

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
Newport News Division**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CRIMINAL NO.: 4:20cr27

JOSEPH M. CHERRY, II

Defendant.

**POSITION OF THE DEFENDANT, JOSEPH M. CHERRY, II,  
WITH RESPECT TO SENTENCING FACTORS**

COMES NOW the defendant, Joseph M. Cherry, II, by counsel, and states as follows for his position on sentencing:

The Defendant and counsel have reviewed the pre-sentence report. There are no objections to the factual content of the advisory sentencing guidelines.

The background of the Defendant and the facts of the case are fully set forth in the pre-sentence report. The defense contends that a variant sentence of 36 months is sufficient and will satisfy the 18 U.S.C. § 3553 factors.

The Defendant pled guilty and accepted responsibility for his actions very early in the process. This factor is particularly significant during the Covid-19 pandemic. His willingness to proceed in this fashion was a significant concession to make the administration of justice safe and efficient.

The most significant factor that the Court should consider is the Defendant's mental and emotional health issues. The pre-sentence report at paragraphs 69-71 sets forth these problems in



**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send a notification of such filing (NEF) to the following:

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