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## **Presentation 2**

Plea Bargaining in the Criminal Justice System

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## **ABSTRACT**

This poster presentation is about the mechanism Plea Bargaining and how it is instilled in our society. Plea bargains have both positive and negative effects just like anything else in society. There are a number of advantages such as the certainty for conviction, it is a good negotiating tool in pre-trial scenarios, and plea bargains free up resources for local communities. A few disadvantages of the plea bargain process are that federal level imprisonment around the U.S. is booming, pleading eliminates the right to have a trial by jury, it eliminates the chance for an appeal and it leaves discretion completely to the judge and prosecution, which creates room for corruption.