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CAUSE NO. 18-CR-83109

CAUSE NO. 18-CR-83110

CAUSE NO. 18-CR-83111

STATE OF TEXAS)	IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW
)	
v)	
)	
CYNTHIA K. GONZALEZ)	SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS
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GUILTY PLEA HEARING

On the 14th day of August, 2018, the following proceedings came on to be heard in the above-entitled and numbered cause before the Honorable Elizabeth Welborn, Judge presiding, held in Sinton, San Patricio County, Texas.

Proceedings reported by machine shorthand by
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1 BY MR. KUTNICK: I am, Your Honor, and may I
2 present Ms. Alix Morris, who is assisting me today.

3 BY THE COURT: Okay.

4 BY MR. KUTNICK: Yes, Your Honor. I believe the
5 defendant is here and prepared to plead guilty.

6 Should I spell out the terms of the plea agreement
7 at this time, if she doesn't -- if and when she does plead
8 guilty?

9 BY THE COURT: That's fine. So y'all have a plea
10 agreement --

11 BY MR. KUTNICK: Yes, Your Honor.

12 BY THE COURT: -- that you're presenting to the
13 Court this morning?

14 BY MR. KUTNICK: Yes, Your Honor.

15 BY THE COURT: In exchange for pleas of true, the
16 State's prepared to recommend in regards to the charges what?

17 BY MR. KUTNICK: On 18-CR-8109, 180 days in jail,
18 probated for 540 days.

19 BY THE COURT: No fine?

20 BY MR. KUTNICK: No fine. In 18-CR-83110, the
21 same terms, 180 days in jail, probated for 540 days.

22 BY THE COURT: With no fine?

23 BY MR. KUTNICK: No fine. And then 18-CR-83111,
24 one year in jail, probated for 540 days, a \$500 fine.

25 All three cases, we're also recommending an

1 additional condition of community supervision, that she not be
2 allowed to assist in other elections, or handle mail-in
3 ballots.

4 BY THE COURT: Is that constitutional as a
5 condition of probation?

6 BY MR. THOMAS: Judge, we'll agree to that.
7 Ms. Gonzalez has no desire to ever participate in another
8 election as a volunteer ever again.

9 BY MR. KUTNICK: We believe it is legal. It's
10 rationally based on the offense committed and to prevent
11 similar offenses occurring in the future.

12 BY THE COURT: Now, is that part of the plea
13 paperwork, the terms and conditions of probation?

14 BY MR. THOMAS: We agreed to the terms, Your
15 Honor. I don't think it's memorialized anywhere in the plea
16 agreement. It may be. I don't remember if it was on the
17 judgment or not.

18 BY MR. KUTNICK: It's -- it's in the judgment. It
19 is something agreed to by all parties.

20 BY THE COURT: It's just not checked? Got it.

21 Q. (By the Court) All right, Ms. Gonzalez. And you're
22 prepared to move forward today?

23 A. Yes, ma'am.

24 Q. And you remember the last time you were in court?

25 A. Yes, ma'am.

1 Q. And you understand that as a condition of probation,
2 the Court can order you to serve 30 days confinement as a
3 condition of probation, correct?

4 A. Yes, ma'am.

5 Q. Okay. All right. I have three matters before the
6 Court. I have Cause Number 18-CR-83111, Cause Number
7 18-CR-83110, and Cause Number 18-CR-83109.

8 Ms. Gonzalez, in regards to each matter before the
9 Court today, I have paperwork which indicates that you and your
10 attorney have reached an agreement with the State of Texas. Is
11 that correct?

12 A. Yes, ma'am.

13 Q. Each one of these cases on -- Cause Number 83110 has a
14 waiver of stipulations, applications, and agreements. When I go
15 to the second page, the top signature line of that document that
16 I'm now showing you, is that your signature?

17 A. Yes, ma'am.

18 Q. I'm going to turn to Cause Number 83109. Again, plea
19 paperwork having been presented to the Court, a document
20 contained -- called a waiver of stipulations, applications, and
21 agreements.

