# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

MICHAEL J. LOCKER,

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Appellant,

vs.

THE STATE OF NEVADA,

Respondent.

Appeal from a Judgment of Conviction, Case No. CR21-1297B The Second Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada The Honorable David A. Hardy, District Judge

#### JOINT APPENDIX

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MICHAEL J. LOCKER,

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#### INFORMATION

CHRISTOPHER J. HICKS, District Attorney within and for the County of Washoe, State of Nevada, in the name and by the authority of the State of Nevada, informs the above-entitled Court that, the defendants above-named, MICHAEL J. LOCKER, have committed the crime of:

POSSESSION OF LESS THAN FOURTEEN GRAMS OF A SCHEDULE I

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, a violation of NRS 453.336(2)(a), a category E

felony, (62073) in the manner following:

That the said defendant, MICHAEL J. LOCKER, on or about April 20, 2021, within the County of Washoe, State of Nevada, did knowingly or intentionally, possess less than 14 grams of a Schedule

I controlled substance, specifically Methamphetamine AND/OR Psilocybin AND/OR Heroin, at or near Vine Street.

All of which is contrary to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Nevada.

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The following are the names of such witnesses as are known to me at the time of the filing of the within Information:

THOMAS W. RADLEY
JACOB ROUSSEAU
BRYAN SANCHEZ
ANTHONY SOTELO

#### AFFIRMATION PURSUANT TO NRS 239B.030

The party executing this document hereby affirms that this document submitted for recording does not contain the social security number of any person or persons pursuant to NRS 239B.030.

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- 3. By entering my plea of guilty I know and understand that I am waiving the following constitutional rights:
  - A. I waive my privilege against self-incrimination.
- B. I waive my right to trial by jury, at which trial the State would have to prove my guilt of all elements of the offense beyond a reasonable doubt.
- C. I waive my right to confront my accusers, that is, the right to confront and cross examine all witnesses who would testify at trial.
- D. I waive my right to subpoena witnesses for trial on my behalf.
- 4. I understand the charge against me and that the elements of the offense which the State would have to prove beyond a reasonable doubt at trial are that on April 20th, 2021, or thereabout, in the County of Washoe, State of Nevada, I did, knowingly or intentionally, possess less than 14 grams of a Schedule I controlled substance, specifically Methamphetamine AND/OR Psilocybin AND/OR Heroin, at or near Vine Street.
- 5. I understand that I admit the facts which support all the elements of the offense by pleading guilty. I admit that the State possesses sufficient evidence which would result in my conviction. I have considered and discussed all possible defenses and defense strategies with my counsel. I understand that I have the right to appeal from adverse rulings on pretrial motions only if the State and the Court consent to my right to appeal in a separate

written agreement. I understand that any substantive or procedural pretrial issue(s) which could have been raised at trial are waived by my plea.

- 6. I understand that the consequences of my plea of guilty are that I may be imprisoned for a period of 1 to 4 years in the Nevada State Department of Corrections. I am eligible for probation. I may also be fined up to \$5,000.00.
- 7. In exchange for my plea of guilty, the State, my counsel and I have agreed to recommend the following: The State and I will be free to argue for an appropriate sentence. The State will not pursue any other criminal charges arising out of this transaction or occurrence.
- 8. I understand that, even though the State and I have reached this plea agreement, the State is reserving the right to present arguments, facts, and/or witnesses at sentencing in support of the plea agreement.
- 9. Where applicable, I additionally understand and agree that I will be responsible for the repayment of any costs incurred by the State or County in securing my return to this jurisdiction.
- entitled to either withdraw from this agreement and proceed with the prosecution of the original charges or be free to argue for an appropriate sentence at the time of sentencing if I fail to appear at any scheduled proceeding in this matter OR if prior to the date of my sentencing I am arrested in any jurisdiction for a violation of law OR if I have misrepresented my prior criminal history. I understand

and agree that the occurrence of any of these acts constitutes a material breach of my plea agreement with the State. I further understand and agree that by the execution of this agreement, I am waiving any right I may have to remand this matter to Justice Court should I later withdraw my plea.

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- 11. I understand and agree that pursuant to the terms of the plea agreement stated herein, any counts which are to be dismissed and any other cases charged or uncharged which are either to be dismissed or not pursued by the State, may be considered by the court at the time of my sentencing.
- 12. I understand that the Court is not bound by the agreement of the parties and that the matter of sentencing is to be determined solely by the Court. I have discussed the charge, the facts, and the possible defenses with my attorney. All of the foregoing rights, waiver of rights, elements, possible penalties, and consequences, have been carefully explained to me by my attorney. attorney has not promised me anything not mentioned in this plea memorandum, and, in particular, my attorney has not promised that I will get any specific sentence. I am satisfied with my counsel's advice and representation leading to this resolution of my case. I am aware that if I am not satisfied with my counsel, I should advise the Court at this time. I believe that entering my plea is in my best interest and that going to trial is not in my best interest. attorney has advised me that if I wish to appeal, any appeal, if applicable to my case, must be filed within thirty days of my sentence and/or judgment.

