

**GOLIAD COUNTY WAIVER OF COUNSEL**

As a defendant in a criminal case, you have three options:

1. You may hire an attorney;
2. You may request an attorney to be appointed to represent you, if you are financially unable to hire one; or
3. You may represent yourself.

If you want an attorney to represent you and are financially able to hire an attorney, I will reset this case for approximately 30 days for you to do so.

If you want an attorney and do not have the money to hire one, you will need to fill out a financial questionnaire so I can determine whether to appoint an attorney to represent you.

You may not speak to the prosecutor about your case unless you decide to waive your right to an attorney.

You are further advised if you waive your right to an attorney, discuss your case with a prosecutor and decide you want an attorney after said discussion, you may approach the bench and inform the court of your decision. You will be given time to hire an attorney or have one appointed if you are financially unable to hire one.

**DEFENDANT'S CHOICE**

I have been advised by the Goliad County Court 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 if I am not financially able to employ counsel:

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to reset this case to hire my own attorney.

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to apply for a court-appointed attorney.

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to waive my right to an attorney and represent myself.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cause No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVAL OF THE COURT**

The foregoing waiver is accepted. The Court finds that the Defendant understands fully the above explanations and that all rights were knowingly, intelligently and voluntarily waived by the Defendant.

SIGNED AND APPROVED ON THIS \_\_\_\_ TH DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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Judge Presiding