22 Turning to the second page, top signature line of the
23 document I'm showing you, is that top signature yours?

24 A. Yes, ma'am.

25 Q. Turning to Cause Number 18-CR-83111, again a waiver of

1 stipulations, applications, and agreements. Second page, top
2 signature line, is that top signature yours?

3 A. Yes, ma'am.

4 Q. At the time that you signed all of these documents
5 today, did you understand that you were going to be waiving your
6 right to a jury trial?

7 BY MR. THOMAS: That you're giving up your right
8 to a jury trial? Did you understand that?

9 A. Yes, ma'am.

10 Q. Did you understand you're waiving your right to a jury
11 trial?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Did you understand that all of the information
14 attached to the back of the waiver of stipulations,
15 applications, and agreements today would be taken as true and
16 correct, and that I would use it as evidence against you in
17 regards to this matter?

18 A. Yes, ma'am.

19 Q. How far did you get in school?

20 A. Eighth grade.

21 Q. Do you read, write, and understand the English
22 language?

23 A. I don't read too much.

24 Q. You don't read too much?

25 A. Huh-uh (Indicating a negative response).

1 Q. Your signature is affixed to these documents. Did you
2 review all of it with your attorney?

3 A. Yes, ma'am.

4 Q. Did y'all go paragraph by paragraph, line by line?

5 A. Yes, ma'am.

6 Q. Did you have any questions or concerns about the
7 documents that you were signing?

8 A. No, ma'am.

9 Q. Did you need any further assistance that you were not
10 given in regards to reading and reviewing these documents?

11 A. No, ma'am.

12 Q. In regards, then, to the charge of carrier envelope
13 action other person than voter, how do you plead?

14 A. Guilty.

15 Q. In regards to the charge or allegation of method of
16 returned marked ballot, how do you plead?

17 A. Guilty.

18 Q. In regards to the charge of assisting voter violation,
19 how do you plead?

20 A. Guilty.

21 Q. In regards to all of these matters before the Court
22 today, are you entering your pleas of guilty because you are, in
23 fact, guilty?

24 A. Yes, ma'am.

25 Q. Did anyone force you to enter those pleas?

1 A. No, ma'am.

2 Q. Apart from these plea bargain agreements, did anyone
3 promise you anything in exchange for your pleas?

4 A. No, ma'am.

5 Q. Have you ever been treated by a psychologist or
6 psychiatrist?

7 A. Yes, ma'am.

8 Q. When was the last time you were treated?

9 A. It's been a long time ago.

10 Q. Okay. Today do you believe that your mind is working
11 correctly?

12 A. Yes, ma'am.

13 Q. Do you have any concerns or questions about anything
14 that's gone on so far today?

15 A. No, ma'am.

16 BY THE COURT: Mr. Thomas, do you have an opinion
17 in regards to your client's competency?

18 BY MR. THOMAS: I believe that she is competent,
19 Your Honor.

20 BY THE COURT: Has she been able to assist you in
21 regards to a defense of this matter?

22 BY MR. THOMAS: She has.

23 BY THE COURT: All right.

24 Q. (By the Court) So Ms. Gonzalez, help the Court
25 understand. You have entered a plea of guilty to these voter

1 fraud charges. In your opinion or assessment, what did you do
2 illegally?

3 A. I don't think I did nothing.

4 BY MR. THOMAS: You did. We talked about it.

5 BY THE DEFENDANT: Yeah, that they -- that I did
6 something that I shouldn't ever do it again.

7 Q. (By the Court) Okay. What did you do?

8 A. Tried helping the gentleman to go vote.

9 Q. Tried to help the gentleman to go vote.

10 BY THE COURT: Mr. Kutnick, on behalf of the State
11 of Texas, what can the State prove that this defendant before
12 the Court did in regards to voter fraud?

13 BY MR. KUTNICK: The State believes we could prove
14 beyond a reasonable doubt, say if we go to trial, which is
15 scheduled next week, that she was assisting voter -- I think by
16 the last name of Castianos.

17 While assisting at his home with the mail-in
18 ballot and carrier envelope, that she failed to sign as
19 required by law her name and address, and as such committed
20 various violations of the election code. That we feel we could
21 prove.