13. I understand that this plea and resulting conviction will likely have adverse effects upon my residency in this country if I am not a U. S. Citizen. I have discussed the effects my plea will have upon my residency with my counsel.

- 14. I offer my plea freely, voluntarily, knowingly and with full understanding of all matters set forth in the Information and in this Plea Memorandum. I have read this plea memorandum completely and I understand everything contained within it.
- 15. My plea of guilty is voluntary and is not the result of any threats, coercion or promises of leniency.
- 16. I am signing this Plea Memorandum voluntarily with advice of counsel, under no duress, coercion, or promises of leniency.
- 17. I do hereby swear under penalty of perjury that all of the assertions in this written plea agreement document are true.

# AFFIRMATION PURSUANT TO NRS 239B.030

The undersigned does hereby affirm that the preceding document does not contain the social security number of any person.

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BEFORE THE HONORABLE DAVID A. HARDY, DISTRICT JUDGE

THE STATE OF NEVADA,

Plaintiff,

Case No. CR21-1297B

-VS-

: Dept. No. 15

MICHAEL LOCKER,

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Defendant.

ARRAIGNMENT

October 21, 2021

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MICHAEL LOCKER

RENO, NEVADA, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021, 10:00 A.M. 1 -000-2 3 THE COURT: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. I'm 4 Judge David Hardy in Department 15. This is the Second Judicial 5 District Court in-custody criminal calendar. I see many people 6 on my screen. Good morning to all. 7 As I proceed through our Zoom technology, in light of 8 the COVID pandemic, please let me know if you object when your 9 case is called. Otherwise there's nothing to say. You are free 10 to mute yourselves and to deactivate your videos when your case 11 is not called. 12 My next case is CR21-1297B, the State versus Michael 13 14 Locker. MS. ROTH: I'm sorry to jump in, Your Honor. 15 Mr. Locker, I don't see the guilty plea memorandum 16 17 there with you. THE COURT: Before I start my script, I notice this 18 case was continued from September 30. My notes indicate that it 19 was continued because of new charges, but I don't know what's 20 going on in addition to this case, if anything. 21 Counsel, would you help me, please. 22 MS. ROTH: Your Honor, Mr. Locker did pick up 23 additional charges. Those charges are resolving as a 24

misdemeanor, and so we are ready to proceed today.

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THE COURT: Okay. Good morning, Mr. Locker.

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I turn first to Ms. Roth. I have an information filed stamped September 20. It charges Mr. Locker with a Category E felony, possession of less than 14 grams of a Schedule I controlled substance. If counsel will please confirm that your client is properly identified in the charging document, familiar with the contents of the charging document, please declare if you wish the information to be read in open court, and you may end with any negotiations.

MS. ROTH: Thank you, Your Honor. We are in receipt of the information filed September 20 of this year. Mr. Locker's name is spelled correctly at line 12. He understands the contents and waives a formal reading.

Today he will be entering a guilty plea to the sole count alleged in the information, possession of a controlled substance less than 14 grams. In exchange for his plea, the parties will be free to argue for any legally appropriate sentence, and the State will not pursue any additional transactionally-related charges or enhancements.

THE COURT: Thank you. To the State, are you satisfied?

MS. SAGE: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Mr. Locker, please face my clerk, raise your right hand and be sworn.

(Defendant sworn.)

THE COURT: Mr. Locker, has you attorney accurately stated the agreement as you understand it?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

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THE COURT: Have you had an adequate time to discuss this matter with your attorney?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: The State has charged this Category E felony alleging that on April 20, 2021, in Washoe County you knowingly or intentionally possessed less that 14 grams of a Schedule I controlled substance, specifically methamphetamine and/or psycho — you know what, I have always mispronounced this. Psilo —

THE DEFENDANT: Psilocybin.

THE COURT: I have mispronounced it more than a hundred times I bet. It's just not phonetic for me. Psilocybin and/or heroin, this occurring at or near Vine Street. Do you understand what the State has alleged against you, Mr. Locker?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: As I have told other people this morning, this is your time, it's your life, it's your case, and I don't want to influence you in any way, and I would never knowingly or unknowingly trick you or influence you. So we are at an equal level here. If you don't understand what's going on, you tell me, I will respond to you. If you need additional time to speak to your attorney, I'll give that time to you.

