

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

STATE OF FLORIDA,
Plaintiff,

CASE # _____

-v-

_____,
Defendant.
_____ /

PLEA OF GUILTY OR NO CONTEST TO CRIMINAL CHARGE IN COUNTY COURT

I HAVE APPEARED on the below listed date in County Court, Lake County, Florida; was advised by the Judge of the Criminal charge(s) against me, and have entered a plea of Guilty or No Contest to the charge(s) before the Judge.

I understand the following:

1. The nature of the charges;
2. The difference between the pleas of Guilty, No contest, and Not Guilty, and the effect of each plea;
3. The right to a trial before a judge or a judge and a jury;
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 Assistant State Attorney to establish my guilt beyond a reasonable doubt;
6. The right to question 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 Assistant State Attorney proves me guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.
9. The right to remain silent and not have my silence considered by the judge or jury at trial.
10. The right to testify at trial, and have my testimony considered by the same standards as the other witnesses; and
11. The minimum and maximum sentences involved;
12. I waive my right to appeal except by appropriate collateral attack.

I further understand that I am giving up the above-listed rights and that the Judge will impose a sentence they deem appropriate. I am entering my plea voluntarily without fear, duress, or threat of violence because I committed the offense charged or feel that the plea is in my best interest.

I am not under the influence of any alcohol or drugs, and I fully understand the Judge's instructions, and what my rights are.

I understand I have the right to speak to the Judge concerning the sentence before sentencing.

I understand I also have the right to have this plea of Guilty or No Contest officially reported by a court reporter or other electronic device, and I am not requesting the Judge call for a court reporter or electronic device for this plea, hereby waiving this right.

Defendant

This plea was entered before me this _____ day of _____, 20____. I find that the plea was entered by a Defendant who appears alert and intelligent, and who understands the nature of the charge and the consequences of the plea of Guilty or No Contest. The Defendant does not appears to be under the influence of any drugs or alcoholic beverages. I find that there is a factual basis for the plea based upon the statements contained in the court file.

County Judge