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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
MISSOULA DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

TRAVIS JOHN BRANSON,

Defendant.

**CR 23-55-M-DLC**

**MOTION TO CHANGE PLEAS**

TRAVIS JOHN BRANSON, the above-named Defendant, by and through counsel Andrew J. Nelson, Assistant Federal Defender, and the Federal Defenders of Montana, hereby moves this Court to allow him to enter pleas of guilty to one count of conspiracy, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371, as charged in Count 1 of the Indictment; two counts of unlawful trafficking of bald and golden eagles, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 668(a), as charged in Counts 8 and 9 of the Indictment; and one count

of violating the Lacey Act, as described in 16 U.S.C. §§ 3372(a)(1) and 3373(d)(1)(B), as charged in Count 15 of the Indictment.

A signed plea agreement will be submitted to the Court under separate cover with no requirement to seal.

The government has been notified of the filing of this motion.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 26th day of February, 2024.

TRAVIS JOHN BRANSON

/s/ Andrew Nelson  
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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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