

STATE OF OHIO

IN THE COURT OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

CASE NO. _____

Plaintiff

JUDGE _____

vs.

Defendant

Defendant's Voluntary Waiver Of Right to Counsel

WAIVER OF RIGHT TO COUNSEL

I, _____, Defendant, charged with an offense(s) in this court, have been advised (informed) of my rights as follow:

1. I have the right to retain or consult with counsel (an attorney) even if I intend to plead guilty or no contest.
2. I have the right and have been accorded the right to a reasonable continuance in the proceedings to secure counsel.
3. I have the right to have counsel assigned to me with no cost to me if I am unable to employ counsel. I understand I may be required to pay a one-time \$25.00 fee to secure counsel.

I acknowledge that I have been advised of the possible penalty the judge could impose if I plead guilty or no contest pursuant to a plea offer or if I am convicted at trial of an offense with which I am charged. I understand the possible penalty may include jail time, monetary fine, community service, a period of community control (probation), drivers rights suspension and/or vehicle sanctions.

Further, I acknowledge that I have been advised of the meaning of a guilty plea, no contest plea and not guilty plea.

Further, I acknowledge that I have been advised that I will be held to the same rules of evidence, procedure and substantive law as the prosecuting attorney and that the Judge shall remain impartial and cannot assist me or be lenient with me in any way. I understand that there may be defenses to the charges against me that I am not aware of because I am not thoroughly trained in the law. I may be unaware of rights that would be to my advantage to assert. I may lose those rights on appeal if I do not assert them at trial.

After having been advised of my rights to an attorney, I fully understand them and have no additional questions for the court.

I have considered my rights carefully and hereby waive (give up) my right to be represented by an attorney. I do this knowingly, intelligently and voluntarily; no one has forced or coerced me in any way.

DATE

DEFENDANT

WAIVER ACCEPTANCE ENTRY

The court hereby finds that the defendant has been fully advised of his/her rights to counsel, and that the defendant understands these rights; and further finds that the defendant knowingly, voluntarily, and intelligently waives these rights. Court reporter present, Crim. R. 22 and 44.

DATE

JUDGE