Cause No. _____

THE STATE OF TEXAS	§	**IN THE COUNTY COURT**
vs.	§	**AT LAW NUMBER _____**
_____	§	**BELL COUNTY, TEXAS**

WAIVER OF ATTORNEY

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

"I understand, and have been advised by the Court as to the nature of the criminal charge against me, and the range of punishment for such offense. I have been advised 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 without costs to 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 advised this date by the Court in County Court at Law No. ____ of my right to representation by counsel in the case pending against me. I have been further advised that if I am unable to afford counsel, one will be appointed for me free of charge. Understanding my right to have counsel appointed for me free of charge if I am not financially able to employ counsel, I wish to waive that right and request the Court to proceed with my case without an attorney being appointed for me. I hereby waive my right to counsel."

"I acknowledge that this waiver is made voluntarily and intelligently".

"I am _____years of age, and the highest grade I completed in school was _____."

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Defendant's Signature

Approved by the Court, and signed and entered this ____ day of _____ 20___.

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JUDGE PRESIDING