

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND
NORTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.) CRIMINAL CASE NO. CCB-20-127
VICTOR RIVERA,)
Defendant.)
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Wednesday, August 26, 2020

BEFORE: THE HONORABLE CATHERINE C. BLAKE, JUDGE

REARRAIGNMENT - HELD VIA ZOOM

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(2:37 p.m.)

THE CLERK: The United States District Court for the District of Maryland is now in session with the Honorable Catherine C. Blake presiding.

THE COURT: Good afternoon, everyone.

MR. WISE: Good afternoon.

MR. MERCER: Good afternoon, Judge.

THE COURT: Good afternoon.

If the Government would like to call the case.

MR. WISE: Thank you, Your Honor.

The case is United States of America versus Victor Rivera, Criminal Number 20-127-CCB.

THE COURT: Thank you. And that was Mr. Wise speaking.

We might have defense counsel identify himself and his client for the record.

MR. MERCER: Good afternoon, Your Honor. Steve Mercer, counsel for Victor Rivera.

THE COURT: Okay. And Mr. Rivera, I see him, obviously, with you or in a separate location by Zoom?

MR. MERCER: He is in a separate location by Zoom.

THE COURT: All right. And, Mr. Rivera, you can see and hear me?

THE DEFENDANT: I only have Zweizig, Paige, and Keisha

1 on my screen unless -- that's the four I have.

2 Okay. Here. Now I've got you, Judge, and I've got my
3 attorney and Leo Wise.

4 **THE COURT:** Okay. Very good.

5 Well, let me start with the fact that we are here on
6 videoconference for this guilty plea proceeding. This is
7 permitted under what's called the CARES Act as a result of the
8 current pandemic. Our Chief Judge has entered an appropriate
9 order.

10 What we have, the situation here, Mr. Rivera had
11 actually reached an agreement with the Government some months
12 ago, but because of the pandemic, he had not been able to come
13 forward and finalize his plea.

14 And we are still in a situation where it is extremely
15 difficult to conduct in-person proceedings given the public
16 health circumstances.

17 And so it would do some serious harm to the interests
18 of justice if we continue to delay this during the pandemic,
19 and that's the reason that we are going forward by
20 videoconference, which I understand the defendant, Mr. Rivera,
21 agrees with.

22 So let me just ask you, Mr. Mercer, is that your
23 understanding as well?

24 **MR. MERCER:** Yes, Your Honor.

25 **THE COURT:** All right. And, Mr. Rivera, you do

1 consent to go forward by videoconference?

2 **THE DEFENDANT:** Yes, Your Honor.

3 **THE COURT:** Thank you.

4 Does the Government have anything it wants to add?

5 **MR. WISE:** No, Your Honor. No, Your Honor. Thank
6 you.

7 **THE COURT:** Okay. All right. Well, then, we will
8 proceed by videoconference.

9 I will ask our courtroom deputy if she'd like to
10 proceed to take the plea.

11 **THE CLERK:** Thank you, Judge.

12 Mr. Rivera, would you please raise your right hand.

13 VICTOR RIVERA, SWORN.

14 **THE CLERK:** Please state your name for the record.

15 **THE DEFENDANT:** Victor Ivery Barry, Jr.

16 **THE CLERK:** Thank you.

17 And, sir, if you would please let me know what your
18 age is. What is your age?

19 **THE DEFENDANT:** I'm 49.

20 **THE CLERK:** Thank you.

21 What year were you born?

22 **THE DEFENDANT:** May 27, [REDACTED].

23 **THE CLERK:** Has a copy of the information been
24 provided to you?

25 **THE DEFENDANT:** Yes, it has.

1 **THE CLERK:** Have you read the information or has the
2 substance of the charges been explained to you?

3 **THE DEFENDANT:** I read and spoke with my attorney, and
4 I understand every bit of it and agreed with everything.

5 **THE CLERK:** Thank you. You stated that you understood
6 the charges.

7 And, Mr. Mercer, are you satisfied that the defendant
8 understands the charges placed against him?

9 **MR. MERCER:** Yes, I am.

10 **THE CLERK:** Mr. Rivera, you were charged in Count 1 of
11 the information. What is your plea?

12 **THE DEFENDANT:** Guilty.