22 I think I -- I assume the Court may have read the
23 offense reports. There's other allegations in the offense
24 report which are more serious. Those allegations would need to
25 be supported by Mr. Castianos, who is physically and mentally

1 incapacitated, so we can't prove any of those more serious
2 concerns that the State had originally in this case, but we --
3 we feel beyond any doubt that we'll prove the other violations
4 I first listed.

5 BY THE COURT: Is this the same defendant that was
6 before the Court previously, and in questioning, talked about
7 how much they were paid to go out and receive the --

8 BY MR. KUTNICK: I believe so. I do have --

9 BY THE COURT: -- ballots?

10 BY MR. KUTNICK: I do have -- I do have evidence
11 of that sort, that she received money from a candidate that's
12 backed up from candidate office holder reports.

13 I think the offense reports indicate during an
14 interview with law enforcement she denied a payment, but she
15 may -- I think she may have admitted it before Your Honor at a
16 prior hearing.

17 BY THE COURT: That the job or the role that she
18 filled in the election was to go out, get the ballots, and
19 bring them back in?

20 BY MR. KUTNICK: Something to that effect, is my
21 understanding, memory.

22 Q. (By the Court) Does that about sum it up? Isn't that
23 what you said the first time you were here?

24 A. I believe so.

25 Q. How much were you making?

1 A. They just gave me for gas money. Maybe like \$500,
2 \$300.

3 Q. And you were expected to go out and get how many
4 votes?

5 A. They didn't tell me how many I needed to do.

6 Q. How many did you go out and get?

7 A. I don't remember.

8 BY MR. THOMAS: About? Approximately how many did
9 you get?

10 BY THE DEFENDANT: Maybe 20, 30, I believe.

11 BY THE COURT: All right. And I'm assuming that
12 all parties before the Court want me to accept the terms of
13 this agreement?

14 BY MR. KUTNICK: The State does, Your Honor.

15 BY MR. THOMAS: We would like you to accept it.
16 We're hoping the Court will not order jail time in this case,
17 and I have argument to that, if the Court wants to hear it.

18 BY THE COURT: Okay. Let me get the plea entered,
19 and then we'll talk about conditions of probation.

20 All right. Ms. Gonzalez, in regards to
21 Cause Number 18-CR-83110, having received your plea of guilty,
22 I will, in fact, find you guilty.

23 I will follow the terms of the agreement that you
24 reached with the State. There will be no fine assessed.
25 However, your court costs will be assessed in the amount of

1 \$316. You'll be ordered to pay those through the San Patricio
2 County Collections Department.

3 You will be sentenced to serve 180 days
4 confinement in jail. Such jail time at this point will be
5 probated for a period of 540 days.

6 Cause Number 18-CR-83109, having received your
7 plea, I will find you guilty. Having found you guilty today,
8 there will be -- I will follow the agreement you reached with
9 the State.

10 There will be no fine assessed. Court costs will
11 be assessed in the amount of \$316. Order that those be paid
12 through the San Patricio County Collections Department.
13 Sentencing you to serve 180 days confinement, at this time
14 suspending that jail time, placing you on a period of probation
15 for 540 months.

16 BY MR. KUTNICK: Your Honor, days or months, for
17 the record?

18 BY THE COURT: I'm sorry, did I say months? Days.
19 Don't panic, 540 days.

20 I have Cause Number 83111. Having received your
21 plea, I will find you guilty. I will follow the agreement you
22 reached with the State.

23 I will assess a fine in the amount of \$500, plus
24 your court costs in the amount of \$361. Order that both of
25 those be paid through the San Patricio County Collections

1 Department.

2 Sentence you to serve 365 days confinement in
3 jail, at this time suspending that jail time commitment,
4 placing you on a period of probation for 540 days.

5 All right. In each one of these matters before
6 the Court, I have followed the terms of the agreements that you
7 reached with the State. You'll have no right to appeal what
8 has taken place without being granted permission by this Court.

9 Mr. Thomas, in regards to terms and conditions of
10 probation, you have argument, sir?

11 BY MR. THOMAS: I do, Your Honor. Specifically,
12 to ask the Court not to impose any kind of jail sanction as a
13 term and condition of probation.

