

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TAYLOR COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

Vs.

Case Number 26-F-

AARON JAMES MORAN

Defendant.

PLEA AGREEMENT

This agreement, made this 18th day of August 2026, by and between AARON JAMES MORAN, Defendant, his attorneys, Billie Anne Garrett and Gregory Michael, and John L. Bord, Prosecuting Attorney and Allison Iapalucci, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of Taylor County, West Virginia.

Whereas, the Defendant, AARON JAMES MORAN has been charged by the Grand Jury of Taylor County, West Virginia, for one count being, “Murder of a Child” under West Virginia Code §61-8D-2b and 1 Count “Child Neglect resulting in Death” under West Virginia Code §61-8D-4A.

Whereas, the Defendant Aaron James Moran by his counsel, has entered into plea negotiations with the State, and has reached an agreement in the nature of a plea agreement; and

Whereas, it is the desire of the parties hereto to reduce the aforesaid agreement to writing in order to present the same to the Court for consideration and approval.

Now, therefore, for and in consideration of the promises hereinafter made, the parties hereto agree as follows:

Upon the Court’s acceptance of this Agreement, the Defendant shall provide for the Court an accurate factual basis for this plea so entered.

1. That the Defendant Aaron James Moran shall tender to the Court a plea of guilty to “Death of a Child,” a felony under West Virginia Code §61-8D-2a(b), (as amended), charged in the Information.
2. The penalty for “Death of a Child,” a felony under West Virginia Code §61-8D-2a(b) is imprisonment in a West Virginia State Penitentiary for a period of (15) fifteen years to life; a person imprisoned pursuant to the provision of this section is not eligible for parole prior to having served a minimum of (15) fifteen years of his sentence.
3. The State of West Virginia will recommend (15) fifteen years to life in the West Virginia Penitentiary, with credit for time-served.
4. The State of West Virginia will nolo pros Case No. 26-F-10.
5. The Defendant shall immediately submit to a full, complete, and truthful debriefing, subject to polygraph verification, regarding all conduct related to the offenses, herein. Nothing disclosed in the debriefing will be used in any prosecution of Defendant unless it is determined he is less than complete and truthful. Defendant shall provide truthful testimony, if requested, regarding matters disclosed in the debriefing.
6. The State and Defendant will jointly request a pre-sentence investigation and report and continue sentencing, generally, until after Defendant provides truthful testimony in the trial of his co-defendant, Shannon Robinson.
7. That if the Defendant, during the pendency of this plea agreement fails to comply or cooperate with the provisions of this plea agreement, the State reserves the right to

withdraw from the plea agreement, or portions contained therein or to change any recommendations contained herein.

8. The Defendant Aaron James Moran, hereby states and avers that he has read all of this agreement, that he understands its meaning and the terms contained herein; that he has been fully advised of the nature of this agreement; that he has agreed to sign the same voluntarily and knowingly without coercion, threats or any other promises, other than those contained in this agreement.
9. Gregory Michael and Billie Anne Garrett, attorneys for the Defendant, hereby state and aver that they have fully advised the Defendant as to the nature of the charges against him, the nature of this agreement, and as to the effect of a plea of guilty; the said Defendant has indicated that he understood the same and has not been threatened, and is not under the influence of drugs, alcohol or narcotics.
10. Defendant shall provide a DNA sample to be used for DNA analysis as required by the provision of W.va Code §15-2B-6(d) et. seq. and pay the costs of DNA Identification Testing in the amount of (\$150.00) one hundred fifty dollars.
11. Defendant will provide the Court with a factual basis for the entry of this plea.
12. Defendant and his attorneys are fully aware that this plea agreement falls within Rule 11(e)(1)(b) of the West Virginia Rules of Criminal Procedure, and Defendant is fully aware that the Court is not bound by any recommendation or request of the State, Defendant nevertheless has no right to withdraw his plea, and Defendant well knowing this, still agrees to enter a plea of guilty on the basis aforesaid.

WITNESS the following signatures on the day first hereinbefore written.

Aaron James Moran
Defendant

John L. Bord WV Bar No. 407
Prosecuting Attorney
Taylor County, West Virginia

Gregory Michael
Defense Counsel

Allison Iapalucci WV Bar No. 9932
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney
Taylor County, West Virginia

Billie Anne Garrett
Defense Counsel

Deputy C.J. McQueen
Taylor County Sheriff's Dept.