

**IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF PERRY, GEORGIA**

DEFENDANT: \_\_\_\_\_ CITATION NUMBER(S): \_\_\_\_\_

**RECORD OF DEFENDANT PRIOR TO ENTERING PLEA**

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

I am not under the influence of alcohol or drugs, nor am I 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:

- The right to trial by jury;
- The presumption of innocence;
- The right to confront witnesses against me;
- The right to subpoena witnesses;
- The right to assistance of counsel during trial; and
- The right not to incriminate myself.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ I am represented by a lawyer.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not represented by a lawyer. I understand that if I cannot afford to hire an attorney, the Court may appoint an attorney to represent me if I qualify under the appropriate guidelines. I understand the nature of the charge(s) against me and acknowledge that: (1) If found guilty, I could receive a sentence to be served in jail; (2) The rules of evidence will be enforced and I must abide by those rules during the trial of my case; (3) Strategic decisions regarding calling witnesses and the right to testify or refuse to testify must be made by me; and (4) I must properly object and preserve issues during the trial in order to raise such issues in any appeal. I freely and voluntarily waive the benefit of counsel and choose to represent myself in this proceeding.

I further freely and voluntarily waive my right to a jury trial. I now desire to enter my plea of \_\_\_\_\_ to the charge(s) against me. It is free and voluntary. I have not been told what sentence will be imposed. No promise or threats have been made to me by and District Attorney, Solicitor, Lawyer, Police Officer, or other person to induce me to enter this plea.

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

If I am not a U.S. citizen, I understand that a plea may adversely impact my immigration status.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
DEFENDANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
ATTORNEY

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.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2018.

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Judge James M. Freeman