phrase" for the government wallet - a sequence of  
8 words that would allow anyone who possessed them to remove funds from  
9 the DEA Wallet, even if they did not physically possess the DEA  
10 Wallet. In September 2023, after a series of moves within government  
11 custody, the DEA Wallet was stored at a secure location with the  
12 DEA's Los Angeles Field Division, in the Central District of  
13 California.

14 On November 22, 2023, using the seed phrases in her possession,  
15 defendant reconstituted the DEA Wallet and moved the 243,188.0371 XRP  
16 from the DEA Wallet to virtual currency address that she controlled.  
17 On that date, one XRP token was worth approximately \$0.6119, making  
18 the value of the stolen XRP approximately \$148,807. Defendant moved  
19 the XRP from that virtual currency address to other virtual currency  
20 addresses in a series of transactions:

- 21 • December 16, 2023, a transfer of 19,225.799367 XRP (then  
22 worth approximately \$11,916)
- 23 • March 22, 2024, a transfer of 24,686.837214 XRP (then worth  
24 approximately \$15,081)
- 25 • November 1-2, 2024, a series of 11 transfers totaling  
26 199,265.335529 XRP (then worth approximately \$101,605)

27 In each instance, defendant converted the transferred XRP to the  
28 privacy enhanced virtual currency Monero, and then, in some instances

1 back to XRP. Defendant converted the funds into Monero in an effort  
2 to defeat the ability of law enforcement to trace the movement of the  
3 XRP that defendant stole from the DEA Wallet. In addition to the use  
4 of Monero, defendant also used a pre-paid burner phone to conduct  
5 most of the virtual currency laundering transactions to avoid having  
6 those transactions traced to her.

7 Defendant exchanged most of the Monero for cash with individuals  
8 located in the Las Vegas area. Defendant then used the cash for  
9 personal use, including to pay household expenses, credit cards, and  
10 gifts for family members.

11 Defendant admits that the value of the 243,199.0421 XRP stolen  
12 from the DEA Wallet as of the date of execution of this plea  
13 agreement would have been approximately \$689,688.

14 SENTENCING FACTORS

15 11. Defendant understands that in determining defendant's  
16 sentence the Court is required to calculate the applicable Sentencing  
17 Guidelines range and to consider that range, possible departures  
18 under the Sentencing Guidelines, and the other sentencing factors set  
19 forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a). Defendant understands that the  
20 Sentencing Guidelines are advisory only, that defendant cannot have  
21 any expectation of receiving a sentence within the calculated  
22 Sentencing Guidelines range, and that after considering the  
23 Sentencing Guidelines and the other § 3553(a) factors, the Court will  
24 be free to exercise its discretion to impose any sentence it finds  
25 appropriate up to the maximum set by statute for the crime of  
26 conviction.

27 12. Defendant and the USAO agree to the following applicable  
28 Sentencing Guidelines factors:

Base Offense Level:	6	U.S.S.G. § 2B1.1(a)(2)
Loss exceeded \$95,000	+8	U.S.S.G. § 2B1.1(b)(1)(E)
Abuse of trust	+2	U.S.S.G. § 3B1.3

If it is determined that defendant has no criminal history points, the parties agree that the zero point offender provision under U.S.S.G. § 4C1.1 should apply.

Defendant and the USAO reserve the right to argue that additional specific offense characteristics, adjustments, and departures under the Sentencing Guidelines are appropriate.

13. Defendant understands that there is no agreement as to defendant's criminal history or criminal history category.

14. Defendant and the USAO reserve the right to argue for a sentence outside the sentencing range established by the Sentencing Guidelines based on the factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(6), and (a)(7).

WAIVER OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

15. Defendant understands that by pleading guilty, defendant gives up the following rights:

- a. The right to persist in a plea of not guilty.
- b. The right to a speedy and public trial by jury.
- c. The right to be represented by counsel -- and if  
have the Court appoint counsel -- at trial. Defendant  
stated, however, that, defendant retains the right to be  
represented by counsel -- and if necessary have the Court appoint  
counsel -- at every other stage of the proceeding.

d. The right to be presumed innocent and to have the burden of proof placed on the government to prove defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

1                   e. The right to confront and cross-examine witnesses  
2 against defendant.

3                   f. The right to testify and to present evidence in  
4 opposition to the charges, including the right to compel the  
5 attendance of witnesses to testify.

6                   g. The right not to be compelled to testify, and, if  
7 defendant chose not to testify or present evidence, to have that  
8 choice not be used against defendant.

9                   h. Any and all rights to pursue any affirmative defenses,  
10 Fourth Amendment or Fifth Amendment claims, and other pretrial  
11 motions that have been filed or could be filed.

