

**In the \_\_\_\_\_ Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County  
State of Georgia**

Defendant \_\_\_\_\_ Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Waiver of the Right to Counsel at Arraignment**

The Defendant in this case, being duly sworn, states as follows (initial each line):

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and I am not suffering from any mental or physical disability.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have been advised of the nature of the charge(s) against me, and the maximum and minimum punishment provided by law. I have been advised that, under the United States and Georgia Constitutions, I have the right to be represented by a lawyer at all critical stages of the criminal process, including my arraignment. I have been advised of my right to a court-appointed lawyer if I cannot afford to hire a lawyer on my own.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have been informed of the benefits of a lawyer, such as a lawyer's ability to explain to me the law and legal proceedings; to investigate my case; to conduct negotiations with the prosecutor, and to cross-examine witnesses, present evidence, and select a jury if I go to trial. I have been warned about the dangers and disadvantages of proceeding without legal representation.

\_\_\_\_\_ Nevertheless, I wish to waive my right to a lawyer and represent myself at my arraignment. I am making this decision voluntarily. No one has made any threat or promise to induce me to waive my right to a lawyer.

I swear under penalties of perjury that these statements are true.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Solicitor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

After having investigated the facts and circumstances underlying the defendant's wish to waive the right to counsel, including the defendant's background, employment, education, and desires, and after having warned the defendant of the dangers and disadvantages of proceeding without legal representation, I have determined that this defendant has knowingly, voluntarily, and intelligently waived the right to counsel and the right to court-appointed counsel if the defendant is indigent.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge, \_\_\_\_\_ Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County

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**Record of Defendant Prior to Entering a Plea**

The Defendant in this case, being duly sworn, states as follows:

I am not under the influence of alcohol or drugs and I am not suffering from any mental or physical disability.

I have been advised of the nature of the charge(s) against me, the maximum and minimum punishment provided by law and my right to be represented by a private attorney, or by a public defender, if I am eligible.

I understand that by entering a plea of guilty or nolo contendere that I waive:

- (1) The right to trial by jury;
- (2) The presumption of innocence;
- (3) The right to confront witnesses against me;
- (4) The right to subpoena witnesses;
- (5) The right to testify and to offer other evidence;
- (6) The right to assistance of counsel during trial; and
- (7) The right not to incriminate myself.

I also understand that by pleading not guilty I will obtain a jury/bench trial. If I choose to remain silent and not enter a plea, a plea of not guilty will be entered on my behalf and I will obtain a jury trial.

I now desire to enter my plea of \_\_\_\_\_ to the charge against me. It is free and voluntary. I have not been told what sentence will be imposed. No promises or threats have been made to me by and District Attorney, Solicitor, Lawyer, Policeman or other person to induce me to enter this plea.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not represented by a lawyer. I understand the nature of the charges against me and consequences of my plea. I freely and voluntarily waive the benefit of counsel and choose to represent myself in this plea proceeding.

I understand that if I am placed on non-reporting or reporting probation, I cannot violate any criminal laws of any governmental unit or any special conditions of probation without being subject to revocation for the balance of the sentence.

I hereby acknowledge/waive receipt of a copy of the accusation in the above-styled case. I swear under penalties of perjury that these statements are true.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Prosecutor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney Date

I have satisfied myself that this defendant's plea is free and voluntary and that he/she is in possession of his/her faculties and is able to understand the nature and consequences of his/her plea. I have also determined that this defendant understands he/she has the right to the assistance of counsel at this plea proceeding and knowingly, voluntarily, and intelligently waives the right to counsel if not represented by counsel. The court is further satisfied there has been a sufficient factual basis shown for the acceptance of this plea, and the defendant understands the consequences of his/her plea.

This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge, \_\_\_\_\_ Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County