14 Ms. Gonzalez was arrested on this case, and she
15 spent one night in the county jail. As a result of this charge
16 and the charges in district court that the State has already
17 dismissed, Ms. Gonzalez was forced to leave an apartment
18 complex she'd lived at for many years.

19 She's 56 years old, Your Honor, with zero criminal
20 history, and that goes all the way down to traffic citations.
21 She's never been cited for a traffic violation. This is her
22 first experience with the criminal justice system.

23 The Court had some -- some questions that I
24 think -- concern about exactly what her role in this -- this
25 offense really was, and she admitted to investigators, without

1 a lawyer present, she cooperated with the State's investigation
2 that she had, in fact, sent those envelopes in, and so she had
3 committed that technical violation of failing to properly fill
4 them out.

5 She worked for gas money, she was a volunteer, she
6 drove around in the community and picked up absentee ballots.

7 We can all talk about the whole absentee ballot
8 system and the way it works, and I know, Your Honor, from your
9 own experience as a candidate and at -- working for your
10 father's campaign, you have had to deal with these types of
11 issues before. I understand that.

12 I -- I wish the State would aim a little higher up
13 the chain on these cases to make their point about voter fraud
14 situation. Ms. Gonzalez has an eighth grade education. She's
15 clearly not the ring leader or any type of criminal mastermind
16 in this case.

17 She is on a fixed income. She is very concerned
18 about this. She's an emotional wreck because of having to come
19 to court in the first place. She wants this to be behind her.

20 She's agreed and the Court has already sentenced
21 her to 18 months of probation and a \$500 fine, as well as the
22 court costs. That's going to be a burden for her on her income
23 to meet those, but she's committed to you and to me and to
24 this -- to the State of Texas that she's going to do that.
25 She's going to take care of these obligations.

1 I believe considering the nature of the offense
2 and her involvement in the offense, that those conditions
3 adequately address the severity of this offense, and are a
4 message the State is sending to political campaigns in the
5 future that there will be prosecution for violations or -- or
6 wrongdoing in this.

7 Again, I hope maybe next time they'll aim a little
8 higher up the chain as to who is responsible for these things,
9 instead of what I would say to you is the very low level
10 volunteer in this thing.

11 She's sorry, very sorry, for what she's done,
12 she's going to successfully complete her probation, and I would
13 ask you, Judge, not to put her in jail on top of all of that.

14 BY THE COURT: Mr. Kutnick, on behalf of the
15 State, why should these type of people not be going to jail?

16 BY MR. KUTNICK: Your Honor, in general these
17 allegations are serious, I think in particular especially if we
18 could prove items in the offense report that are very -- very
19 serious and at the time, just on the allegation on the recorded
20 statements of our victim, we did charge the defendant with
21 serious felonies.

22 Unfortunately, we just can't prove those serious
23 felonies, so we are left with these, for lack of a better word,
24 lower level charges.

25 For whatever it's worth, fortunately or

1 unfortunately, depending on how you look at it, the charges
2 remaining are using the term Mr. Thomas used, just technical
3 charges.

4 BY THE COURT: Well, they might be technical
5 charges before the Court, but we're all here, we all --

6 BY MR. KUTNICK: Yeah -- no, no --

7 BY THE COURT: -- blatantly understand exactly
8 what's going on in this process.

9 BY MR. KUTNICK: And -- and that is correct, and
10 at the end of the day I'm going to -- the legislature had a
11 good reason for enacting the statutes at -- directly at play
12 today, just to try to get some type of handle and control on
13 what I would call -- what we call in our office vote
14 harvesting. So there is a potential whatever happened could be
15 serious in general, and in this particular case --

16 BY THE COURT: Well, why isn't the State going
17 after the candidates?

18 BY MR. KUTNICK: I could tell the Court in general
19 terms, and I believe also specifically in this case, we -- we
20 do try to get as high as we can.

21 It's -- in general terms, I think the people
22 higher up on the pyramid, that they're able -- they're able to
23 insulate themselves with various schemes and tactics.

24 I suspect there's probably a higher pyramid in
25 this specific case, but unfortunately we got as high as we

1 could in this case, which I don't think is necessarily very
2 high. I think it's the bottom of the -- of the pyramid here.