12                   WAIVER OF VENUE

13                   16. Having been fully advised by defendant's attorney regarding  
14 the requirements of venue with respect to the offense to which  
15 defendant is pleading guilty, to the extent the offense to which  
16 defendant is pleading guilty were committed, begun, or completed  
17 outside the Central District of California, defendant knowingly,  
18 voluntarily, and intelligently waives, relinquishes, and gives up:  
19 (a) any right that defendant might have to be prosecuted only in the  
20 district where the offense to which defendant is pleading guilty were  
21 committed, begun, or completed; and (b) any defense, claim, or  
22 argument defendant could raise or assert based upon lack of venue  
23 with respect to the offense to which defendant is pleading guilty.

24                   WAIVER OF APPEAL OF CONVICTION

25                   17. Defendant understands that, with the exception of an appeal  
26 based on a claim that defendant's guilty plea was involuntary, by  
27 pleading guilty defendant is waiving and giving up any right to  
28 appeal defendant's conviction on the offense to which defendant is

1 pleading guilty. Defendant understands that this waiver includes,  
2 but is not limited to, arguments that the statute to which defendant  
3 is pleading guilty is unconstitutional, and any and all claims that  
4 the statement of facts provided herein is insufficient to support  
5 defendant's plea of guilty.

6 LIMITED MUTUAL WAIVER OF APPEAL OF SENTENCE

7 18. Defendant agrees that, provided the Court imposes a term of  
8 imprisonment within or below the range corresponding to an offense  
9 level of 13 and the criminal history category calculated by the  
10 Court, defendant gives up the right to appeal all of the following:  
11 (a) the procedures and calculations used to determine and impose any  
12 portion of the sentence; (b) the term of imprisonment imposed by the  
13 Court; (c) the fine imposed by the Court, provided it is within the  
14 statutory maximum; (d) to the extent permitted by law, the  
15 constitutionality or legality of defendant's sentence, provided it is  
16 within the statutory maximum; (e) the amount and terms of any  
17 restitution order, provided it requires payment of no more than  
18 \$689,688; (f) the term of probation or supervised release imposed by  
19 the Court, provided it is within the statutory maximum; and (g) any  
20 of the following conditions of probation or supervised release  
21 imposed by the Court: the conditions set forth in Second Amended  
22 General Order 20-04 of this Court; the drug testing conditions  
23 mandated by 18 U.S.C. §§ 3563(a)(5) and 3583(d); and the alcohol and  
24 drug use conditions authorized by 18 U.S.C. § 3563(b)(7).

25 19. The USAO agrees that, provided (a) all portions of the  
26 sentence are at or below the statutory maximum specified above and  
27 (b) the Court imposes a term of imprisonment within or above the  
28 range corresponding to an offense level of 11 and the criminal

1 history category calculated by the Court, the USAO gives up its right  
2 to appeal any portion of the sentence, with the exception that the  
3 USAO reserves the right to appeal the amount of restitution ordered  
4 if that amount is less than \$689,688.

5 WAIVER OF RIGHTS CONCERNING PLEA COLLOQUY AND FACTUAL BASIS

6 20. Defendant agrees that: (i) any statements made by  
7 defendant, under oath, at the guilty plea hearing; (ii) the agreed to  
8 factual basis statement in this agreement; and (iii) any evidence  
9 derived from such statements, shall be admissible against defendant  
10 in any action against defendant, and defendant waives and gives up  
11 any claim under the United States Constitution, any statute, Rule 410  
12 of the Federal Rules of Evidence, Rule 11(f) of the Federal Rules of  
13 Criminal Procedure, or any other federal rule, that the statements or  
14 any evidence derived from the statements should be suppressed or are  
15 inadmissible.

16 Defendant further agrees that this paragraph of the agreement is  
17 severable. Thus, defendant's waivers are binding and effective even  
18 if, subsequent to defendant's signing this agreement, defendant  
19 declines to plead guilty, the Court declines to accept his guilty  
20 plea, or, if this agreement is of the type described in Federal Rule  
21 of Criminal Procedure 11(c)(1)(A) or (c)(1)(C), the Court rejects  
22 this agreement. Defendant also agrees that his waivers are binding  
23 and effective even if some other portion of this agreement is found  
24 to be invalid by this Court or the Ninth Circuit.

