



**Cause No.**

**The State of Texas**

**v.**

**, Defendant**

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**In the District Court  
Harris County, Texas**

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**Faretta Warnings  
Waiver of Court Appointed Counsel  
Court Findings and Order Allowing Defendant to Proceed Pro Se**

The defendant has expressed a desire to represent himself / herself. If a defendant properly asserts his / her right to self-representation, then the record must show that he / she knowingly and intelligently waived his /her right to counsel after being made aware of the dangers and disadvantages of self-representation. See *Faretta v. California*, 422 U.S. 806, 835 (1975).

The Court informed the defendant that, while he / she may waive the right to counsel and insist on self-representation, he / she may not obstruct the orderly procedure in the courts or interfere with the fair administration of justice. See *Webb v. State*, 533 S.W.2d 780, 784 (Tex. Crim. App. 1976).

The Court inquired as to the accused's age, background, education, and experience, including legal experience.

The Court informed the accused of 1) the general nature of the offense charged and the possible penalties; 2) that there are technical rules of evidence and procedure with which he will be obligated to comply; 3) that he / she will not be given special consideration because of his / her lack of legal training or legal experience; 4) he / she has no right to standby counsel. See *Scarborough v. State*, 777 S.W.2d 83, 88 (Tex. Crim. App. 1989).

**WAIVER OF RIGHT TO COUNSEL**

The Court has advised me of my right to representation by counsel in the charges pending against me. The Court further advised me that if I were unable to afford counsel, an attorney

would 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. I further request the court to allow me proceed with my case without an attorney being appointed for me. Wishing to proceed *pro se*, I waive my right to counsel.

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Date signed

Defendant

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Court FINDS that the defendant has sufficient age, background, and education to understand the implications and dangers of self-representation.

The Court further FINDS that defendant has been informed 1) of the general nature of the offense charged and the possible penalties if he / she is convicted of the offense; 2) that there are technical rules of evidence and procedure with which he will be obligated to comply; 3) that he / she will not be given special consideration because of his / her lack of legal training or legal experience; 4) that he / she will not obstruct the orderly procedure in the courts or interfere with the fair administration of justice; and 5) he / she has no right to standby counsel.

**ORDER**

Accordingly, the Court ORDERS defendant's motion to waive counsel GRANTED. Further, the Court ORDERS defendant's motion to proceed *pro se* GRANTED.

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Date signed

Judge Presiding