The reason why I want to be so careful is that you are going to make a decision here in a few minutes, and that decision will be to continue your decision to plead guilty or to plead not guilty, and you can make either choice this morning. It may be appropriate for you to plead guilty, but only you can decide that. You know what happened, you know the State's position, you know your conversations with your attorney. If you believe it's appropriate, you may do so. But again, no one can force you to plead guilty. If you plead guilty, you will be waiving important constitutional rights. You will be incriminating yourself, and next time I see you will be for sentencing.

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The range of sentence for this crime -- now, counsel, I acknowledge it's a Category E felony. I'm just simply reciting from the guilty plea memorandum -- the range of possible sentence is probation to a maximum of four years in the Nevada Department of Corrections. You could also be ordered to pay a fine not to exceed \$5,000. So if you plead guilty, you are guilty, and you will be sentenced. The range is known to all of us. There may be some statutory influences on how I sentence you, and I will follow the law, but I can't promise this morning exactly what your sentence will be. For example, even if you were placed on probation, I could order you into a therapeutic program. I could order you to serve additional time in the county jail as a condition of probation.

I'm not threatening you in any way. I just want you to

know that you are placing your future in my hands. Do you have any questions about what I have said so far?

THE DEFENDANT: No, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Have I said anything new that you haven't heard before?

THE DEFENDANT: No, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Good. Well done, counsel.

I hope that through my routine script, and I'm just kind of speaking at a higher level now, I hope that from my routine script counsel know exactly what to tell their clients before they appear in Department 15.

I mentioned that you would be waiving important constitutional rights if you plead guilty. I want to emphasize what some of those rights are. You have the right to be presumed innocent, to demand the State prove your guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. That would occur at a public and fair trial, speedily set at your request. You would always have an effective attorney assisting you at trial. You are not required to prove your innocence because you are presumed innocent. You have no burden of proof at trial. All 12 members of the jury must agree the State had met that burden of proof. You could remain silent, or you could choose of your own voluntary choice to testify.

Do you understand what I have said so far?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Mr. Locker, have you read the guilty plea

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1	memorandum?
2	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I have.
3	THE COURT: Do you have any question about its
4	contents?
5	THE DEFENDANT: No, Your Honor.
6	THE COURT: Are you ready to enter your plea,
7	Mr. Locker?
8	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
9	THE COURT: All right. To the felony charge possession
10	of less than 14 grams of a Schedule I controlled substance, how
11	do you plead?
12	THE DEFENDANT: Guilty.
13	THE COURT: Did you do what you are accused of doing,
14	Mr. Locker?
15	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
16	THE COURT: Has anybody promised anything to you or
17	threatened you in any way to obtain your plea?
18	THE DEFENDANT: No, Your Honor.
19	THE COURT: Thank you. Will you please sign the guilty
20	plea memorandum.
21	Thank you. I see that you are doing that.
22	The Court finds that Mr. Locker is competent to enter
23	his plea, there's a factual basis to accept his plea, he
24	understands his rights which he has waived, he understands the

nature of the charge and its consequences. The Court accepts the

plea. This matter is set for entry of judgment and imposition of sentence.

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THE CLERK: December 9 at 9:00 a.m.

MS. ROTH: I'm sorry, Your Honor. I'm making a request to waive the, I believe it's 15 days to review the presentence investigation report in this case.

THE CLERK: Your Honor, due to our calendar, getting this sentencing moved up much further than December 9 is going to be very difficult.

THE COURT: Is that because of that trial that starts on the 2nd?

THE CLERK: We have got the trial, we have some holidays, and our calendar — we could do the 2nd, but it's going to be a gigantic calendar, just to let you guys know.

THE COURT: Well, I understand why you have made the request, and I don't quarrel with that, and I have to battle the additional seven days of what appears be custodial time with a calendar. The clerk knows how large it is and I don't.

Are we already, we have defined what our max capacity is. Are we already at max capacity?

THE CLERK: Your Honor, the 2nd is going to be very difficult at best. It's going to be gigantic just because we have a lot of Thursdays that are either dark or holidays.

