

Waiver of Counsel

I have told the judge that I do not want to be represented by a lawyer in this case.

I understand that I am charged with the following offense(s):

<u>Count/Spec. No.</u>	<u>Offense/Specification</u>	<u>Code Sec.</u>
A -		
B -		
C -		
D -		
E -		

I understand that the maximum penalty as to each count is as follows:

	Max. Prison Term (years/months)	Max. Fine	Mandatory Fine	License Suspension	Prison Term Mandatory/ Consecutive	Prison Term Presumed Necessary
A		\$	\$			
B		\$	\$			
C		\$	\$			
D		\$	\$			
E		\$	\$			

I understand that if I am found guilty of the offenses(s) I can be sentenced to a prison term that may include a period of post-release control, fines, and/or other penalties.

I understand that under the constitutions of the United States, I have the right to be represented by a lawyer at all critical stages of this criminal case. This includes before trial, at the trial itself, and during proceedings to determine what sentence should be imposed if I am found guilty. I understand that if I am unable to obtain the services of a lawyer without incurring substantial hardship to myself or to my family, one will be furnished for me free of charge.

I understand that the services of a lawyer can be of great value in determining whether the charges against me are sufficient as a matter of law, whether the procedures used in investigating the charges and obtaining evidence against me, including any statements I may have made, were lawful, whether an act I may have committed actually amounts to the offense of which I am charged, whether I have any other valid defense to the charges, and, if I am found guilty, whether I should be placed on community control, be required to pay a fine, or be sentenced to a term of imprisonment. I understand that if I am found guilty of the offense charged the court may sentence me to a term of imprisonment even though I have given up my right to a lawyer. I understand that if I am convicted I will have a right to appeal my case.

I understand that if I choose to represent myself the court will hold me to the same rules of evidence and procedure that a lawyer must follow. I understand that my lack of knowledge of these rules will not prevent the court from enforcing them. I understand that if I am convicted I will have a right to appeal my case, but my lack of knowledge of legal procedure or evidentiary rules may result in waiving review of certain issues on appeal.

I have been informed by the court of the charges against me, the possible punishments for the charges, and my right to have a lawyer represent me, even if I cannot afford one. I have read this form or have had it read to me. I understand this form and have had the opportunity to ask the court any questions I might have about waiving my right to a lawyer.

I hereby knowingly, intelligently and voluntarily waive my rights to a lawyer.

DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM IF YOU WANT A LAWYER.

Defendant

I hereby certify that the above-named Defendant has been fully informed of the charged against him and of the right to have counsel appointed. I further certify that the Defendant has executed this waiver in my presence after its meaning and effect have been fully explained to him.

Judge

Date