

DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY

STATE OF MARYLAND

v.

Case No. _____

Defendant _____

WAIVER OF RIGHTS

In order for the Court to accept my guilty plea in this matter, I understand the following:

1. I know that I am pleading guilty to the crime(s) of _____ and the maximum jail time and fine are _____.
2. I have been advised that I do not have to plead guilty in this case and that I can plead not guilty and have a trial to determine if I am guilty or not guilty of the charge(s) against me.
3. I have also been advised that if I did have a trial, that the burden of proving me guilty beyond a reasonable doubt is always a responsibility of the State's Attorney and not my burden.
4. I understand that by accepting a guilty plea that I am relieving the State's Attorney of the obligation to prove by a trial that I am guilty beyond a reasonable doubt of the crimes to which I am charged. I understand that the State's Attorney must still offer to the court, facts sufficient to support the charge(s) to which I am pleading guilty.
5. I acknowledge that I am not under the influence of any medication or other substance that affects my ability to fully understand and appreciate the rights I am giving up, or the acceptance of the guilty plea.
6. I know that I am giving up the following important rights by entering a plea of guilty:
 - a. The right to a trial by judge or jury of twelve fair and impartial citizens of Montgomery County chosen from the voter rolls and motor vehicle rolls, who must unanimously agree that I am guilty before I can be found guilty.
 - b. The right to be proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt whether by a judge or jury
 - c. The right to face and cross examine the witnesses against me.
 - d. The right to call witnesses of my own for purposes of trial.
 - e. The right to testify in my own defense.
 - f. The right to remain silent and not have that silence considered against me.
7. If I am not a citizen of the United States, I am aware that this plea could affect my immigration status in this country, and there may be additional consequences of deportation, detention, or ineligibility for citizenship.
8. If I am currently on parole or probation, this guilty plea could affect that parole or probation status.

READ EACH STATEMENT AND CHECK ALL BOXES THAT APPLY TO YOU:

- I certify that I have not been threatened or forced by anyone to enter this plea of guilty
- I have been represented by an attorney and I am satisfied with the services that the attorney have provided to me.
- All questions I had about the plea process, about any rights I am relinquishing and about the nature of the charges have been fully answered and explained to me.
- I understand the terms and conditions of the plea agreement which will be announced in open Court. Other than the plea agreement, I certify that no one other than a representative of the State of Maryland has made any promises or inducements to cause me to plead guilty or to indicate what sentence I may receive.
- I have had the opportunity to fully consider this decision and I enter a plea of guilty freely and voluntarily because I am guilty of the crime(s) to which I am pleading guilty. I understand that the judge will likely accept my guilty plea and will then sentence me.

Counsel's Signature _____

Signature of Defendant _____

Counsel's Printed Name _____

Printed Name of Defendant _____

Date _____