THE COURT: I'm in a CLE the Thursday preceding

Thanksgiving, and then there is the Thanksgiving. I am denying the request and setting it for December 9. MS. ROTH: Thank you, Judge. THE COURT: Thank you. Mr. Locker, how old are you? I just turned 34 last week. THE DEFENDANT: THE COURT: Where are you from originally? THE DEFENDANT: Reno, Nevada. THE COURT: I wish that I could see everybody in person and not by Zoom. I observe the way people stand, the way they speak to me, the way they walk from their seats and so forth. You appeared to me in a positive way this morning, and I want to acknowledge that. I will see you on December 9. THE DEFENDANT: Thank you, Your Honor. -000-

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5	I, LESLEY A. CLARKSON, Official Reporter of the
6	Second Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada, in
7	and for the County of Washoe, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:
8	That I was present in Department No. 15 of the
9	within-entitled Court on Thursday, October 21, 2021, and took
10	stenotype notes of the proceedings entitled herein and
11	thereafter transcribed them into typewriting as herein appears;
12	That the foregoing transcript is a full, true and
13	correct transcription of my stenotype notes of said hearing.
14	Dated this 2nd day of November, 2021.
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19	/s/ Lesley A. Clarkson
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# ELECTION OF ASSIGNMENT TO A PROGRAM OF TREATMENT PURSUANT TO NRS 176A.240

COMES NOW, the Defendant, MICHAEL J LOCKER, by and through the Washoe County Public Defender's Office and ERICA P. ROTH, Deputy Public Defender, and pursuant to NRS 176A.240, respectfully requests that his election to undergo a treatment program be accepted by the Court.

Defendant is eligible for such election and hereby elects such a program; he is not disqualified by law.

Defendant is aware of the provisions of NRS 176A.240. He knows that if he elects treatment and is accepted for treatment, which must be supervised by a state-approved facility, (a) the Court may impose any conditions that could be imposed as conditions of probation; (b) he could be under the supervision of the

treatment provider for a period of not less than one year nor more than three years; (c) that he could be confined inside a treatment facility or released for supervised care in the community and (d) that if he satisfactorily completes the treatment program and satisfies the conditions of the Court, the conviction will be set aside, but if he does not satisfactorily complete the treatment program and satisfy the Court's conditions, he may be sentenced and the sentence executed.

# AFFIRMATION PURSUANT TO NRS 239B.030

The undersigned does hereby affirm that the preceding document does not contain the personal information of any person.

Dated this 8th day of December, 2021.

JOHN L. ARRASCADA Washoe County Public Defender

By: /s/ ERICA P. ROTH ERICA P. ROTH Deputy Public Defender

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I am an employee of the Washoe County Public Defender's Office, Reno, Washoe County, Nevada, and that on this date electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court by using the ECF system which will send a notice of electronic filing to the following:

Deputy District Attorney

Dated this 8th day of December, 2021.

<u>/s/ Jessica Haro</u> Jessica Haro

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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEVADA, COUNTY OF WASHOE THE HONORABLE DAVID HARDY, DISTRICT JUDGE

STATE OF NEVADA,

Plaintiff,

VS.

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THE COURT: State vs. Michael Locker. He is present in custody represented by Ms. Roth, who appears remotely, and also remotely is Ms. Sage for the state. This is the time for entry of judgment and imposition of sentence.

I've read the materials and Presentence
Investigation Report. That's an election of
assignment that's been filed and yesterday Defense
filed a substance abuse evaluation, which I have
reviewed.

Mr. Locker, your attorney will speak for you in a moment. Before she does, you have the right to address the court. Is there anything you'd like to say this morning?

I'm remorseful for my actions that occurred

April 20<sup>th</sup> and I'm remorseful for how it affected

my family and my son and fiancee and her kids. I

would just like to thank Ms. Sage and her office for
accepting the deal they offered and thank my

attorney as well.

THE COURT: That's a nice statement. Thank

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THE DEFENDANT: We met in Crossroads a few years back.

THE COURT: As I understand your history, you've had lots of opportunities for therapeutic assistance. Is that fair to say?

THE DEFENDANT: I'd say that's fair. always completed every program also.

That's important. Thank you THE COURT: for saying that. Let's travel over some of these together. Your attorney, I'm confident, is prepared and will emphasize the highlights, but I want to do this exercise with you here.

So, you've been previously evaluated for substance abuse. You've attended administrative assessment meetings as a court order. It appears to me that you graduated at Counseling Compliance Program and you've been to Young Offenders Court and done community service. You appear to have been in some form of drug court program.

Is that right or wrong?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay. What actual inpatient programs have you attended?

THE DEFENDANT: I've graduated from Crossroads and then I went to Carson City's Behavioral Health Services, and also most recently in 2019 to 2020 I was in the Salvation Army on my own accord.

THE COURT: Okay. Ms. Roth, I don't want to ask your client about the battery by prisoner because I don't want him to say anything incriminating. I want him to be represented by a reasoned voice. I'm kind of interested in what that charge is that dates to September of this year.

Do you know what the nature of that charge is?

MR. ROTH: Your Honor, that charge did resolve as a misdemeanor battery. Mr. Locker was sentenced to 90 days and that was part of the negotiations in that case. Your Honor, the nature of the offense, you know, unfortunately, there are conflicts in the jail. People are not always at their best and there was a conflict with another inmate, but we did come to a negotiation to resolve that as a misdemeanor.