25 RESULT OF WITHDRAWAL OF GUILTY PLEA

26 21. Defendant agrees that if, after entering a guilty plea  
27 pursuant to this agreement, defendant seeks to withdraw and succeeds  
28 in withdrawing defendant's guilty plea on any basis other than a

1 claim and finding that entry into this plea agreement was  
2 involuntary, then (a) the USAO will be relieved of all of its  
3 obligations under this agreement; and (b) should the USAO choose to  
4 pursue any charge that was either dismissed or not filed as a result  
5 of this agreement, then (i) any applicable statute of limitations  
6 will be tolled between the date of defendant's signing of this  
7 agreement and the filing commencing any such action; and  
8 (ii) defendant waives and gives up all defenses based on the statute  
9 of limitations, any claim of pre-indictment delay, or any speedy  
10 trial claim with respect to any such action, except to the extent  
11 that such defenses existed as of the date of defendant's signing this  
12 agreement.

13 EFFECTIVE DATE OF AGREEMENT

14 22. This agreement is effective upon signature and execution of  
15 all required certifications by defendant, defendant's counsel, and an  
16 Assistant United States Attorney.

17 BREACH OF AGREEMENT

18 23. Defendant agrees that if defendant, at any time after the  
19 signature of this agreement and execution of all required  
20 certifications by defendant, defendant's counsel, and an Assistant  
21 United States Attorney, knowingly violates or fails to perform any of  
22 defendant's obligations under this agreement ("a breach"), the USAO  
23 may declare this agreement breached. All of defendant's obligations  
24 are material, a single breach of this agreement is sufficient for the  
25 USAO to declare a breach, and defendant shall not be deemed to have  
26 cured a breach without the express agreement of the USAO in writing.  
27 If the USAO declares this agreement breached, and the Court finds  
28 such a breach to have occurred, then: (a) if defendant has previously

1 entered a guilty plea pursuant to this agreement, defendant will not  
2 be able to withdraw the guilty plea, and (b) the USAO will be  
3 relieved of all its obligations under this agreement.

4       24. Following the Court's finding of a knowing breach of this  
5 agreement by defendant, should the USAO choose to pursue any charge  
6 that was either dismissed or not filed as a result of this agreement,  
7 then:

8           a. Defendant agrees that any applicable statute of  
9 limitations is tolled between the date of defendant's signing of this  
10 agreement and the filing commencing any such action.

11           b. Defendant waives and gives up all defenses based on  
12 the statute of limitations, any claim of pre-indictment delay, or any  
13 speedy trial claim with respect to any such action, except to the  
14 extent that such defenses existed as of the date of defendant's  
15 signing this agreement.

16           COURT AND UNITED STATES PROBATION AND PRETRIAL SERVICES

17           OFFICE NOT PARTIES

18       25. Defendant understands that the Court and the United States  
19 Probation and Pretrial Services Office are not parties to this  
20 agreement and need not accept any of the USAO's sentencing  
21 recommendations or the parties' agreements to facts or sentencing  
22 factors.

23       26. Defendant understands that both defendant and the USAO are  
24 free to: (a) supplement the facts by supplying relevant information  
25 to the United States Probation and Pretrial Services Office and the  
26 Court, (b) correct any and all factual misstatements relating to the  
27 Court's Sentencing Guidelines calculations and determination of  
28 sentence, and (c) argue on appeal and collateral review that the

1 Court's Sentencing Guidelines calculations and the sentence it  
2 chooses to impose are not error, although each party agrees to  
3 maintain its view that the calculations in paragraph 12 are  
4 consistent with the facts of this case. While this paragraph permits  
5 both the USAO and defendant to submit full and complete factual  
6 information to the United States Probation and Pretrial Services  
7 Office and the Court, even if that factual information may be viewed  
8 as inconsistent with the facts agreed to in this agreement, this  
9 paragraph does not affect defendant's and the USAO's obligations not  
10 to contest the facts agreed to in this agreement.

11       27. Defendant understands that even if the Court ignores any  
12 sentencing recommendation, finds facts or reaches conclusions  
13 different from those agreed to, and/or imposes any sentence up to the  
14 maximum established by statute, defendant cannot, for that reason,  
15 withdraw defendant's guilty plea, and defendant will remain bound to  
16 fulfill all defendant's obligations under this agreement. Defendant  
17 understands that no one -- not the prosecutor, defendant's attorney,  
18 or the Court -- can make a binding prediction or promise regarding  
19 the sentence defendant will receive, except that it will be within  
20 the statutory maximum.

NO ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS

22        28. Defendant understands that, except as set forth herein,  
23 there are no promises, understandings, or agreements between the USAO  
24 and defendant or defendant's attorney, and that no additional  
25 promise, understanding, or agreement may be entered into unless in a  
26 writing signed by all parties or on the record in court.

