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Exclusive: Federal Document Reveals Plea Agreement Between Alwyn Williams, Sr. And Ronald Sharpe's Office

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ST. CROIX -- Evidence gathered by the FBI on a government corruption scandal that's rocked the territory, which includes alleged bribes for lucrative government contracts and involved construction company ACE Development, Inc. -- owned by its CEO Alwyn Williams, Sr., the father of tainted former Senator Alvin Williams, Jr. -- pushed Williams Sr. into a plea agreement with the feds that saw the defendant making available pertinent information to the FBI in a [sealed document](#) obtained by *The Consortium*.

This document, an agreement between the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands and Ace Construction, through its CEO, Williams, Sr., demanded that Williams Sr. provide truthful information in his interview concerning the FBI's mammoth investigation into the corruption case that's weaved itself into the Government of the Virgin Islands, of which most documents remain sealed, or face a myriad of charges that could have landed him in jail.

The plea deal saw Williams Sr. revealing information about former Governor Charles W. Turnbull's alleged involvement in corruption, who allegedly had a "bagman" during his tenure to collect and dispense monies gained illicitly. The ACE Construction CEO also shed light on what led former Dept. of Public Works Commissioner Darryl Smalls, who is now Virgin Islands Housing Authority's Director of Modernization, to report former Sen. Williams, Jr.

Williams Sr. also alleged in the interview that former Governor John P. de Jongh would assure that some contracts were awarded to firms that supported his agenda, and brings to the fore the alleged involvement of former Senators Celestino White and Carlton Dowe in the alleged wrongdoings.

Upon Williams Sr.'s acceptance of the plea deal, along with his attorney, Gordon Rhea, who also represented Alvin Williams, Jr. during his trial, the U.S. Attorney's Office and the defendant signed an agreement that dismissed the indictment of Williams Sr. without prejudice. See and download the agreement [here](#).

A full reproduction of the plea agreement, referred to in the document as Supplement Agreement, has been reproduced below (verbatim):

"Pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and the Plea Agreement, the Government, the Defendant, Defendant's CEO, and Defendant's counsel enter into the following agreement, which is a supplement to the Agreement executed on even date herewith. Any reference to the United States or the Government in this agreement means the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands,

"1: The Defendant, by and through Alwyn Williams, Sr., CEO for Defendant Ace Development, Inc, agrees to cooperate fully and truthfully with the Government as follows:

"a. Defendant agrees to provide truthful, complete and accurate information. If requested by an attorney for the Government or another party, Defendant agrees to provide truthful, complete and accurate testimony. The Defendant understands that if defendant testifies untruthfully in any material way, Defendant can be prosecuted for perjury,

"b. Defendant agrees to provide all information concerning Defendant's knowledge of and participation in any crimes about which Defendant has knowledge.

"c. Defendant agrees not to falsely implicate any person or entity nor will Defendant protect any person or entity through false information or omission. Defendant understands that the obligations under this agreement require that defendant provide accurate information, regardless of whether it hurts or helps the government's legal position, or helps or hurts another person's legal position in a particular case.

"d. Defendant agrees to testify as a witness before any grand jury, hearing, trial, or retrial if called upon to do so by the Government or another party.

"e. Defendant agrees to be available for any interviews as the Government may require.

"f. Defendant agrees to provide all documents or other items under defendant's control, or which may come under Defendant's control which may pertain to any crime.

"g. Defendant understands that defendant's cooperation shall be provided to any law enforcement agency as requested by counsel for the Government.

"h. Defendant agrees that if the Government determines that the Defendant has not provided full and truthful cooperation, or has committed any federal, state or local crime between the date of this agreement and sentencing, or has otherwise violated any other provision of this supplemental agreement and the Plea Agreement, the agreements may be voided in whole or part by the government and the Defendant shall be subject to prosecution for any crime of which the Government has knowledge including, but not limited to, perjury, obstruction of justice, and the substantive offenses arising from this investigation.

"1. If the totality of the circumstances convinces the Government that Defendant's statement is not complete and truthful, Defendant will be so informed, and any and all obligations imposed on the Government by the agreement may be rendered null and void. The decision will be in the sole discretion of the United States Attorney.

"2. Defendant agrees not to reveal that Defendant is cooperating with the Government to any person other than Defendant's attorney and the law enforcement agents with whom Defendant is then cooperating pursuant to this agreement. Defendant further agrees to never reveal to any person any information defendant has learned from law enforcement agents, such as methods of undercover operations, surveillance techniques, nature and types of official equipment, vehicles, etc.

"3. Defendant agrees and understands that, by signing this agreement, Defendant does not become an agent of either the federal, state, local or territorial government. Defendant understands that Defendant will be prosecuted for any unlawful activity in which Defendant engages of which the Government becomes aware, unless it is approved in advance and performed in an undercover capacity under the immediate and direct supervision of a law enforcement officer or agent with whom Defendant is then cooperating,

"4. The Defendant's rights under this agreement shall in no way be dependent upon or affected by the outcome of any case in which Defendant may testify.

"5. It is agreed that no additional promises, agreements or conditions have been entered into other than those set forth in the Plea Agreement and this document, and none will be entered into unless in writing and signed by all parties.

"Respectfully submitted, RONALD W. SHARPE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY."

See and download the Supplement Agreement [here](#), and a letter from the U.S. Attorney's office notifying the defendant's attorney of its knowledge of Williams Sr.'s willingness to

cooperate with the investigation if given a plea deal, [here](#).

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