13 **THE CLERK:** Your plea is guilty to Count 1 of the
14 information; is that correct?

15 **THE DEFENDANT:** Yes, ma'am.

16 **THE CLERK:** Thank you.

17 **THE COURT:** All right. Thank you.

18 What I need to do now, sir, is just to ask you a
19 series of questions to make sure that you know what you're
20 doing. So if you don't understand any of my questions, just
21 please let me know. All right?

22 **THE DEFENDANT:** Yes, ma'am.

23 **THE COURT:** Do you understand that you are under oath,
24 so if you knowingly give a false answer to any of my questions,
25 you could be prosecuted for false declaration or perjury?

1 **THE DEFENDANT:** Yes, ma'am.

2 **THE COURT:** All right, sir. How far did you go in
3 school?

4 **THE DEFENDANT:** Graduated high school.

5 **THE COURT:** All right. I take it you were able to
6 read and understand, as you just said, the charge against you
7 and the plea agreement in this case?

8 **THE DEFENDANT:** Yes, ma'am.

9 **THE COURT:** Okay. In the past 24 hours, have you
10 taken any drugs or alcohol or medication of any kind?

11 **THE DEFENDANT:** No, ma'am. Maybe for a headache,
12 sinus headache. That's pretty much it.

13 **THE COURT:** Okay. Some over-the-counter medication
14 for sinus headache?

15 **THE DEFENDANT:** Yes.

16 **THE COURT:** All right. Have you had any recent
17 treatment for substance abuse or mental health problems?

18 **THE DEFENDANT:** No, ma'am.

19 **THE COURT:** Okay. Are you having any difficulty
20 understanding what's going on here today?

21 **THE DEFENDANT:** No, ma'am.

22 **THE COURT:** All right. Thank you.

23 Now, I understand that you are pleading guilty to this
24 information. The charge is making false statements to federal
25 agents.

1 Do you understand that if this case went to trial,
2 there are several things the Government would have to prove
3 beyond a reasonable doubt? They'd have to prove that on or
4 pretty close to the date that is specified in the information,
5 that you falsified or concealed or covered up some material
6 fact, and they'd have to prove that that fact was material, it
7 was important, it was relevant to the questions you were being
8 asked and the decisions that had to be made by the federal
9 agents.

10 They would have to prove that you did this falsifying,
11 concealing, or covering up by a trick, a scheme, or device.
12 They would have to prove that you acted knowingly and you acted
13 willfully. This was not an accident or mistake of any kind.
14 You acted knowingly and willfully and that this falsification,
15 concealment, or cover-up was with respect to -- it related to a
16 matter within the jurisdiction of the Government of the
17 United States.

18 You understand that's what the Government would have
19 to prove if the case went to trial?

20 **THE DEFENDANT:** Yes, I do.

21 **THE COURT:** All right, sir. In terms of the possible
22 penalties, not necessarily what you will get, but do you
23 understand that the maximum penalty under the law for this
24 offense is five years in prison, there could be a term of
25 supervised release of as much as three years, there's a

1 possible fine, the maximum is \$250,000, and there is a required
2 \$100 special assessment?

3 Do you understand those penalties?

4 **THE DEFENDANT:** Yes, I do, ma'am.

5 **THE COURT:** All right, sir. I mentioned supervised
6 release. So that's a term of years that's imposed to follow
7 any prison term that you might get.

8 While you're on supervised release, you have to obey
9 the rules and regulations of supervised release, not commit any
10 new offense.

11 If you violate any condition of supervised release,
12 you could get put back in prison for the full term of the
13 supervised release without getting any credit for the time you
14 were out. Even if that somehow meant you spent more time in
15 jail than would otherwise be the maximum, that's how supervised
16 release works. If you violate it, you could go back to jail
17 for the full term.

18 Do you understand that?

19 **THE DEFENDANT:** I fully understand, ma'am.

20 **THE COURT:** All right, sir. Do you understand you're
21 subject to what are called the sentencing guidelines that have
22 been issued by the United States Sentencing Commission?
23 They're advisory, but I have to calculate them and take them
24 into account, deciding on a reasonable sentence in your case.

25 The advisory guideline range depend on a variety of

1 factors: the type of the offense, your role in the offense.