3 BY THE COURT: So are y'all filing these actions
4 to try to stop voter fraud, or just because you have enough to
5 substantiate a ticky tacky type violation? Because it doesn't
6 sound like the State's really committed to prosecuting and
7 doing something about voter fraud.

8 BY MR. KUTNICK: I would strongly disagree with
9 that assessment. If we had our victim who would have been
10 coherent and competent, we were fully prepared to go with
11 felony charges on this case.

12 Your Honor plead a -- plead another person out in
13 similar schemes, Rosita Torres Flores, and we still have a
14 pending case up in felony courts on a Robert Gonzales.

15 So we get our allegations. If we could support a
16 felony and -- we're willing to take it to trial if we can't
17 reach a justified plea on -- on any case. So we are doing what
18 we can to stomp out election fraud when and where we find it.
19 But what we have --

20 BY THE COURT: How do we stop it?

21 BY MR. KUTNICK: How do we stop it?

22 BY THE COURT: Uh-huh (Indicating an affirmative
23 response).

24 BY MR. KUTNICK: I mean, obviously, investigate,
25 indict, prosecute. Obviously -- I mean there's no getting

1 around the fact that, I guess, a stronger sentence sends a
2 stronger message, so that --

3 BY THE COURT: And so if a stronger sentence sends
4 a stronger message, then why, representing the State, are you
5 not asking for one?

6 BY MR. KUTNICK: Judge, just all the facts and
7 circumstances to this particular case, based on the evidence,
8 the facts that allowed the case in this individual defendant's
9 particular background, we feel what's before the Court is -- is
10 justified and appropriate.

11 I guess until you take it to a jury, I guess
12 you'll never know exactly what will happen until you go to a
13 jury.

14 My calculated educated guess is we'd pr -- most
15 likely be in the -- pretty close to the same shoes we're in
16 here with a probation recommendation from a jury, then it be
17 left to Your Honor at the end of the day, after a jury
18 recommendation of community supervision, to assess whatever
19 conditions, which the Court is probably about to do anyway.

20 BY THE COURT: So you don't think that the
21 citizens of San Patricio County, when confronted with the facts
22 of parties intentionally stealing or misappropriating votes in
23 an effort to sway an election, would not find that an offense
24 deemedable of jail time?

25 BY MR. KUTNICK: I'm not sure I'd be able to

1 present facts of swaying an election, because of the ability --
2 unavailability of the victim. I think I've --

3 BY THE COURT: Isn't that exactly why voter fraud
4 takes place? I mean they're not out there just to make money.
5 She wasn't -- I mean she wasn't just trying to make \$500.

6 BY MR. THOMAS: She wasn't trying to make any
7 money. She was paid that as a -- to help her do what they
8 wanted her to do.

9 BY MR. KUTNICK: Your Honor, I would try to do
10 whatever I could, through implication or otherwise in a jury.
11 Until we go -- until we go to a trial, I'm not sure how far the
12 Court would let me get in such implications.

13 I know for sure I could present to a jury she had
14 the violations of failing to sign her name and address, but
15 that in and of itself does not, in my mind, present evidence of
16 swaying an election, per se.

17 The law -- for good or bad, the law does allow
18 people such as herself to go door to door and assist voters.

19 BY MR. THOMAS: I think there would be a problem
20 with --

21 BY MR. KUTNICK: I can't -- I can't stop that
22 action with whatever I do. It's only when they cross certain
23 lines that that --

24 BY MR. THOMAS: I think the State would have a
25 difficult time proving that was ever Ms. Gonzalez's intent to

1 try to sway some election as well. She thought she was
2 volunteering, Your Honor. She thought she was helping somebody
3 out.

4 BY THE COURT: Wasn't there quite a ruckus that
5 was made at the voter location on that day?

6 BY MR. THOMAS: That was the gentleman that
7 Mr. Kutnick has talked about with the mental incapacity. It
8 would be our point at trial that he changed his mind because
9 the candidate was the last one -- the other candidate was the
10 last one to come and try to get his vote. And the other
11 candidate is the one that drove him to the -- to the polling
12 place.

