

YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING STATUTORY AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. YOU MUST UNDERSTAND YOUR RIGHTS AND POSSIBLE PENALTIES BEFORE A GUILTY PLEA CAN BE ACCEPTED BY THE JUDGE.

Please check the box if you understand you have the following rights.

Yes	No	→ You have the right to be represented by a lawyer.
Yes	No	→ If you cannot afford to hire a lawyer, a lawyer will be appointed.
Yes	No	→ You have the right to a speedy public trial in this county with an impartial jury of your peers.
Yes	No	→ You are presumed innocent until the State has proven you guilty of the offense(s) charged against you beyond a reasonable doubt.
Yes	No	→ You have the right to compulsory process (the right to have witnesses testify for you).
Yes	No	→ You have the right to confront and cross-examine any witness who testifies against you.
Yes	No	→ You have the right against self incrimination. You cannot be made to say anything harmful or damaging against yourself.
Yes	No	→ You have the right to a preliminary hearing unless the case has been indicted.

In order to plead guilty, you first must give up your right to a preliminary hearing.

Not Applicable		→ Already had preliminary hearing or was indicted.
Yes	No	→ Do you wish to give up your right to a preliminary hearing?
Yes	No	→ Has anyone forced you or used threats to make you give up your right to a preliminary hearing?
Yes	No	→ Other than the presentation to the Court of any recommended plea agreement, has anyone made any promises to you to make you give up your right to a preliminary hearing?
Yes	No	→ Do you voluntarily give up your preliminary hearing?

Do you understand that by pleading guilty, you will give up the following rights?

Yes	No	→ The right to a trial, a speedy public jury trial in this county with a jury of your peers.
Yes	No	→ The right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against you.
Yes	No	→ The right against self incrimination, also known as the right to remain silent.
Yes	No	→ Do you understand the maximum penalty possible, your rights, any potential for loss of driving privileges, and that you may be ordered to pay restitution?
Yes	No	→ Do you wish to give up all your rights and plead guilty?

To the charge in the information/indictment, do you plead ?

Circle One → GUILTY or NOT GUILTY

Yes	No
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→ Other than the presentation to the Court of any recommended plea agreement, has anyone made any promise to you to enter this plea of guilty?

Recommended Plea Agreement	
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Yes	No
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→ Above is the recommended plea agreement, which I understand.

Yes	No
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→ Has anyone forced you or used threats against you to enter this plea of guilty?

Yes	No
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→ My plea in this matter is free and voluntary, and the only reason I am pleading guilty is that I am, in fact, guilty as charged.

Yes	No
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→ I am not under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or drug which impairs my ability to understand these rights and the effect of a guilty plea on them.

Yes	No
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→ I authorize my lawyer to proceed on my behalf, whether I am present or not, to enter my plea of guilty and accept the Court's sentence.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Defendant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Notary Public
My commission expires: _____

I, as lawyer for the Defendant, _____, do hereby certify that I have read and fully explained to the Defendant the allegations contained in the indictment or information in this case. To the best of my knowledge and belief the statements, representations and declarations made by the Defendant in the foregoing petition are in all respects accurate and true. The plea of guilty offered by the Defendant accords with my understanding of the facts the Defendant has related to me. It is consistent with my advice to the Defendant and in my opinion is voluntarily and knowingly made.

Signed by me in the presence of the Defendant and after full discussion of the contents of this petition with the Defendant this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Attorney for the Defendant