2 Do you understand the advisory guideline range has to
3 be calculated?

4 **THE DEFENDANT:** Yes, I do, ma'am.

5 **THE COURT:** All right, sir. Do you understand that
6 under the law -- and this may be changed by your plea
7 agreement -- but under the law, if you think I make a mistake
8 deciding on your sentence, you have the right to appeal?

9 The same is true ordinarily for the Government, if the
10 Government thinks I make a mistake deciding on the sentence,
11 then the Government has the right to appeal.

12 Do you understand that?

13 **THE DEFENDANT:** Yes, I do, ma'am.

14 **THE COURT:** All right, sir. When you plead guilty,
15 you are giving up some very important rights. I'm sure you've
16 been over that with counsel. I'm sure you're aware of that,
17 but I need to go through some of those with you and make sure
18 you're giving them up voluntarily.

19 First of all, because the possible penalty in this
20 case is more than a year in prison, it is what's considered a
21 felony, you would have the right to insist that this charge be
22 presented to a grand jury and that a grand jury find probable
23 cause to return this charge against you. And instead, we're
24 proceeding by way of a charging document called an information
25 that the U.S. Attorney has signed.

1 Do you understand you would have a right to insist on
2 a grand jury indictment and are you willing to give up that
3 right?

4 **THE DEFENDANT:** I do, ma'am.

5 **THE COURT:** Okay. Ordinarily, we would have a signed
6 waiver of indictment in addition to Mr. Rivera's acknowledgment
7 here on the record, so I'll ask counsel to just supplement the
8 record with that signed waiver of indictment at a later point.

9 **MR. MERCER:** We will, Your Honor.

10 **THE COURT:** All right. Thank you. Now, do you
11 understand that you have a right to plead not guilty to this
12 charge?

13 **THE DEFENDANT:** I do, Your Honor.

14 **THE COURT:** Do you understand you would have a right
15 to a trial by a jury?

16 **THE DEFENDANT:** I do, Your Honor.

17 **THE COURT:** Do you understand if you were willing to
18 give up your right to a trial by a jury, and if the Government
19 also was willing to give up its right to a trial by a jury, you
20 could be tried just by a United States District Judge without a
21 jury, you could have a judge trial?

22 Do you understand that?

23 **THE DEFENDANT:** Yes, I do, Your Honor.

24 **THE COURT:** All right, sir. Do you understand that if
25 you did go to trial, you would continue to have the right to be

1 represented by counsel? Just as you are now, he would stick
2 with you, and at any point or so long as you cannot afford a
3 lawyer, then one is appointed to represent you at the
4 Government's expense?

5 Do you understand that?

6 **THE DEFENDANT:** Yes, I do, Your Honor.

7 **THE COURT:** All right, sir. Do you understand that if
8 you went to trial, you would be presumed innocent, the burden
9 would be on the Government to prove your guilt beyond a
10 reasonable doubt?

11 **THE DEFENDANT:** I do, Your Honor.

12 **THE COURT:** Do you understand that if you went to
13 trial, you or your attorney would have the right to
14 cross-examine; in other words, he could ask questions of any
15 witness who testified against you? And if you went to trial,
16 you would have the right to make people come in and testify on
17 your behalf. If someone had some helpful evidence to give for
18 you, you could have a summons or a subpoena issued to make them
19 come in and testify.

20 Do you understand that?

21 **THE DEFENDANT:** I do. I do, Your Honor.

22 **THE COURT:** All right, sir. Do you understand that if
23 you went to trial, you personally would have the right to take
24 the witness stand and testify if you wanted to; but if you did
25 not want to testify for whatever reason, no one could force you

1 or make you testify?

2 **THE DEFENDANT:** I do, Your Honor.

3 **THE COURT:** Do you understand if you decided not to
4 testify, for whatever reason, no one, including the jury, could
5 hold that against you in any way, they could not decide
6 anything bad about your case or specifically that you were
7 guilty just because you decided not to testify?

8 **THE DEFENDANT:** I do, Your Honor.

9 **THE COURT:** All right. And do you understand if you
10 were tried by a jury, in order for you to be convicted, the
11 jury's verdict would have to be unanimous? There would be 12
12 jurors, they would all have to agree that you had been proved
13 guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

14 **THE DEFENDANT:** I do, Your Honor.