THE COURT: Thank you for that.

Ms. Roth, this is your time.

MR. ROTH: Thank you, Judge.

We are in receipt of the Presentence
Investigation Report. I have no changes or
corrections at this time. I would just note that
Mr. Locker does have a place to live. It indicates
he has no known address.

But, Mr. Locker, were you able to get that address?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am. It is 655 West Fourth Street, Reno, Nevada 89503.

MR. ROTH: Your Honor, as you're well aware, I think the issue is what these terms are going to be as far as given this is a Category E felony. I hear the Court going through Mr. Locker's history of treatment and I can surmise there's a question here about whether he should be directly transported to the inpatient program or not.

Obviously, Mr. Locker has suffered from drug and alcohol abuse for most of his adult and young adult life. He has shown great reflection on his issues with substances. He's not a person who is in denial. He understands the effects that this has on his life.

I do want to note, although he has -- he's

always completed his programs — and I think that's significant — he does — he wants to be clean. He wants to be a good person and wants to stay out of trouble. That's something he wants. But it is a demon that he has that's following him and the one — when he's put in a program he puts his nose down and gets to work and completes them.

I will note that a change in Mr. Locker's life, aside from what happened in his past, is going on right now. He has a son and he granted his son's grandmother temporary custody because, while Mr. Locker has been in custody on this case, it came to light that his son was not in a safe environment with the mother of his child.

So, because of that, the son was placed in a home with Mr. Locker's -- excuse me -- with his son's grandmother. Mr. Locker has been appearing from jail for these family court hearings to determine custody.

Being a father, being in custody during this time, this is a big change for him. This is a consequence, his son being out of his custody, and not in the custody of the mother due to it being an unsafe environment. That's been a huge change for

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Mr. Locker. He is dedicated more than ever to being a good father to his son and that, he understands, requires that he stay clean.

So, you know, we get to this question regarding direct transport. He does have -- I want the Court to understand that he does have a custody hearing next week. He has been working hard to be able to appear at that custody hearing out of custody, so I just want the Court to have that information. It is -- I just think it's a change in circumstance so the Court understands that, although there are relapses, although, you know, Mr. Locker, he does successfully complete these programs, he does have a pattern of relapsing after these programs.

I do just want to note there's a change at this point in his life as far as what he understands is required of him. And, really, you know, there's a change in responsibility that's being put on him. He wants to have custody of his child, he wants to provide a safe and loving environment for that child, and he understands that the only way for him to do that is to stay sober.

So, I will note that he has been working

hard. He would like to appear at that custody hearing, not via Zoom, not from the jail, to be there out of custody and to make a showing that he is ready to take on the responsibility for his son.

Your Honor, with that, I'll turn, if the Court has any specific questions regarding either -- any additional questions regarding his history or the family court matter, the battery.

THE COURT: Quickly going back to see how old the child is. Eight years of age.

MR. ROTH: I'm sorry to add, your Honor,
Mr. Locker does have a verbal acceptance from
Bristle Cone. They've asked when he's released that
he come in with them to do an intake.

That's correct, Mr. Locker, right?

THE DEFENDANT: Yeah. The outpatient program I just need to go to the administrative office to complete the paperwork with them.

THE COURT: Ms. Roth, if you know -- and, if not, then Ms. Sage -- when I look at page six, which is this offense and I see one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine -- maybe 11 or 12 drug positive drug tests or missed drug tests, who's doing all of that supervision?

Is this through our Pretrial Court Services program or was he rerouted initially somewhere?

That seems like an extraordinary amount of positive testing. Ms. Pitt, what do you know about that?

MS. PITT: Good morning, your Honor. That wasn't up to me. He was being supervised out of Reno Justice Court on Pretrial Services. Pretrial does try and work with defendants to -- especially heroin and drugs that are super hard to get off. If the person's checking in and testing, the court is very lenient. They want to get them to court, they want to work with them to get clean, the lower court, Reno Justice Court I'm speaking of, especially Judge Pearson.

Mr. Locker was reporting, I was trying to work with him. The court ordered him to test daily and so I had numerous positive drug tests. I have at least seven violation reports and at least four revocation requests, because after a certain point the defendant exhausts the resources with Pretrial, so we can only do so much.

If I see someone making progress, trying to get into treatment, trying to do their part, we are completely willing to work with them if the court

is, so that's where we stand.

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about that in Department 15. I don't intend to reach into another court and violate another judge's independent decision-making. But when I look at this type of pattern and I overlay it on the facts of this offense, this was resolved as a simple possession Category E, but the facts are extraordinarily troubling to me because he has a concealed weapon on his person.

