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Plea Bargaining

Plea bargaining is an agreement that is made between the person who has committed a felony in which the defendant pleads guilty to acquire a lesser sentence. One of the rights, as defined by the constitution of the United States, is the right to jury trial. The defendant has a right to know the information about the details of his or her case in case of plea bargaining. The other power mentioned in the American Constitution is the right against self-incrimination in which the government protects a person who has committed a crime from testifying against himself. The third right that is considered in plea bargaining is the right to confront the witnesses. In this instance, the Sixth Amendment of Constitution provides the offenders with the right to confront the witnesses presented against him.

The plea agreement benefits the defendants in that it helps in reducing the sentencing of the criminals. Getting a lesser sentence makes the defendants get back to society and assist in the growth of the nation. Also, plea bargaining is a good idea because it reduces court congestion and helps in freeing the prosecutors to handle other cases. The resources of the nation are reserved through plea bargaining since the number of cases will reduce through plea bargaining.

On the other hand, plea bargaining is not a good idea based on the following arguments. Some of the defendants brought to trial are innocent, and in fear of facing a harsh sentence they plead guilty. The other drawback of plea bargaining is that it has resulted in poor investigation process by the police and the attorneys as they fail to prepare the cases correctly. The attorneys and the police officers believe in making a deal with the convict instead of pursuing justice. According to some judges and attorneys, plea bargaining is unconstitutional since it denies the defendant the right to jury trial.