15 **THE COURT:** Do you understand that when you plead
16 guilty, you are giving up each and every one of these rights,
17 there will be no further trial of any kind, and you will be
18 sentenced based on your guilty plea?

19 **THE DEFENDANT:** I do, Your Honor.

20 **THE COURT:** All right, sir. And, finally, do you
21 understand that when you plead guilty, you're giving up your
22 right to try to suppress any statements you might have made,
23 keep something out of evidence that might have been taken from
24 you, pretrial motions; in other words, any defense that you
25 might have to this charge, you give it up when you plead

1 guilty.

2 Do you understand that?

3 **THE DEFENDANT:** I do, Your Honor.

4 **THE COURT:** All right, sir. I do have before me a
5 plea letter. It's dated March 16th of 2020, addressed to
6 Mr. Mercer. And it does appear to have your signature at the
7 end.

8 Did you, in fact, read and sign this agreement,
9 Mr. Rivera?

10 **THE DEFENDANT:** I did, Your Honor.

11 **THE COURT:** Okay. So directly above your signature,
12 it says, "I have read this agreement, including the sealed
13 supplement, and carefully reviewed every part of it with my
14 attorney. I understand it and I voluntarily agree to it.
15 Specifically, I have reviewed the factual and advisory
16 guideline stipulation with my attorney, and I do not wish to
17 change any part of it. I am completely satisfied with the
18 representation of my attorney."

19 Is that all correct, Mr. Rivera?

20 **THE DEFENDANT:** Yes, Your Honor.

21 **THE COURT:** All right. And specifically regarding the
22 representation that Mr. Mercer has been providing to you, is
23 there anything you think he should have done that he hasn't
24 done?

25 **THE DEFENDANT:** No, Your Honor.

1 **THE COURT:** Okay. All right. Let's go back to the
2 beginning of the letter. I want to summarize it with you and
3 counsel.

4 First, let me ask whether anyone has used any force or
5 made any threats against you or against anyone else to get you
6 to enter into this plea?

7 **THE DEFENDANT:** No, Your Honor.

8 **THE COURT:** Okay. So the letter says you're pleading
9 guilty to the one-count information. You're giving up
10 indictment and pleading to the one-count information. The
11 charge is false statement to federal agents.

12 Paragraph 2 tells you what the Government would have
13 to prove if the case went to trial. We talked about that.

14 Paragraph 3 talks about the possible penalties.

15 Paragraph 4 talks about the rights that you're giving
16 up by pleading guilty, which may include certain valuable
17 civil rights.

18 And if you were not a U.S. citizen, you might be
19 subject to deportation or other loss of immigration status.

20 Paragraph 5 says that you understand that I have to
21 determine an advisory guideline range and take it into account
22 in connection with sentencing.

23 And Paragraph 6 refers to a statement of facts.

24 So attached to the plea agreement is Attachment A,
25 stipulation of facts. It is, as usual, fairly lengthy from

1 Page 8 through 14. So I'm not going to go over it with you
2 word for word.

3 But to be clear, you have read the stipulation of
4 facts yourself, word for word; is that correct, Mr. Rivera?

5 **THE DEFENDANT:** Yes, Your Honor.

6 **THE COURT:** Okay. You agree that if the case had gone
7 to trial, the Government could have proved these facts beyond a
8 reasonable doubt. They could have proved more than this, but
9 they at least could have proved the existence of a Baltimore
10 Police Department, the Law Enforcement Officer's Code of
11 Ethics, your joining the Baltimore Police Department in July of
12 1994, your service as of January 2007 on a squad under sergeant
13 identified as W.K.

14 Now, in February of 2009, it says you were serving on
15 a squad with Keith Gladstone, Ivo Louvado, and people
16 identified as W.J., C.J., and P.G. Also supervised by W.K.

17 It says that before February 19th of 2009, two of
18 these individuals had told you they'd received information from
19 a confidential informant about a large-scale narcotics
20 trafficker operating out of a residence in the 1400 block of
21 Ellamont Street in Baltimore.

22 February 19th of 2009, you and others were conducting
23 surveillance in that block, targeting someone whose initials
24 are T.M. Followed a car from that residence to a nearby
25 school. You saw the driver throw something in a trash

1 container, recovered it. It was empty kilogram drug wrappers.

