

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

vs.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
DEFENDANT

**WAIVER OF TRIAL**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the Defendant, acknowledge that I have been advised and understand I have a constitutional right to a trial to determine the facts and whether I am guilty of the charge(s) against me. I further acknowledge that I have been advised and understand that I have a constitutional right to decide whether the trial would be either by a jury, which would consist of twelve (12) people chosen from the community where the verdict must be unanimous, or a bench trial heard by a judge only, and that if I waive my right to trial there will not be a trial by jury or a judge at any time.

I further acknowledge that I have been advised and understand that when I waive my constitutional rights, I also waive my rights during trial, which include:

1. The right to plead not guilty or persist in a previous plea of not guilty;
2. The right to be presumed innocent of the charge(s) against me;
3. The right to require the prosecution to prove my guilt beyond a reasonable doubt;
4. The right not to be compelled to incriminate myself including the right to choose whether to testify on my own behalf;
5. The right to see and hear the witnesses and evidence of the prosecution in open court and to question or cross-examine those witnesses; and
6. The right to present evidence and witnesses of my own and have the court require such witnesses to be in court.

I also acknowledge that I have been advised and understand the nature of the charge(s); the minimum and maximum sentence prescribed by law, including any possible extended or consecutive sentences; and that I have a right to counsel and, if indigent, to have counsel appointed for me by the court.

I further acknowledge that I have been advised and understand that if I am not a citizen of the United States, conviction of the offense(s) to which I am pleading guilty may have the consequences of deportation, exclusion from admission to the United States, or denial of naturalization under the laws of the United States.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE AND KNOWINGLY, VOLUNTARILY, AND UNDERSTANDINGLY WAIVE MY RIGHT TO TRIAL, AND STATE THAT, OTHER THAN IN A PLEA AGREEMENT MADE KNOWN TO THE COURT, NO PROMISES, THREATS, OR FORCE WERE USED TO OBTAIN THIS WAIVER.

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DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DEFENDANT

The Court has conveyed to the Defendant personally in open court the information set forth above and finds that the Defendant knowingly, voluntarily, and understandingly waives these constitutional rights.

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DATE

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JUDGE