

Cause Nos.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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IN THE COUNTY COURT

VS.

AT LAW

ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS

WAIVER OF ATTORNEY

Comes now the above-named Defendant in the above-styled and numbered cause, and advises that Court as follows:

I understand, and have been notified by the Court as to the nature of the criminal charge against me, and the range of punishment for such offense. I have been notified by the Court that:

1. I have a Constitutional right to have counsel represent me in this matter and that I may be given sufficient time to employ counsel to represent me;
2. If I am indigent, and cannot employ legal counsel, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent me, and I have been advised as to the procedure for requesting court appointed counsel, and I have been given a reasonable opportunity to request appointed counsel and;
3. there are dangers and disadvantages of representing myself, primarily:
 - a. that there are technical rules of evidence and courtroom procedure, but I will not be granted any special consideration solely because I choose to represent myself, and I will be held to the same courtroom standards as a licensed attorney; and
 - b. in the event that I am convicted, I will be prohibited from claiming ineffective assistance of counsel on appeal.

I have been notified this date by the County Court at Law or the Aransas County Attorney's Office of my right to representation by counsel in the case pending against me. I have been further notified that, if I am unable to afford counsel, one will be appointed for me free of charge if I apply for one and qualify. Understanding my right to have counsel appointed for me free of charge if I am not financially able to employ counsel, I hereby certify that: (PLEASE INITIAL)

_____ I am currently unrepresented by an attorney on this particular case and cause number and cannot speak directly to the prosecutor if I am currently represented by an attorney.

_____ I voluntarily agree to speak directly to the prosecutor about this case.

_____ I understand that at any time I can decline to speak to the prosecutor whether I am represented or not.

_____ Voluntarily agreeing to speak to the prosecutor at this time does not prevent me from hiring counsel or applying for a court-appointed attorney at any time in the future, subject to the approval of the Court.

_____ If I plea at arraignment, I hereby waive my right to counsel and any required waiting period for sentencing.

“I acknowledge that this waiver is made voluntarily and intelligently.”

“I am _____ years of age, and the highest grade I completed in school was _____.”

Signed on the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Defendant’s Signature

Defendant’s Printed Name