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**New Jersey Judiciary
Plea Form**

County Monmouth



Prosecutor File Number 20-1199

Defendant's Name: John Carozza

before Judge: Lucas

List the charges to which you are pleading guilty:

Ind./Acc./Comp.#	Count	Nature of Offense	Degree	Statutory Maximum			VCCO Assmt*
					Time	Fine	
<u>21-03-048-A2</u>		<u>Aggravated Assault</u>	<u>2nd</u>	Max	<u>10</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>100</u>
		<u>as Amended</u>		Max			
				Max			
				Max			
				Max			
Your total exposure as the result of this plea is:				Total	<u>10</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>100</u>

**Please Circle
Appropriate
Answer**

2. a. Did you commit the offense(s) to which you are pleading guilty? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b. Do you understand that before the judge can find you guilty, you will have to tell the judge what you did that makes you guilty of the particular offense(s)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
3. Do you understand what the charges mean? ☒ Yes ☐ No
4. Do you understand that by pleading guilty you are giving up certain rights? Among them are:
- a. The right to a jury trial in which the State must prove you guilty beyond a reasonable doubt? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b. The right to remain silent? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- c. The right to confront the witnesses against you? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- d. Do you understand that by pleading guilty **you are not waiving** your right to appeal (1) the denial of a motion to suppress physical evidence (*R. 3:5-7(d)*) or (2) the denial of acceptance into a pretrial intervention program (PTI) (*R. 3:28-6(d)*)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- e. Do you further understand that by pleading guilty **you are waiving** your right to appeal the denial of all other pretrial motions except the following: ☒ Yes ☐ No

* Victims of Crime Compensation Office Assessment

5. Do you understand that if you plead guilty:

- a. You will have a criminal record? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b. Unless the plea agreement provides otherwise, you could be sentenced to serve the maximum time in confinement, to pay the maximum fine and to pay the maximum Victims of Crime Compensation Office Assessment? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- c. You must pay a minimum Victims of Crime Compensation Office assessment of \$50 (\$100 minimum if you are convicted of a crime of violence) for each count to which you plead guilty? (Penalty is \$30 if offense occurred between January 9, 1986 and December 22, 1991 inclusive. \$25 if offense occurred before January 1, 1986.) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- d. If the offense occurred on or after February 1, 1993 but was before March 13, 1995, and you are being sentenced to probation or a State correctional facility, you must pay a transaction fee of up to \$1.00 for each occasion when a payment or installment payment is made? If the offense occurred on or after March 13, 1995 and the sentence is to probation, or the sentence otherwise requires payments of financial obligations to the probation division, you must pay a transaction fee of up to \$2.00 for each occasion when a payment or installment payment is made? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- e. If the offense occurred on or after August 2, 1993 you must pay a \$75 Safe Neighborhood Services Fund assessment for each conviction? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- f. If the offense occurred on or after January 5, 1994 and you are being sentenced to probation, you must pay a fee of up to \$25 per month for the term of probation? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- g. If the crime occurred on or after January 9, 1997 you must pay a Law Enforcement Officers Training and Equipment Fund penalty of \$30? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- h. You will be required to provide a DNA sample, which could be used by law enforcement for the investigation of criminal activity, and pay for the cost of testing? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- i. Computer Crime Prevention Fund Penalty, N.J.S.A. 2C:43-3.8 (L. 2009, c. 143). If the crime involves a violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4b(3) (causes or permits child to engage in sexual act that is to be photographed or exhibited), if the crime was committed on or after February 1, 2018, N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4b(4) (photographs or films a child in sexual act), if the crime was committed on or after February 1, 2018, N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4b(5)(b) (knowingly possessing or knowingly viewing child pornography), N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4.1 (leader of a child pornography network), if the crime was committed on or after February 1, 2018, N.J.S.A. 2C:34-3 (selling, distributing or exhibiting obscene material to a person under age 18) or an offense involving computer criminal activity in violation of any provision of Title 2C, chapter 20, you will be assessed a mandatory penalty as listed below for each offense for which you pled guilty? N/A