1 PLEA AGREEMENT PART OF THE GUILTY PLEA HEARING

2 29. The parties agree that this agreement will be considered  
3 part of the record of defendant's guilty plea hearing as if the  
4 entire agreement had been read into the record of the proceeding.

5 AGREED AND ACCEPTED

6 UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
7 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF  
CALIFORNIA

8 BILAL A. ESSAYLI  
United States Attorney

9   
10 KHALDOUN SHOBAKI  
11 Assistant United States Attorney

9/23/2025

Date

12   
13 SABRINA THIPDAVONE RHODES  
Defendant

9/16/25

Date

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15 TONY ABBATANGELO  
16 Attorney for Defendant  
SABRINA THIPDAVONE RHODES

9/16/25

Date

17  
18 CERTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT

19 I have read this agreement in its entirety. I have had enough  
20 time to review and consider this agreement, and I have carefully and  
21 thoroughly discussed every part of it with my attorney. I understand  
22 the terms of this agreement, and I voluntarily agree to those terms.  
23 I have discussed the evidence with my attorney, and my attorney has  
24 advised me of my rights, of possible pretrial motions that might be  
25 filed, of possible defenses that might be asserted either prior to or  
26 at trial, of the sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a),  
27 of relevant Sentencing Guidelines provisions, and of the consequences  
28 of entering into this agreement. No promises, inducements, or

1 representations of any kind have been made to me other than those  
2 contained in this agreement. No one has threatened or forced me in  
3 any way to enter into this agreement. I am satisfied with the  
4 representation of my attorney in this matter, and I am pleading  
5 guilty because I am guilty of the charge and wish to take advantage  
6 of the promises set forth in this agreement, and not for any other  
7 reason.



9/16/25

8 SABRINA THIPDAVONE RHODES  
9 Defendant

10 Date

11 CERTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY

12 I am SABRINA THIPDAVONE RHODES's attorney. I have carefully and  
13 thoroughly discussed every part of this agreement with my client.  
14 Further, I have fully advised my client of her rights, of possible  
15 pretrial motions that might be filed, of possible defenses that might  
16 be asserted either prior to or at trial, of the sentencing factors  
17 set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), of relevant Sentencing Guidelines  
18 provisions, and of the consequences of entering into this agreement.  
19 To my knowledge: no promises, inducements, or representations of any  
20 kind have been made to my client other than those contained in this  
21 agreement; no one has threatened or forced my client in any way to  
22 enter into this agreement; my client's decision to enter into this  
23 agreement is an informed and voluntary one; and the factual basis set  
24 forth in this agreement is sufficient to support my client's entry of  
25 a guilty plea pursuant to this agreement.



8/16/25

26 TONY ABBATANGELO  
27 Attorney for Defendant  
28 SABRINA THIPDAVONE RHODES

Date

## **Exhibit A**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CR No.

Plaintiff,

I N F O R M A T I O N

v.

[18 U.S.C. § 641: Theft of  
Government Property in Excess of  
\$1,000; 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c):  
Criminal Forfeiture]

SABRINA THIPDAVONE RHODES,

Defendant.

The United States Attorney charges:

[18 U.S.C. § 641]

On or about November 22, 2023, in Los Angeles County, within the Central District of California, defendant SABRINA THIPDAVONE RHODES knowingly and willfully stole property of the United States, having a value in the aggregate in excess of \$1,000, namely, 243,199.0421 of the virtual currency Ripple, with the intent to deprive the government of the use and benefit of that property.

1 FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

2 [18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c)]

3 1. Pursuant to Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal  
4 Procedure, notice is hereby given that the United States of America  
5 will seek forfeiture as part of any sentence, pursuant to Title 18,  
6 United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States  
7 Code, Section 2461(c), in the event of the defendant's conviction of  
8 the offense set forth in this Information.

9 2. The defendant, if so convicted, shall forfeit to the United  
10 States of America the following:

11 (a) All right, title and interest in any and all property,  
12 real or personal, constituting, or derived from, any proceeds  
13 traceable to any such offense; and

14 (b) To the extent such property is not available for  
15 forfeiture, a sum of money equal to the total value of the property  
16 described in subparagraph (a).

17 3. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as  
18 incorporated by Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), the  
19 defendant shall forfeit substitute property, up to the total value of  
20 the property described in the preceding paragraph if, as the result  
21 of any act or omission of the defendant, the property described in  
22 the preceding paragraph, or any portion thereof: (a) cannot be  
23 located upon the exercise of due diligence; (b) has been transferred,  
24 sold to or deposited with a third party; (c) has been placed beyond  
25 the jurisdiction of the court; (d) has been substantially diminished

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1 in value; or (e) has been commingled with other property that cannot  
2 be divided without difficulty.

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