So, we're mixing two -- we're mixing irrational thought processes with lethal mechanisms, and it's just not okay. It's not safe for our community. If he won't take advantage of his own sobriety, then he needs to be in custody. So, when these defendants transfer up to Department 15, I'm putting a hard stop on what the justice court practices are and I want to make decisions based upon the facts that are presented to me.

I hope that my voice is stern prophylatically but not in any form of reprimand. That's not my intention. All right. Let me think for a moment before I hear from Ms. Sage.

Ms. Sage.

MS. SAGE: Thank you, your Honor.

And by my reading of the criminal history, I do believe this is a mandatory probation case, given what he has ultimately pled to. I do think that a 19 to 48 underlying is appropriate and I believe that as a condition of probation he should have to complete the adult drug court. I have no confidence if he's just released and allowed to do any kind of outpatient programs that he will be successful.

As you noted, he had multiple violations. In this case I counted 21 positive tests and then multiple missed tests. He picked up a new offense while in custody that — the allegations there was that he got into a fight in the bathroom with another inmate over a toilet paper issue. That resolved.

While he doesn't have any prior felonies, he has -- what we can see here is a very long history of drug violations and attempts at treatment, as you've noted, that have ultimately put us right back to where we are. He hasn't changed his path.

The other reason I ask for probation  $\ensuremath{\text{--}}$  and

I know Diversion's talked about this -- probation is I think that the firearm presence requires probation as opposed to a deferred sentence. The state is concerned that he continues to use and the state is concerned that he has a firearm while using with the amount of drugs that he had in this particular case. So, I think it's important, given the pattern that we have seen of him seeking treatment and going back to using, that there never be a permissible situation where he's allowed to have a firearm, and that felony conviction would ensure that. That if he decides to arm himself, concealed or otherwise, in the future, that he would face penalties for that. I think that's necessary here.

With that, your Honor, I submit.

THE COURT: I'm just pausing. Some people might think it's easy to make quick decisions in the conveyor belt of life. I want to treat each person who appears before me first with dignity and courtesy and respect, but I want to make an individuated judgment based upon specific facts.

And the broad category is Category E, mandatory probation. I get that. Under that broad category is a vibrant living person who has

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23 24 struggled mightily and who has endangered our community in the past, whose conduct in this case endangered our community and who has victimized the property rights of others. And I'm really pausing because I'm not sure the right thing to do, so I want to think through it.

Mr. Locker, I suspect you're not going to like the sentence that I land on. I want you to know as I listened to you this morning I thought it was a good statement. I told you that. There's two ways you can make a statement for the court. One is you're so experienced being in court that you know exactly what the judge wants to hear and you've refined your presentation and you're just an actor saying what needs to be said. That's one possibility, and I have those types of statements.

The other possibility is that you sincerely believe what you say, that when you clear your mind you recognize the negative influence that your addiction has created in your life and you desperately, sincerely want to be different. think you're that second person.

I often like and admire the addicts who appear before me when they're not under the

influence. I think they're good people. They're likable people, and I want to see each person is larger than the addiction that they have. You have some real problems in this case before me, and I want to say what some of them are, not to pick on you or embarrass you, but to be bold.

I used the phrase a minute ago, patience, dignity and courtesy. Those are actually words from the Judicial Bible. I'm required to be patient, dignified, and courteous to every person who appears in front of me. I'm also required to make difficult decisions without fear of criticism or public clamor. Those are also words in the Judicial Bible. So, I have to kind of be bold and intellectually honest and not fearful of what people think.

I'm going to tell you where you are right now. You have 12 prior convictions. This will be your first felony. And you fall within that category of people who will either maintain their sobriety or they will go to prison for most of their lives or they will die. That's the depth of this problem that you carry with you. And I want to partner with you in fixing it, but I'm also not going to be blind to the past efforts and to the

risks you've created.

I'll say something about your attorney's presentation about your child, that you want to be in person next week. It may be good or it may be bad, Mr. Locker, but I spent the first six years of my judicial career in the family division, and I yearn for meaningful relationships between parent and child. But when a parent is so addicted, so unregulated in the addiction, I've severed parental relationships. I've terminated them. I've removed children. Because as much as your child needs you, your child doesn't need you addicted.

In my work I see generational influences.

Parents who are addicted and unregulated create an environment for their children to also be addicted and unregulated, and I don't really pay attention to what you want when you're addicted and unregulated.

I care solely about what's best for your child.

Those are hard words and I don't mean them to be offensive, but that you want to be in person next week means nothing to me. What means everything to me is you reunite with your child when you can be a healthy influence in your child's life.