- (1) \$2,000 in the case of a 1st degree crime
- (2) \$1,000 in the case of a 2nd degree crime
- (3) \$ 750 in the case of a 3rd degree crime
- (4) \$ 500 in the case of a 4th degree crime
- (5) \$ 250 in the case of a disorderly persons or petty disorderly persons offense

Total CCPF Penalty \$ _____

6. Do you understand that **the court could**, in its discretion, impose a minimum time in confinement to be served before you become eligible for parole, which period could be as long as one half of the period of the custodial sentence imposed? ☒ Yes ☐ No
7. Did you enter a plea of guilty to any charges **that require** a mandatory period of parole ineligibility or a mandatory extended term? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- a. If you are pleading guilty to such a charge, the minimum mandatory period of parole ineligibility is 4 years and 3 months (fill in the number of years/months) and the maximum period of parole ineligibility can be 8 years and 6 months (fill in the number of years/months) and this period cannot be reduced by good time, work, or minimum custody credits.
- b. If you are pleading guilty to such a charge, the minimum mandatory extended term is _____ years and _____ months (fill in the number of years/months) and the maximum mandatory extended term can be _____ years and _____ months (fill in the number of years/months).
8. Are you pleading guilty to a crime that contains a presumption of imprisonment which means that it is almost certain that you will go to state prison? ☒ Yes ☐ No
9. Are you presently on probation or parole? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- a. Do you realize that a guilty plea may result in a violation of your probation or parole? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA
10. Are you presently serving a custodial sentence on another charge? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- a. Do you understand that a guilty plea may affect your parole eligibility? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA
11. Do you understand that if you have plead guilty to, or have been found guilty on other charges, or are presently serving a custodial term and the plea agreement is silent on the issue, the court may require that all sentences be made to run consecutively? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

12. List any charges the prosecutor has agreed to recommend for dismissal:

Ind./Acc./Compl.#	Count	Nature of Offense and Degree

All Remaining Counts on	Complaints	1 ACCUSATION

13. Specify any sentence the prosecutor has agreed to recommend:

-State will seek 5 Years NJSP per NERA (85%)

14. Has the prosecutor promised that he or she will **NOT**:
- Speak at sentencing? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 - Seek an extended term of confinement? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If yes, was this promise or agreement part of a negotiated plea where the prosecutor represents you are otherwise eligible to receive a mandatory extended term for repeat drug offenders and the prosecutor has agreed to request a period of incarceration or parole ineligibility that is less than what would be required for an extended term?
 - Seek a stipulation of parole ineligibility? ☐ Yes ☒ No
15. Are you aware that you must pay restitution if the court finds there is a victim who has suffered a loss and if the court finds that you are able or will be able in the future to pay restitution? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
16. Do you understand that if you are a public office holder or employee, you can be required to forfeit your office or job by virtue of your plea of guilty? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA
17. a. Are you a citizen of the United States? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- If you have answered "No" to this question, you must answer Questions 17b – 17f. If you have answered "Yes" to this question, proceed to Question 18 N/A
- Do you understand that if you are not a citizen of the United States, this guilty plea may result in your removal from the United States and/or stop you from being able to legally enter or re-enter the United States? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - Do you understand that you have the right to seek individualized advice from an attorney about the effect your guilty plea will have on your immigration status? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - Have you discussed with an attorney the potential immigration consequences of your plea? If the answer is "No," proceed to question 17e. If the answer is "Yes," proceed to question 17f. ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - Would you like the opportunity to do so? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - Having been advised of the possible immigration consequences and of your right to seek individualized legal advice on your immigration consequences, do you still wish to plead guilty? ☐ Yes ☐ No
18. a. Do you understand that pursuant to the rules of the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision if you are residing outside the State of New Jersey at the time of sentencing, or upon entry of a guilty plea if a guilty plea is a condition of admission to the Pretrial Intervention Program, that return to your residence may be delayed pending acceptance of the transfer of your supervision by your state of residence? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Do you also understand that pursuant to the same Interstate Compact transfer of your supervision to another state may be denied or restricted by that state at any time after sentencing, or upon entry of a guilty plea if a guilty plea is a condition of admission to the Pretrial Intervention Program, if that state determines you are required to register as a sex offender in that state or if New Jersey has required you to register as a sex offender? ☒ Yes ☐ No