2 Then there are other officers who claimed to have
3 followed a second individual who left the residence and those
4 officers said threw trash from the window of this vehicle, and
5 they said they had recovered the trash which they said
6 contained cocaine residue. Says you went back to the area
7 around the residence, continued surveillance, ultimately
8 participated in a search-and-seizure warrant at that residence.
9 No drugs were found.

10 But drugs were recovered from a pickup truck parked
11 down the block. It says you later learned that 41 kilos of
12 cocaine were turned into the police department's evidence
13 control unit on February 20th of 2009 from that seizure from
14 the truck.

15 And later that day, there was a criminal complaint
16 filed in the U.S. District Court here in Maryland charging T.M.
17 with possession with intent to distribute five or more kilos of
18 cocaine.

19 It says that after that seizure, you and Mr. Gladstone
20 and Mr. Louvado discovered three additional kilos of cocaine in
21 the surveillance van that had come from that T.M.'s pickup
22 truck but had not been turned into the Baltimore Police
23 Department, and the three of you agreed to sell the cocaine and
24 split the proceeds from its sale.

25 It says you sold the cocaine to a confidential

1 informant who trafficked in cocaine and then sold that cocaine
2 in Baltimore City.

3 You got proceeds, shared them with Mr. Gladstone and
4 Mr. Louvado. Ultimately, you received \$20,000 in drug proceeds
5 from the sale of that cocaine.

6 It also says that as a law enforcement officer, of
7 course, you knew it was a crime to provide false information or
8 conceal or cover up material facts during voluntary interviews
9 with federal law enforcement.

10 March 1st of 2017, there was an arrest of members of
11 the Gun Trace Task Force on federal racketeering charges. And
12 investigation continued by the FBI. On November 1st of 2019,
13 it says you agreed to participate in a voluntary interview with
14 FBI task force officers. You indicated you understood it was a
15 crime to lie to the FBI.

16 And they questioned you about the seizure of the
17 cocaine on February 19th and 20th, 2009. There were in that
18 interview a number of false statements and material omissions.

19 And this is the part I am not going to read through
20 entirely, but essentially, you denied hearing about these drugs
21 being taken, knowing anything about the sale of those drugs,
22 knowing anything about getting any money from the sale of those
23 drugs, or giving any money to anyone else from your squad.

24 You were confronted with some suggestion that the FBI
25 had evidence to the contrary, and you continued to deny any

1 knowledge of the drugs, the backpack, the money. And at the
2 time you did know that that conduct was unlawful.

3 So my question, sir -- again, I didn't read it word
4 for word, but I've read it, including the transcript part -- is
5 that statement of facts correct and did you do what it says in
6 there you did?

7 **THE DEFENDANT:** Yes, ma'am.

8 **THE COURT:** All right, sir. You do agree you're
9 guilty of this offense?

10 **THE DEFENDANT:** Yes, ma'am.

11 **THE COURT:** Okay. Going back to the plea agreement
12 letter, in Paragraph 6, based on those facts, you have an
13 agreement with the Government about the guidelines, that the
14 base offense level would be a 6. There's an increase of two
15 for abuse of a position of trust, so that is a total of eight.

16 The Government is not going to object to a two-level
17 downward adjustment for your acceptance of responsibility as
18 long as there is no violation of the plea agreement between now
19 and sentencing.

20 Then it says there is no agreement about your criminal
21 history category.

22 At the time of sentencing, both you and the Government
23 have the right to argue for whatever you think would be a
24 reasonable sentence in this case under the law.

25 Paragraph 10 talks about appeal rights.

1 First of all, it says that you are giving up your
2 right to appeal; in other words, your guilty plea today is your
3 conviction of this charge, and you're giving up your right to
4 appeal that conviction.

5 And it says also that both you and the Government are
6 giving up that right that I previously mentioned to appeal the
7 sentence in this case.

8 Paragraph 13 tells you that if you were to violate the
9 plea agreement in some way between now and sentencing, fail to
10 accept responsibility, for example, or commit some new offense,
11 if the Government proved that to me, then they would be free of
12 their obligations to you and you would not be allowed to
13 withdraw your plea.

