

CAUSE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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IN THE COUNTY COURT

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VS.

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MATAGORDA COUNTY, TEXAS

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO COUNSEL**

On this day, the Court advised the defendant of the following:

1. The charges against the defendant;
2. The defendant's right to counsel;
3. The defendant's right to have counsel appointed in the event the defendant cannot afford to retain counsel;
4. The procedure for obtaining appointed counsel in the even the defendant wishes to proceed to trial in this case.

In the event defendant has chosen to retain counsel or, having been denied appointment of counsel and advised to retain counsel, the defendant has been provided reasonable opportunity to retain counsel.

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Date Signed & Entered

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Judge Presiding

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RIGHTS AND WAIVER**

I am the defendant in this case. I have been advised by the Court of my right to representation by counsel in this case. I have been 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 and understand from the Court that I may communicate with the attorney for the State.

In the alternative, having received the above explanation of rights but having been denied the right to appointed counsel, I have been advised that I have the right to retain counsel and have been provided a reasonable opportunity to retain counsel. I waive the opportunity to retain counsel and request the Court to proceed with my case without an attorney to represent me. I hereby waive my right to counsel and understand from the Court that I may communicate with the attorney for the State.

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Date Signed & Entered

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Defendant

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Attorney for the State