13 So there was a lot going on besides attempts to, I
14 think, defraud anybody. I think he showed up with the other
15 candidate, who happened to be the last candidate to sit down
16 and talk to this man and ask for his vote, and I believe that
17 was a long point about what -- what was actually happening.

18 BY THE COURT: But isn't Ms. Gonzalez someone that
19 was making such the scene, demanding an apology?

20 BY MR. THOMAS: She was confronted outside the
21 place. I think that --

22 BY THE COURT: Then followed people inside and
23 continued, and they had to have the cops called because there
24 was such a commotion at the time that voting was going on. Is
25 that not what I read?

1 BY MR. THOMAS: That's -- I read similar
2 statements in the police reports.

3 BY MR. KUTNICK: Your Honor?

4 BY THE COURT: Yes, sir.

5 BY MR. KUTNICK: May I allow Ms. Morris to make a
6 brief statement? I'm a general white collar crime prosecutor.
7 She's directly in the elections unit, and has a few facts and
8 figures about general efforts our office is making across the
9 State.

10 BY THE COURT: Sure. Go ahead.

11 BY MS. MORRIS: I just think in general we have,
12 you know, 74 ongoing investigations, 35 prosecutions pending,
13 and a pipeline full, so I think in general it's just based on
14 the individual defendant and facts of the case. And should
15 better facts present itself, we'd love to return and do
16 different kinds of cases sort of thing.

17 This is just an unfortunate case where the victim
18 is unable to assist the prosecution.

19 BY THE COURT: All right, Ms. Gonzalez. I've
20 listened to the argument of your counsel, the prosecutor on
21 behalf of the State of Texas, and reviewed the offenses --
22 offense report that has been provided.

23 Court will note there is substantial discovery
24 that has not been provided to the Court for review in regards
25 to the matter.

1 At this time, as a condition of your probation,
2 I'm going to sentence you to serve five days confinement in
3 jail.

4 Do you have any requests, Mr. Thomas, on how
5 that's served?

6 BY MR. THOMAS: I'd heard the Court discuss on
7 previous cases perhaps checking in in the morning and be
8 released in the evening. Would the Court consider something
9 like that?

10 BY THE COURT: On Saturdays?

11 BY MR. THOMAS: Yes.

12 BY THE COURT: That's fine. We'll get you a -- is
13 there any specific time period in which you'd like to start
14 your jail confinement?

15 (Off-the-record discussion between Mr. Thomas and
16 the defendant.)

17 BY MR. THOMAS: Let's start this Saturday, Your
18 Honor.

19 BY THE COURT: So that would be the 18th. Y'all
20 just have a seat real quick. We'll go find the commitment
21 order, so that they're consistent and reflective.

22 And on this, Ms. Gonzalez, I'll show that I have
23 followed the terms of the agreement, so you'll have no right to
24 appeal what has taken place here today without being granted
25 permission by the Court.

1 (Pause in proceedings. Court handled other matters
2 before the Court.)

3 BY THE COURT: Mr. Thomas -- Ms. Gonzalez, if you
4 will go with the clerk, they're going to get your thumbprint on
5 the paperwork, get you copies of everything.

6 You have two stops to make today. First is to the
7 collections department. Sit down with them, do a fee schedule
8 and payment arrangement. And the second stop is across the
9 street to the probation department to get your terms and
10 conditions of your probation established.

11 They're going to give you commitment order
12 paperwork. Take that with you when you go to jail. If you
13 don't take it with you at the time that you arrive, and it's
14 10 a.m., then they won't know what to do with you. Okay?

15 So make sure on the Saturday that you take that
16 paperwork, the one that corresponds to the weekend that you're
17 going. Okay?

18 BY THE DEFENDANT: Okay.

19 BY THE COURT: All right. Thank you, ma'am. Good
20 luck.

21 BY THE DEFENDANT: Thank you.

22 BY MR. KUTNICK: May I be excused, Your Honor?

23 BY THE COURT: Yes, sir.

24 * * * END OF REQUESTED PROCEEDINGS ON AUGUST 14, 2018 * * *

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