

*****YOU HAVE AN ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO LEGAL REPRESENTATION. IF YOU WOULD LIKE AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU IN THIS MATTER AN APPLICATION FOR A COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST*****

WAIVER OF ATTORNEY

Comes now the above-named Defendant in the above-styled and numbered cause, in open court, and advises the Court as follows:

“I understand and have been advised by the Court as to the nature of the criminal charge against me and the range of punishment for such offense. I have been advised by the Court that:

1. I have a Constitutional right to have counsel represent me in this matter and that I may be given sufficient time to employ counsel to represent me;
2. If I am indigent and cannot employ legal counsel, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent me and I have been advised as to the procedure for requesting court appointed counsel and I have been given a reasonable opportunity to request appointed counsel;
3. There are dangers and disadvantages of representing myself, primarily;
 - a. there are technical rules of evidence and courtroom procedure and I will not be granted any special consideration solely because I choose to represent myself and I will be held to the same courtroom standards as a licensed attorney, and;
 - b. in the event that I am convicted, I will be prohibited from claiming ineffective assistance of counsel on appeal.”

“I have been advised this date by the Court in the County Court at Law of my right to representation by counsel in the case pending against me. I have been further advised that if I am unable to afford counsel, one will be appointed for me free of charge. Understanding my right to have counsel appointed for me free of charge, if I am not financially able to employ counsel, I wish to waive that right and request the Court to proceed with my case without an attorney being appointed for me. I hereby waive my right to counsel. Also, I know that I am entitled to 10 days before disposition of my case. I give up my right to 10 days notice before disposition and agree that my case be heard today, including the disposition. I also understand if I am in the country illegally, a conviction in this case may result in deportation.”

“I acknowledge that this waiver is made voluntarily and intelligently and that this Waiver of Attorney may be withdrawn at anytime for any reason.”

“I am _____ years of age and the highest grade I completed in school was _____.”

Signed on _____, 2018

Defendant's Signature

Defendant's Printed Name