19. Have you discussed with your attorney the legal doctrine of merger? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

20. Are you giving up your right at sentence to argue that there are charges you pleaded guilty to for which you cannot be given a separate sentence? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

21. List any other promises or representations that have been made by you, the prosecutor, your defense attorney, or anyone else as a part of this plea of guilty:

-Per Agreement with the State.

22. Have any promises other than those mentioned on this form, or any threats, been made in order to cause you to plead guilty? ☐ Yes ☒ No

23. a. Do you understand that the judge is not bound by any promises or recommendations of the prosecutor and that the judge has the right to reject the plea before sentencing you and the right to impose a more severe sentence? ☒ Yes ☐ No

b. Do you understand that if the judge decides to impose a more severe sentence than recommended by the prosecutor, that you may take back your plea? ☒ Yes ☐ No

c. Do you understand that if you are permitted to take back your plea of guilty because of the judge's sentence, that anything you say in furtherance of the guilty plea cannot be used against you at trial? ☒ Yes ☐ No

24. Are you satisfied with the advice you have received from your lawyer? ☒ Yes ☐ No

25. Do you have any questions concerning this plea? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Date 03/10/2021

Defendant s/

Michael P. Rubas

Defense Attorney s/ Michael P. Rubas

Prosecutor s/ Anthony Puglisi

☐ This plea is the result of the judge's conditional indications of the maximum sentence he or she would impose independent of the prosecutor's recommendation. Accordingly, the "Supplemental Plea Form for Non-Negotiated Pleas" has been completed.

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New Jersey Judiciary
Supplemental Plea Form for *No Early Release Act*
(NERA) Cases (N.J.S.A. 2C:43-7.2)

The following questions need to be answered only if you are pleading guilty to one of the following first or second degree crimes, or an attempt or conspiracy to commit such crime, that occurred **on or after June 29, 2001**: murder, aggravated manslaughter or manslaughter, vehicular homicide, aggravated assault, disarming a law enforcement officer, kidnapping, aggravated sexual assault, sexual assault, robbery, carjacking, aggravated arson by placing another person in danger of death or serious bodily injury, burglary, theft by extortion by obtaining property of another by threatening to inflict bodily injury on, or physically confine or restrain anyone or commit another offense, booby traps in manufacturing or distributing of CDS facilities, or strict liability for drug induced deaths; or that **occurred on or after June 18, 2002**: terrorism, or producing or possessing chemical weapons, biological agents or nuclear or radiological devices; or that **occurred on or after January 13, 2008**: first degree racketeering; or that **occurred on or after August 14, 2013**: child pornography; or that **occurred on or after November 1, 2013**: firearms trafficking;

1. Do you understand that because of your plea of guilty to ☒ Yes ☐ No
Aggravated Assault (2nd Degree)
 (List First or Second Degree Violent Crime(s) to Which *NERA* Applies)
 you will be required to serve 85% of the sentence imposed for that offense(s)
 before you will be eligible for parole on that offense(s)?
2. Do you understand that because you have pled guilty to these charges the court ☒ Yes ☐ No
 must impose a 3 year term of parole supervision and that term will begin as
 soon as you complete the sentence of incarceration?
 First Degree Term of Parole Supervision - 5 years
 Second Degree Term of Parole Supervision - 3 years
3. Do you understand that if you violate the conditions of your parole supervision ☒ Yes ☐ No
 that your parole may be revoked and you may be subject to return to prison to
 serve all or any portion of the remaining period of parole supervision, even if you
 have completed serving the term of imprisonment previously imposed?

Date: 03/10/2021Defendant: s/ *Omega*Defense Attorney: s/ Michael P. RubasProsecutor: s/ Anthony Puglisi