So, we're going to try something today that

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we haven't tried in the past because it's just time to try stuff different. You're going to stay in jail as a condition of probation for a significant period of time and then you'll go to drug court.

What's the longest period of time you've spent in jail so far before this 120 days you have now?

THE DEFENDANT: I believe 45 days.

THE COURT: So, in the past you've served 45 days and now you're at at least 120 days.

Is there a corrected time served or is that where we are? 120 days?

MS. SAGE: I just want to make sure it reflects that his misdemeanor case was to run consecutive so he shouldn't be getting credit for time served towards that battery.

THE COURT: Thank you.

What is the current CTS in this case without regard to the consecutive battery?

OFFICER DE LA LUZ: 120 days, your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay. Let me just think.

It is the judgment of this court that Mr. Locker be adjudicated guilty of the offense. He'll pay a \$25 administrative assessment fee, a \$60

chemical drug analysis fee, a DNA test fee of \$130, a DNA administrative assessment of \$3, and an attorney's fee of \$500.

I'm sentencing him to the Nevada Department of Corrections for a minimum of 19 months and a maximum of 48 months with CTS in the amount of 120 days.

I'm suspending execution of the sentence and placing him on probation for a fixed term of 18 months. That will give him the longest period of sobriety in his -- probably since -- according to Ms. Fung, since he was an early, early teenager. There's also a punitive component to that in that he's carrying a concealed weapon with prior violent related -- at least one violence-related offense and that that time is in recognition.

I agree with Ms. Roth that he's sincere and that he's undoubtedly going to complete the program and he'll have great resolve. But there's a moment in his life when he chooses relapse. The next time he chooses relapse, if ever — I hope he doesn't — he'll know that this is a graduated system in Department 15 and at some point I'll just remove him from the community, if he endangers our community.

Now, I don't want that to happen, Mr. Locker. My deepest hope is that you get healthy, sober, and maintain that healthy sobriety and reunite with your child.

Counsel, am I missing anything?

MS. SAGE: I don't believe so, your Honor.

(End of proceedings.)

STATE OF NEVADA )
COUNTY OF WASHOE )

I, CHRISTINA MARIE AMUNDSON, official reporter of the Second Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada, in and for the County of Washoe, do hereby certify:

That as such reporter, I was present in Department No. 15 of the above court on 12/9/21, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. of said day, and I then and there took verbatim stenotype notes of the proceedings had and testimony given therein in the case of State v. Michael Locker.

That the foregoing transcript is a true and correct transcript of my said stenotype notes so taken as aforesaid, and is a true and correct statement of the proceedings had and testimony given in the above-entitled action to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

DATED: At Reno, Nevada, on 31st day of December 2021.

/S/ Christina Marie Amundson, CCR #641

The document to which this certificate is Marie Amundson, CCR #641 attached is a full, true and correct copy of the original on file and of record in my office.

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# IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

STATE OF NEVADA,

vs.

Plaintiff,

Case No. CR21-1297B

Dept. No. 15

MICHAEL J. LOCKER,

Defendant.

#### **JUDGMENT**

The Defendant, having entered a plea of Guilty, and no sufficient cause being shown as to why judgment should not be pronounced against him, the Court rendered judgment as follows:

That Michael J. Locker is guilty of the crime of Possession of Less Than

Fourteen Grams of a Schedule I Controlled Substance, a violation of NRS 453.336 (2)(a), a
category E felony, as charged in the Information, and that he be punished by
imprisonment in the Nevada Department of Corrections for the maximum term of fortyeight (48) months with the minimum parole eligibility of nineteen (19) months, with credit
for one hundred twenty (120) days time served. It is further ordered that the prison
sentence shall be suspended and the Defendant placed on probation for a fixed period of
eighteen (18) months under all terms and conditions as stated by the Court and supervised
by the Division of Parole and Probation. Special conditions of probation shall be as

 outlined in the Order Admitting Defendant to Probation and Fixing the Terms Thereof, which shall be filed contemporaneously with this Judgment of Conviction.

It is further ordered, as a special condition of probation, that the Defendant shall remain in custody and serve an additional sixty (60) days in the Washoe County Jail, straight time, day for day, with no good time credit or alternative sentencing. At the conclusion of the sixty (60) days, the Defendant shall remain in custody until his first appearance in the Second Judicial District Court Specialty Court - Adult Drug Court, which he shall enter and successfully complete.

It is further ordered that the Defendant shall pay the statutory Twenty-Five Dollar (\$25.00) administrative assessment fee; that he shall pay a chemical analysis fee in the amount of Sixty Dollars (\$60.00); that he shall submit to a DNA analysis test for the purpose of determining genetic markers and pay a testing fee in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00); that he shall pay the Three Dollar (\$3.00) administrative assessment fee for obtaining a biological specimen and conducting a genetic marker analysis; and that he shall reimburse Washoe County in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for legal services rendered.

