

CAUSE NO.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

§

IN THE COUNTY

VS

§

COUNTY COURT AT LAW #

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VICTORIA COUNTY, TEXAS

WAIVER OF COUNSEL

1. I have been advised by the Judge of my constitutional and statutory right to representation by a lawyer in any proceeding against me.
2. The Court has advised me of the procedures for requesting appointed counsel and I have been given a reasonable opportunity to request appointed counsel.
3. I know and understand that if the Court makes the determination that I am unable to currently afford a lawyer, a lawyer will be appointed for me free of charge. I also understand that upon disposition of my case I may be required to repay part or all of the cost of the lawyer to the county, if the Court determines I am financially able to do so.
4. I further understand that I may withdraw my waiver of the right to counsel at any time prior to a disposition in this case and hire a lawyer or, if indigent, request the appointment of counsel.
5. I understand that the role of the prosecutor/Assistant District Attorney is to represent the State of Texas, the adverse party in this case, and **that the prosecutor/Assistant District Attorney does not represent me**. I further understand that the prosecutor/Assistant District Attorney is unable to advise me in any manner regarding my case.
6. I fully understand the charges against me.
7. Understanding my right to have appointed for me free of charge if I am not financially able to employ counsel, I hereby in open court knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waive (i.e., give up) my right to a lawyer and request that I be allowed to proceed with my case without a lawyer. I want to discuss a plea offer with the prosecutor without an attorney.

Signed this ____ day of _____, ____

Defendant

COURT'S APPROVAL

The Court finds that the defendant understands his/her right to a lawyer, and the charges filed. The Court further approves the above defendant initiating communications with the prosecutor/Assistant District Attorney. The defendant's waiver of counsel is APPROVED.

Judge Presiding