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PRE-INSPECTION AGREEMENT

This **AGREEMENT** is made between \_\_\_\_\_,  
hereafter referred to as the Client and Signature Inspection Services.  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCE PROPERTY:** Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: Florida Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCOPE OF WORK:** At your request, Signature Inspection Services is to complete a property inspection conducted in accordance with the standards of practice of the American Society of Home Inspectors. These standards are available upon request or can be viewed on the web at <http://www.ashi.org/inspectors/standards/standards.asp>. The inspection is a visual non-invasive look at the property and clearly has defined limitations. It is not a substitute for the Transfer Disclosure Statement, which the seller may be required to provide by civil code. The inspection is performed by a generalist in a matter of hours and does not include any warranties, as opposed to that by a specialist, which could take several days to complete and could include warranties. Therefore, please be aware of the following limitations of this service: It is not a code-compliance inspection and does not include any research, such as that necessary to establish boundaries, easements, and the issuance of permits or certificates of occupancy. It is not a specialized inspection, such as that conducted by geologists, engineers, environmental specialists, and termite inspectors, who evaluate soil conditions, determine differential settling or structural movement, test the quality of air and water, or detect the presence of pests or rodents, and harmful contaminants, such as radon, methane, asbestos, lead, formaldehyde, electromagnetic radiation, molds and fungi, termites, and other wood-destroying organisms.

Similarly, in accordance with American Society of Home Inspectors standards, Signature Inspection Services does not evaluate or endorse any concealed areas or components, such as subterranean ducts, pipes, or conduits within walls, floors, or ceilings, obstructed switches and outlets, the slab beneath carpets, the interior of heat exchangers, air-conditioning coils and supply ducts, significant portions of chimney flues, and the waterproof membrane beneath roofs, balconies or shower pans. Also, we do not evaluate or endorse the following specific components: computerized systems, radio or remotely controlled components, central vacuum systems, alarm, telephone, cable, or intercom systems, private sewage systems, private water supply systems, water softeners, water circulating devices, water filtration or purification devices, automatic sprinklers, the hermetic seal of dual-glazed windows or skylights, solar systems, fire-sprinkler systems, shut-off valves that are not in daily use, elevators, saunas, steam showers, humidifiers, electronic air cleaners, in-line duct motors or dampers, washers, dryers, and their valves or drain pipes, condensate pumps, thermostats, timers, clocks, rotisseries, refrigerators, portable or free-standing appliances, retaining walls, landscaping or landscape items, including decorative and low-voltage lighting, portable spas, fountains and ponds, barbecues, fire-pits, pool sweep assemblies, in-line chlorinators, or similar devices dispensing bromine or ozone, and the coatings on pools, spas, countertops, fixtures, appliances, decks and walkways.

In addition, Signature Inspection Services does not tacitly endorse or guarantee the integrity of any structure or component that was built or installed without permit, and which could include latent defects, or any item that may have been subject to a manufacturer's recall. What Signature Inspection Services provides is a conscientious but essentially visual inspection, recommendations for appropriate specialist service, and any consultation that may be necessary. In return, and in consideration of the fee, you are agreeing with your signature to abide by the terms and conditions of the contract and to the following specific stipulations that you must acknowledge with your initials, as follows:

**SUSPICIOUS STAINS OR MOISTURE EVIDENCE:** I agree that Signature Inspection Services may report on suspicious stains or moisture damage, but that they are not licensed to inspect for mold or fungi.

**DISPUTE RESOLUTION-BINDING ARBITRATION:** I agree to hold Signature Inspection Services harmless for any defects that are alleged or which should have been discovered beyond a period of two full years from the close of escrow. However, should a dispute arise during this period related to the inspection and report, or the interpretation thereof, that I will only undertake emergency measures and will not alter, repair, replace, correct, or modify any disputed component or condition without first giving the representatives of Signature Inspection Services the right to re-inspect. Furthermore, I agree that I will first attempt to resolve any dispute informally. Should such an attempt fail, I agree to submit the dispute to binding arbitration under the rules and procedures of the Expedited Arbitration of Home Inspection Disputes of Construction Arbitration Services Incorporated, and that the decision of the appointed arbitrator shall be honored and binding on the parties and entered in any Court of competent jurisdiction. I further agree that should I initiate either arbitration or a court action without first attempting mediation that I shall not be entitled to recover attorney's fees and costs that might otherwise be awarded to me through arbitration or a court action.

**GOVERNING LAW & SEVERABILITY:** Florida law shall govern this agreement. I agree that if any portion of this contract is judged to be invalid or unenforceable by any court or arbitrator that the remaining terms and conditions shall remain in effect and binding between the parties.

**ACCEPTANCE:** I have read and understood this contract and agree to all of the terms and conditions therein, and in consideration of a fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, I authorize Signature Inspection Services to complete an inspection of the property in accordance with the Standards of American Society of Home Inspectors. As an added service Brinks Home Security is authorized to contact you by phone to discuss alarm system options, service, and/or upgrades.

CLIENT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

INSPECTOR:  \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bruce E. Hefka