14 Paragraph 11 tells you the Court is not a party to the
15 agreement. I didn't sign the letter. I do have an independent
16 responsibility, with the help of the presentence report, to
17 decide what the facts are that are relevant to sentencing, what
18 the guideline range is, ultimately what a reasonable sentence
19 is.

20 So I don't have to accept the U.S. Attorney's
21 recommendation. I don't have to accept your counsel's
22 recommendation. If I don't, that doesn't mean you get to
23 withdraw your guilty plea. You have to understand at this
24 point nobody can make you an absolutely binding promise of what
25 the sentence is going to be.

1 And then it says that that's the complete plea
2 agreement, together with the sealed supplement in this case.

3 Our policy in this district is to have a sealed
4 supplement in every case discussing cooperation, whether or not
5 a defendant is cooperating. And any discussion of that sealed
6 supplement would itself be under seal, and we will follow that
7 ordinary procedure.

8 Conference at the bench.

9 (It is the policy of this court that every guilty plea and
10 sentencing proceeding include a bench conference concerning
11 whether the defendant is or is not cooperating.)

12 **THE COURT:** That was a summary of the plea agreement.

13 Anything that needs to be added, modified, commented
14 on, Mr. Wise?

15 **MR. WISE:** No, Your Honor. Thank you.

16 **THE COURT:** Mr. Mercer?

17 **MR. MERCER:** No, Your Honor. Thank you very much.

18 **THE COURT:** All right. Mr. Rivera, most important, I
19 didn't read that word for word again, but did that sound to you
20 like a correct summary of what you think your agreement with
21 the Government is?

22 **THE DEFENDANT:** Yes, ma'am.

23 **THE COURT:** Let me ask it another way: Is there
24 anything else that's been promised to you, any reward, any
25 benefit, anything you expect to get in exchange for your guilty

1 plea besides what's in your plea agreement with the Government?

2 **THE DEFENDANT:** No, ma'am.

3 **THE COURT:** Okay. Any questions at all, sir, about
4 your guilty plea or the terms of your plea agreement?

5 **THE DEFENDANT:** No, ma'am, I'm just here to accept my
6 responsibilities and do what's right.

7 **THE COURT:** Okay. Well, thank you, sir.

8 Based on the answers you've given me and what counsel
9 have said and reviewing the record, I'm going to find you're
10 competent to enter this plea.

11 I believe you understand the charge against you and
12 the penalties you're subject to.

13 I'll find that you understand the rights you're giving
14 up by pleading guilty, that you're doing this voluntarily, and
15 there is a factual basis for your entry of the plea.

16 So I'm accepting your plea of guilty to this one-count
17 information.

18 We will be ordering a presentence report. Counsel,
19 normally I would set a sentencing date, but that is a little
20 complicated these days because we need to clear dates on the
21 calendar with our Clerk's Office staff, given our limited
22 capacity.

23 So my plan would be to send out a sentencing order
24 that gets the process started but simply puts a "to be
25 determined" date in the sentencing order, and we'll be back in

1 touch to set a date a little bit later down the road, probably
2 October, November, if that's satisfactory.

3 **MR. WISE:** It is, Your Honor. Thank you.

4 **THE COURT:** Anything else from the Government?

5 **MR. WISE:** No, Your Honor. Thank you.

6 **THE COURT:** Anything else, Mr. Mercer?

7 **MR. MERCER:** Nothing further, Your Honor.

8 **THE COURT:** All right. Courtroom deputy, anybody
9 else, anything I have left out or not addressed?

10 **THE CLERK:** Not that I'm aware of, Judge.

11 **THE COURT:** If you'd like to adjourn the proceedings.

12 **THE CLERK:** Thank you, Judge. This honorable court is
13 now adjourned.

14 **THE COURT:** Thank you, all.

15 **MR. WISE:** Thank you, Your Honor.

16 **MR. MERCER:** Thank you, Judge.

17 (Court adjourned at 3:03 p.m.)

18 I, Douglas J. Zweizig, RDR, CRR, FCRR, do hereby certify
19 that the foregoing is a correct transcript from the
20 stenographic record of proceedings in the above-entitled
21 matter.

22 _____
/s/

23 Douglas J. Zweizig, RDR, CRR, FCRR
24 Registered Diplomate Reporter
25 Certified Realtime Reporter
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