

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN THE INTEREST OF:

CASE #: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
a Child.

**PLEA OF GUILTY OR NO CONTEST IN JUVENILE COURT**

I, the undersigned child, have appeared in Circuit Court, Lake County, Florida; was advised by the judge of the allegations against me in the Petition filed in this case, and I have entered a plea of guilty or *no contest* to the charges. I understand the following:

1. The nature of the charges;
2. The difference between pleas of guilty, *no contest*, not guilty, and the effect of each plea;
3. The right to a trial before a judge;
4. The right to an attorney, and the right to have an attorney appointed if I cannot afford one;
5. The right to require the State to establish my guilt beyond a reasonable doubt;
6. The right to question the witnesses at trial;
7. The right to call witnesses of my own at trial and have those witnesses subpoenaed by the court;
8. The right to be presumed innocent until the State proves my guilt beyond a reasonable doubt;
9. The right to remain silent and not have that fact considered by the judge;
10. The right to testify at trial, and have my testimony considered by the same standards as the other witnesses;
11. That I understand the types of sentences involved;
12. That by entering this plea I waive my right to appeal except by appropriate collateral attack, such as an imposition of an illegal sentence.

By pleading guilty or *no contest*, I understand that I am giving up the above listed rights and that the judge will impose a sentence the judge deems appropriate. I am entering my plea voluntarily without fear, duress, or threat of violence because I committed the offense charged or I feel that the plea is in my best interest.

I am not under the influence of any alcohol or drugs at this time, nor am I on any kind of medication that affects my judgment or my ability to understand these proceedings. I fully understand the judge's instructions and what my rights are. I understand that I have a right to speak to the judge concerning the sentence before sentencing.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Child

I read the plea of guilty or *no contest* and it was explained fully to the Child in my presence. I understand the rights the Child is waiving by entering this plea and I consent to entry of the Child's plea.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent / Guardian / Responsible Adult

This plea was entered before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_. I find that the plea was entered by a child who appears alert and who understands the nature of the charges and the consequences of the guilty or *no contest* plea. The Child does not appear to be under the influence of drugs or alcoholic beverages, or any medication that affects the Child's judgment. I find a factual basis for the plea exists based upon the statements contained in the court file.

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CIRCUIT JUDGE