It is further ordered that the fees shall be subject to removal from the Defendant's books at the Washoe County Jail and/or the Nevada Department of Corrections. Any fine, fee, administrative assessment, or restitution ordered today (as reflected in this Judgment) constitutes a lien, as defined in NRS 176.275. Should the Defendant not pay these fines, fees, assessments, or restitution, collection efforts may be undertaken against him.

Dated this 9th day of December, 2021.

DISTRICT JUDGE

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## ORDER ADMITTING DEFENDANT TO PROBATION AND FIXING THE TERMS THEREOF

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Terms and conditions of probation are as follows:

#### A. General conditions:

1. **Reporting**: Defendant shall report in person to the Division of Parole and Probation as instructed by the Division or its agent. Defendant is required to

- submit a written report each month on forms supplied by the Division. This report shall be true and correct in all aspects.
- 2. Residence: Defendant shall not change his place of residence without first obtaining permission from the Division of Parole and Probation, in each instance.

- 3. Intoxicants: Defendant shall not consume any alcoholic beverages WHATSOEVER. Upon order of the Division of Parole and Probation or its agent, Defendant shall submit to a medically recognized test for blood/breath alcohol content.
- 4. **Controlled Substances**: Defendant shall not use, purchase or possess any illegal drugs whatsoever; or any prescription drugs, unless first prescribed by a licensed medical professional. Defendant shall immediately notify the Division of Parole and Probation of any prescription received. Defendant shall submit to drug testing as required by the Division or its agent. Defendant shall not use any form of marijuana whatsoever.
- 5. **Weapons:** Defendant shall not possess, have access to, or have under his control, any type of weapon.
- 6. **Search**: Defendant shall submit his person, property, place of residence, vehicle or areas under his control to search including electronic surveillance or monitoring of his location, at any time, with or without a search warrant or warrant of arrest, for evidence of a crime or violation of probation by the Division of Parole and Probation or its agent.
- Associates: Defendant must have prior approval by the Division of Parole and Probation to associate with any person convicted of a felony, or any person on probation or parole supervision. Defendant shall not have any contact with persons confined in a correctional institution unless specific written permission has been granted by the Division of Parole and Probation and the correctional institution.
- 8. **Directives and Conduct**: Defendant shall follow the directives of the Division of Parole and Probation and his conduct shall justify the opportunity granted to him by this community supervision.
- 9. **Laws**: Defendant shall comply with all municipal, county, state, and federal laws and ordinances.
- 10. Out-of-State Travel: Defendant shall not leave the state without first obtaining written permission from the Division of Parole and Probation.
- 11. **Employment/Program**: Defendant shall seek and maintain legal employment, or maintain a program approved by the Division of Parole and Probation and not change such employment or program without first obtaining permission. All terminations of employment or program must be immediately reported to the Division.
- 12. **Financial Obligation**: Defendant shall pay administrative assessment fees, fines and restitution as ordered in the Judgment of Conviction and the special conditions of probation. Any excess monies paid will be applied to

any other outstanding fees, fines and/or restitution, even if it is discovered after Defendant's discharge.

B. Special Conditions as follows:

- 1. Defendant shall remain in custody and serve an additional sixty (60) days in the Washoe County Jail, straight time, day for day, with no good time credit or alternative sentencing. At the conclusion of the sixty (60) days, the Defendant shall remain in custody until his first appearance in the Second Judicial District Court Specialty Court Adult Drug Court, which he shall enter and successfully complete.
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Further, the Defendant is advised that the Court reserves the right to modify these terms of Probation at any time and as permitted by law.

Dated this 9th day of December, 2021.

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#### NOTICE OF APPEAL

Defendant, Michael J. Locker, hereby appeals to the Supreme Court of

Nevada from the judgment of conviction entered in this action on December 92, 2021.

This is a fast track appeal. NRAP 3C.

The undersigned hereby affirms, pursuant to NRS 239B.030, that this

document does not contain the personal information of any person.

DATED this 9th day of January 2022.

JOHN L. ARRASCADA WASHOE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

By: /s/ John Reese Petty JOHN REESE PETTY, Chief Deputy

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I am an employee of the Washoe County Public

Defender's Office, Reno, Washoe County, Nevada, and that on this date I forwarded
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DATED this 9th day of January 2022.

/s/ <u>John Reese Petty</u> JOHN REESE PETTY

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I hereby certify that this document was filed electronically with the Nevada Supreme Court on the 3rd day of February 2022. Electronic Service of the foregoing document shall be made in accordance with the Master Service List as follows:

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