



INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR RIGHTS

You have been charged with a criminal offense. If you are found guilty, you may be subject to penalties that could include a fine and/or jail time. Depending on the circumstances and the specific offense, you may be subject to additional consequences including, but not limited to, increased penalties for later convictions, loss of your driver's license, or loss of your right to possess firearms and/or ammunition. If you are not a citizen of the United States, your immigration status will be affected. If you are currently on probation or parole, it may be revoked.

You have several constitutional rights. Some of these rights can be waived or forfeited, so it is important that you know and understand them in order to preserve them.

You have the right to representation by an attorney. You may hire an attorney or, if you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible to have one appointed to represent you at no cost to you. If you would like an attorney appointed, you must be screened by the court to see if you qualify. It is your obligation to be screened at the location identified in Paragraph 5(c) of the Bond Checklist Form that you received after your Bond Hearing. If you do not hire an attorney or get screened for a court-appointed attorney, you may be found to have waived your right to representation.

You have the right to represent yourself. However, you should be aware of the dangers of self-representation. Criminal defense is a complex and specialized field of law, and there may be specific factual, legal, or procedural issues relevant to your charge(s) that you may not be aware of. If you exercise your right to proceed without an attorney, you are responsible for complying with all applicable rules of court, including the rules of evidence, procedure, and proper courtroom behavior.

If you are convicted of the charge(s) filed against you and are ordered to pay a fine, you may request a reasonable scheduled payment plan to pay the fine.

You are responsible for keeping track of your trial date and obtaining the services of an attorney before it, either by hiring one or getting screened and having one appointed. If you do not appear at your trial with your attorney, you may be found to have waived your right to representation.

You must keep your address updated with the court and are required to notify the court of any change of address until the completion of the case.

Signature of Defendant: _____
[] Defendant Refused to Sign