

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF MAINE

**ORDER**

Rule 111 of the Rules of the United States District Court for the District of Maine is hereby amended, effective July 1, 2008.

**RULE 111**

**PLEA AGREEMENTS & MANDATORY PLEA AGREEMENT SUPPLEMENTS**

**(a) Time Limits**

Counsel shall file with the Clerk's Office any plea agreement and mandatory plea agreement supplement at least 2 business days prior to a scheduled change of plea.

**(b) Contents of Plea Agreements and Mandatory Plea Agreement Supplements**

Plea Agreements shall not identify whether a criminal defendant has agreed to cooperate with the United States. A second document entitled "Mandatory Plea Agreement Supplement" shall be filed under seal in conjunction with every Plea Agreement. If a criminal defendant has agreed to cooperate, the Mandatory Plea Agreement Supplement shall contain the cooperation agreement. If the criminal defendant and the United States have not entered into a cooperation agreement, the Mandatory Plea Agreement Supplement shall indicate that there is no cooperation agreement.

**(c) Duration of sealing**

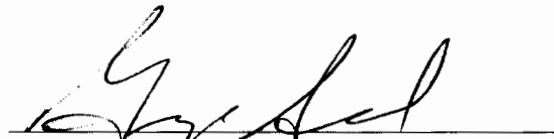
Mandatory Plea Agreement Supplements shall remain sealed until sentencing, and for an additional 120 days thereafter, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

**(d) Public notice**

The docket entry noting the filing of the sealed Mandatory Plea Agreement Supplement shall be publicly available on ECF, but the document shall only be available to the Court.

So ORDERED.

For the Court:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Singal", is written over a horizontal line.

GEORGE Z. SINGAL  
Chief Judge

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008.